

41W is missing rn. 41w is here now

Voting on secretary and treasurer

Treasurer does the budget and RFPs

Secretary takes notes during meetings and housecomms

For both, the majority of the role is being on exec and doing that kind of thing

How much role is treasurer?

Treasurer nomination (accepted)

Kiara

Eryn

Natasha

Secretary

Shuli

Kiara: Sophomore, 4w. Wants to be treasurer because Miana is cool. Being on exec is a significant role that she wants to continue, developing relationships with the house team, EC. Treasurer better suited to her strengths (she is secretary rn), good at short deadlines. Can offer commentary, advice, reaching out and interacting in small ways. **Emails:** Response speed is based on how urgent the response is, responds to straightforward requests quickly. **Commitments:** 5 classes, taking care of a cat. No other responsibilities. **Ideas:** Been a while since we talked about mutual selection, wants to prepare for next year. Organizing the EC Pet Policy. **If someone buys something unapproved and wants reimbursement:** Agrees with Natasha, as long as it's not horribly unreasonable, trying to figure out a solution that helps the person that made a mistake, taking money from the same comm in next year's budget, etc.

Natasha: Junior, tetazoo. Miss positions of EC govt, Bad Ideas + ESF, now just cuts hair. Doesn't type very fast but files RFPs for spinning arts. Knows how to count. **Emails:** Responds within 24 hours, if can't, sends an email saying will respond later. **Commitments:** 54 units next semester, spinning arts president, Bencuts. TAing a class. Has a wide bandwidth. **Ideas:** Some amount of tackling the project of making admin less against EC's ideas, renovations, clothing optionality. **If someone buys something unapproved and wants reimbursement:** Say no, what are you doing, but also compassionate: what can be done to solve it? Extra funds that can be diverted (if it was a reasonable purchase). Will message exec.

Eryn: Freshman, 5w. Wants to get more involved in EC, cares about how everything works, wants to see it run more smoothly. **Emails:** Checks emails multiple times a day, depends on how much response the email requires. **Commitments:** 5 classes next semester, 2 clubs (figure skating + fire spinning). Probably 5 in the fall as well. **Ideas:** more interhall stuff. **If someone**

**buys something unapproved and wants reimbursement:** asking other people on exec for opinions.

Kiara is our new Treasurer!

Secretary:

Shuli

Shuli is the new secretary

RenovationsComm:

RenovationsComm was created last year by Adriana to help us get ready for renovations.

- We will be renovated at some point in the future!
- New House/East Campus similarities:
  - Tight-knit, well defined living groups
  - Cook yourself, wasn't tier 1 at the time
  - Renovated 1 half at a time!
  - Who stayed in New House: iHouse, Chocolate City, German House, French House; who left: La Casa, House 2, House 3, 4, 5
  - Lost GRTs / ERAs; house taxes, community space
  - Huge losses of members (no new frosh either)
  - DSL has an unfortunate tendency to spring things upon us.
- Burton Conner:
  - Getting renovated at the end of this spring; will reopen August 22
  - Basic infrastructure improvements (dorm is falling apart)
  - Becoming tier 1 regardless
  - Where are they going?
    - Groups of 8: MacGregor, NH, EC, off-campus.
    - DSL is still in denial... deep, deep in denial
      - We have receipts: "guaranteed to live w/in cook-for yourself communities"
    - Problem for the accepting dorms: take BC residents or take more frosh?
    - How would the group of 8 be managed? (ie w/in EC architecture?) --> same stack? As close as possible?
      - Telling the BC: expect not much.
  - Originally (2017) thought New Vassar was going to be a swing dorm while BC got renovated (see Lily Chinn, tech article) --> DSL being very very messy...
- Senior House renovated in 90s --> got security
- East Campus !?!?
  - Earliest summer 2022.
  - Will do it when they have funds. So 2022 unlikely?
  - Infrastructure, asbestos removal, ADA-compliant, Security

- Become Tier 1
  - Did becoming Tier 1 “gentrify New House?” ....
  - Housing actually does not make money / not in same money pool as MIT endowment/research funds.
- Things we can keep:
  - cook for yourself
  - Murals --> real fake walls !?!?
    - This would actually allow for better art preservation.
  - Cats??
    - Can we save them????
    - Can we improve our system documentation to save them?
    - They think our cats are being mistreated...
  - Would we still get to live here over summers?
    - Not likely EC would become full time summer conference space - they need a large kitchen.
- Renovations Comm:
  - Communications + Community Matching
    - We have notice!
    - We know some admin feels
    - Solidarity building: take in BC folk
    - Documenting of things you love about EC / want to keep
  - Mitigations and Preservations:
    - Make sure we can keep REX/CPW during renovations?
    - Keeping lounge spaces?
    - House taxes + group events?
    - Preserving current murals / art? Don't lose historic elements :(
    - Fight the system: Tier 1?
  - Freshmen and the Return to EC:
    - Maintain a presence in campus culture during displacement
    - Be ~super~ welcoming to First-years
    - OUT AND PROUD
    - Cool videos? East Campus the youtube influencer
  - Grad Student Housing:
    - Bigger is better
    - Get students into Grad Student housing?
    - Pivoting one parallel at time into Senior Haus?
      - If grad student housing crisis is alleviated, we could maybe maybe do this
      - But Eastgate is also closing
  - Ask not what we can do for you, but what you can do for us:
    - Brainstorm
      - What matters to you most about EC? What has it taught you?

- Participate in BC conversations this IAP and Spring
- Apply to join
- What accommodations will there be for cat owners in EC?
- House tax goes to EC
- How much input will we have over new space?
  - New house kitchens are shitty - they are generally unhappy with design
- What's the extent of our non-ADA compliance?
  - Steps
  - No elevators
  - Not wide enough for wheelchairs
  - Deaf students

#### Clothing optionality: House Team update

- The investigation for both halls is still ongoing... moratorium still holds and will remain in place until completion.
- You can try talking to the person in charge of the Title IX [sarahaffel@mite.edu](mailto:sarahaffel@mite.edu)
- Can you get in writing whether or not the moratorium includes toplessness of female-bodied individuals?
  - Yep

#### Security:

- It has come to MIT security's attention for the umpteenth time that there exist masterkeys in East Campus.
- They have rekeyed the dorm enough times that it is no longer viable to do so again and just see the MasterKeys reappear
- They are moving all of the keys from the hands of Desk to the hands of Allied Barton at Senior House (temporarily)
- This could be the permanent situation: alternatively, we could host Allied Barton in Alexandria's current office, shared with Joe G, while Alexandria moves to Joe G's office
  - They would have a window into Talbot and could hear things
- Why do they think this will stop master keys?
  - Cause obviously you need to compare all of them
  - Prevents Joe G from being at fault
- What happens to frosh move in?
- There exist scientific papers that describe how to reconstruct the master key to a door using just the lock on your door
  - These would be new keys, still under patent - still owned by a company - if that company learns that there exists an unauthorized masterkey, they can sue (students)
  - It is very illegal (and immoral) to have a masterkey.
- Personal security concerns: do you want other members of your hall to have access to your space?

- This creates actual repercussions.
- There exist rooms which do not have regular back-up keys.
- Give Allied Barton person a master key? Fix-it is bad.
- They do four key audits a day, apparently. (they are anal retentive)
- Important: a key representative in EC? - lock your ID
- Keep them here in EC? --> people come down in shower towels soaking wet and locked out.
- Is this an ask or a demand? - Demand.
  - Where do we want them?
- When will this happen?
  - Needs to go through some people - as early as spring sem.
- We're going to have security in the next 2-5 years anyway? (Renovations)
- Yes, their only job is key management as it pertains to EC resident:
  - They will also manage contractor check-ins, deliveries,
- ^ Isn't this essentially security in most aspects?
- How does Allied Barton decide who is contractor, who is delivery, who is security.
- Allied looks at the Talbot door only.
- Guests who do not have MIT ID will be stopped
- So this is Security?
- Can we allocate them basement space?
  - No.
  - Also can't do no window.
  - Can't do office outside window. Inappropriate as potential.
- Not paid by house taxes.
- This gives us an approved guest list?
- How does this work during CPW and REX? Do people still come in and out of Talbot?
- What is their actual stated responsibility if they sit in EC?
  - Allied Barton is a contracted people (they work for a company); their stated responsibilities are to make sure that
    - People tap in
    - Keys are managed
    - If cameras exist, they monitor those and call police for sketchy things
  - If we do not want the tap part, we "might" (?) be able to ask them not to do that.
- Putting them in Senior Haus restricts their responsibilities to just keys.
- Can we know the halfway before making a decision? That's important to (me)
  - They shouldn't boundary stomp - we're in at this point.
  - Yes - we can put the keys at 70 Amherst while we decide.
- Concern: guest lists are set, you have to update
  - Can we not have them be a thing?
- Example: I have class from 11 am to 5 pm. My long distance partner comes in to visit me for spring break, and their flight arrives at noon. It's EC culture to not worry about these things.
- Key vending machine?

- You can always call desk (not our Desk)

We're going to speak to Keith Moser et. al. about these things soon: write down your question.

- East Campus can be an intimidating community: we value the ability for other community members, not directly part of dorm, to be able to come fluidly in/out. We want a solution that does not alienate them.
  - Desk should allow for free movement between outside and East Campus.
  - It seems that administration is on: default, let people in.
- What are the logistics of a rekey? It will get laid out when that occurs.

HouseComm Adjourned!