

Everybody's present!

1. Sandy: A brief overview of how we got here, and why this matters.
  - a. There were four intruder incidents in EC in a row that constituted a "last straw" of many such incidents over the course of my time at EC. Intruders negatively impact the safety of our community. It would be irresponsible of me, as EC's HOH, to do nothing about this problem; in the face of our community members being negatively impacted by these incidents.
  - b. It is the umpteenth incident happening that makes it necessary to respond creatively and immediately.
  - c. Why does it matter? It matters because our community members matter to us - it is important for the safety of our community that we do not decide to invalidate the bad experiences of our residents by doing nothing when these incidents happen over and over again. It behooves us to mitigate the problem - we don't / can't find a silver bullet solution, and there may not be a source that we can stem. At East Campus there are several sources - seven entryways!
  
2. Referendum Votes
  - a. Procedural discussions: the constitution requires exact wording of any referendum to be voted on at HouseComm. Our solution will be to discuss wording for any referendum that gets majority Yes votes, after the vote.
  - b. How were things determined to be referendum votes or majority? Exec looked at some of the suggestions and felt strongly that many of the big changes should not be voted on at just HouseComm.
  
3. Real Cameras:
  - a. Who would look at it?
    - i. Alexandria: In other dorms, the footage is "very well guarded," kept at a storage facility, where it is kept for 8 hours, then it moves, then it gets destroyed after c. 10 days. The only people with access are the MIT Police, and they only pull/review footage if an incident report is filed. The Head of Security for the other dorms would be interested in coming by to speak more fully about this to EC Residents, if we wished.
  - b. Where would the real cameras be installed? Internal, facing the door, or external, facing the doorway?
    - i. Alexandria: I don't know. In my experience at other institutions, there are both. I don't know how Allied Barton's work here at MIT.
    - ii. This could be problematic for top-optional stairwells.
      1. Well we could secure the field of view. You can even manually cut down the field of view.
  - c. Other dorms have security cameras???
    - i. Every other residence hall, except EC :)
  - d. If these policies around security footage were to change, is there a process for student input, or does that occur on a higher level?
    - i. We could ask. I think student input on this is something the institution cares about.

- e. Given that we're the ones voting on this issue, should EC residents eventually decide we want them removed, would we retain this power after installing them?
    - i. Adriana: I think that should be possible. I am not sure which way it would go.
    - ii. Hadrian: I do not think it would be, in practice. Things that are lost cannot be retained, and since every other dorm has them, we would have very little bargaining power.
  - f. Note: having cameras that record footage are helpful after the fact, but is not very different as a deterrent from a decoy camera. If the incidents are unrelated, though, a deterrent is not helpful.
    - i. We did have a serial person.
  - g. How many times has knowing who the intruder is, after the fact, been an issue in EC which we have not been able to solve?
    - i. Very rarely do we actually find the person. That's part of the reason why we keep getting serial folks.
  - h. How often do we care about finding the intruder? Returning stolen property issue vs. just reprimanding.
    - i. That depends on the person who has been victimized.
  - i. What is it actually like at other dorms? It is interesting that we have no clue.
    - i. We are the anomaly! They have security measures like cameras, single-entry points, two points of access: tap in once and then again. They have become familiar with the fact that EC is an anomaly - they're not trying to get EC to where the other dorms are, "they're ready and willing to work with EC's specific needs."
  - j. I like that other places on hall are not on film, and EC too. Makes me feel safe.
    - i. We are filmed enough, I don't want to be filmed in EC and in the courtyard. The other possibilities are plenty to manage the problem.
  - k. We should take into account that student feedback is not always listened to, and we may get stuck with whatever policy change we make now. This is not an unrealistic or overly pessimistic fate :(
  - l. Do you know or have a feeling of how often the security footage for other dorms is actually used, or how useful it is?
    - i. That would be a question for the Director of Security Operations. I think once you all make these votes to referendum we can invite the folks who have the answers here, before we make a final vote.
  - m. Clearly, very recently, administration has come after EC for... etc. Would it be strategic on our behalf to take action before the administration, reminded of the EC security problems, decides to intervene?
    - i. Yeah maybe.
  - n. I don't think taking it into our own hands should entail copying other dorms. We should take advantage of the fact that we are special :) There may be a better solution, and we are free to pursue it!
  - o. Break: 3 minutes to discuss within hall.
4. To send to referendum: 5/10 halls. To pass, once it is on the ballot: needs 2/3 of East Campus voters.
  5. Decoy Cameras:
    - a. I don't see too many issues. What if MIT suddenly took advantage and replaced just one with a real camera.
    - b. The real camera decision bothered me because of the lack of enforcing ability we'd have over our selected parameters, and fake cameras could set us along the same path.

- c. Note: when we inevitably, eventually, get renovated, I think it is inevitable that we will have security like all the real dorms. So this is a short term thing. :-/
- d. Can we check that they're still fake?
  - i. Shine in small dull red lights.
- e. Tap Access as opposed to pinpads: if I needed to buzz in to Desk, then what do I do when i get up to my dorm :(
- f. Tap Access not on middle halls: if one door is unlocked, someone will find their way through.
  - i. 1E actually keeps Bemis open, and most people don't know about the existence of Bemis. It's not super obvious, and most EC Residents don't even use it.
  - ii. Nobody has ever entered 1E through Bemis.
  - iii. I am still concerned about this - what if they keep trying.
  - iv. Someone persistent would have to climb all 5 floors, go down, doorsurf into another door, and try again.
  - v. What if someone is continuously trying to get into EC?
  - vi. But isn't the problem that it is easy, which is why people come back so many times and so repetitively come around.
  - vii. @1E: their window is wide open - more people can enter through windows than through Bemis entrance :O
- g. Signal boost Dakota's point: it is possible to get into Bemis through the basement, but it is not possible to do this with Hayden. So in the west parallel, the only way you can get into the Hayden stairwell is if you already had your ID to tap in.
  - i. Still allows easier path access between floors.
- h. 1W: I have never heard of the concerning circumstance (nobody is on hall to let someone in).
  - i. My ID card is in my phone - if I don't have my ID, I probably also don't have my phone. Now what? Who do I contact? This is probably a common issue.
  - ii. Why couldn't we have an RFID East Campus tap copy - lock out card - at Desk? It's definitely possible. Then we could have a lock out card!
    - 1. What if you lose your ID for an extended period of time? This won't be a great solution - you will need something long term.
  - iii. I don't think it's appropriate for us to make the decision for all of EC - we should send all the options to ref together or none. ++
- i. Do 1E and 1W have less intruder incidents?
  - i. There was one time some intruder tried to get into 1E, and then went to 2E/3E instead and took a laptop. So it does prevent things.
  - ii. The only way we have gotten intruders via the windows.
- j. Passcode questions:
  - i. Couldn't we update it from time to time?
  - ii. Wouldn't it only get spread to other students? It's less bad than real intruders.
  - iii. Stalkers, bad exes, will not be deterred.
    - 1. Currently, we don't have any protection from this.
  - iv. Make a series of valid pincode options? Use your student ID?
    - 1. Now it's a longer length code and it's easy to remember.
- k. I can't count the number of times I've seen a door to 1E or 1W propped open.
  - i. Contractors sometimes prop our doors.
  - ii. I think this will inevitably happen.
- l. Would having a decoy camera over Bemis advertise that its an entrance?

- m. The problem we are trying to combat is tail-gaiting: a solution would be individual tap access on each of the halls.
- n. How do we vote on something with so many intricate details / caveats?

	Real Cameras	Decoy Cameras	Tap Access, All Stairwells	Tap, but not Bemis and Hayden	Pin and Tap Access, All Stairwells	Pin and Tp Access, but not Bemis/ Hayden
Yes, send this to referendum.	1	8 - This is going to ref.	4	6 - This is going to ref.	8 - This is going to ref.	9 - This is going to ref.
No, do not send this to referendum.	9	2	6	4	2	1

- 1. In the next few HouseComms / weeks, we are doing the following:
  - a. ElectComm is deciding how the referendum will be organized
  - b. We are discussing what pin pad looks like
  - c. HouseComm is voting on majority votes
  - d. We are inviting in security people to opionate

HouseComm Adjourned. -----

6. Majority Votes:

	No Buzz-In Access for 1st Floor, Munroe Stairwell	Institute a Shibboleth: A yes vote means committing to remembering this phrase.	Temporary Access Card for non-MIT contractors.
Yes			
No			