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## MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL

### Housing and Community Affairs (HCA) Meeting August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Present: Wendy Lam (HCA co-chair), Julie Valastyan (Eastgate), Sidney Tsai (EECS), Jeff Chambers (GSC Off-Campus), Caroline Cochran (GSC Off-Campus), Jason McKnight (ResLife), Michelle Sander (HCA), Karan Mistry (Ashdown), Yuxi Zhang (S-P), Leonid Chindelevitch (Math), Todd Schenk (Transportation and Dining Committee Rep), Kevin McComber (GSC), Nan Gu (GSC), Alex Chan (GSC).

Meeting start time: 6:10pm

#### 1) Transportation Updates:

*Northwest Shuttle/EZ Ride:* Daytime Northwest Shuttle will continue to run at its current schedule, frequency, and route for the coming academic year. Larry Brutti/MIT Transportation agrees that if a switch in service is to be made in the future, we should ease students into the transition gradually. GSC will work with MIT Transportation and EZ Ride to improve EZ Ride's service so that it will be more convenient and appealing to Northwest residents. Will need to add GPS (for tracking online), replicate part of NW route, etc. in order to encourage more students to use it. If students become more familiar with the service, they could be more receptive to a switch in the future.

#### 2) Dental Updates:

- a) Survey: will be pushed back by at least two weeks because of the delay in launching the Advising Survey. For now we can expect the dental survey to run from early September till early October.
- b) Advertising: open enrollment period – August 24<sup>th</sup>-Sept 15<sup>th</sup>. Will start posting fliers next week, and run a short article in the Tech during Orientation week. Will include an ad in the Tech sometime midway. Powerpoint presentation during Orientation at Grad School 101 (invited Elaine Zollo, Delta rep).

#### 3) Dining Updates (presented by Todd Schenk, Campus Dining Advisory Board representative)

Todd explains the need for an operational Thirsty Ear kitchen to replace the now defunct Ashdown dining program. TEEC (Thirsty Ear Executive Committee) is working closely with Rich Berlin (MIT Dining) to reopen the kitchen with an expanded menu. Todd solicits feedback from HCA committee and Northwest representatives.

Some suggestions: open earlier (6pm instead of 8pm), do not allow anyone below 21 in the Thirsty, lower price point of food (\$6), offer reasonably priced bar food.

#### 4) Family Subcommittee Chair – Recruitment

Kevin Krsulich resigned as chair of the Family Subcommittee earlier this summer. Tried recruiting from Eastgate and Westgate governments but no one has

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expressed interest so far. Jeff suggests holding a subcommittee meeting sans chair, and see if we can recruit anyone there.

5) Open Floor

Sidney talks about recent changes in graduate women support in the DSL, and summarized last week's discussion with Jed Wartman, Alicia Erwin, and Barbara Baker. GSC will continue to communicate with SAO and DSL, and conduct a general survey on graduate women support at MIT.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:40pm.