

Housing and Community Affairs (HCA) Minutes
January 22nd, 2020, 6 PM in 50-220

1. Introduction of Members and Sign In (6:00 - 6:10 PM)
 - a. Mohammad, GSC HCA Chair
 - b. Naomi, Associate Dean of Grad Res Ed
 - c. Marie, Warehouse
 - d. Jerry, Edgerton
 - e. Madeleine, Ashdown
 - f. Zack, Transportation
 - g. Hari, Tang
 - h. Lucio, SP
 - i. Daniel, Eastgate
 - j. Alex, GSC VP
 - k. Junli, Sustainability
 - l. Bharat, 70 Amherst
 - m. James, SP
 - n. Peter, GSC President
 - o. Shannon, OCH Chair
2. Voting on Bylaw Updates (6:10 - 6:20 PM)
 - a. It passes
3. The New Graduate Residence (6:20 - 6:30 PM)
 - a. A new apartment-style residence will add 550 beds to the graduate housing stock to complete the commitment of 950 new beds in graduate housing.
 - b. The intended location is between Simmons Hall and the MIT Police Station.
 - c. MIT is working with a third party developer to create the dorm - different from previous projects where MIT was primarily in charge of building
 - d. Some differences from current on-campus options
 - i. The style is more of an apartment building that is close to campus
 - ii. Students will have to lease units within the building (will not enter through the usual housing lottery)
 - iii. The building will not have a Head of House.
 - iv. Caters to students who prefer proximity to campus without necessarily having on-campus amenities
 - v. MIT doesn't pay upfront costs through third party vendor
 - e. The building will be open to graduate single students as well as families
 - f. Timeline of Project

- i. Winter - Spring 2020: Gather input from graduate students
 - ii. Summer-Winter 2020: Continued design and development
 - iii. 2021: Refine project and secure permits
 - iv. 2021/2022: Start demolition and new construction
- g. Rates will be set by third party but following guidelines similar to MIT housing
- h. Some concerns:
 - i. Could be an issue for internationals if they aren't able to sign in person
 - ii. Westgate events might be oversubscribed if many of these residents attend
- 4. GSC Guide for Grad Dorms (6:30 - 6:35 PM)
 - a. Link:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bvafh4WGJiWAGuXY-pJQ6OjVISXBPBajp7qzkqbqdaA/edit>
- 5. Housing Resources for Incoming Students (6:35 - 6:55 PM)
 - a. On-Campus: Photos/Virtual Tours of Graduate Dorms
 - i. Housing is working on website
 - ii. Create a guide for incoming students to decide where to live
 - iii. Integrate photos/tours to website
 - b. Off-Campus: Neighborhood Guide
 - i. Infrastructure exists but not much else
 - c. Should discuss these resources at the next implementation team meeting
- 6. Officer Incentives for Grad Dorms (6:55 - 7:10 PM)
 - a. More marketing/advertising/campaigning will be done for officer positions (there is a new communications staff member who can help)
 - b. Recognition through certificates, awards and a gala event
 - c. Officer Jackets may be possible, needs approval
 - d. HoH may grant any number of students in their residence continuing status every year (cap of 2.5% of residents lifted)
- 7. Committee & Dorm Updates (7:10 - 7:25 PM)
- 8. Open Floor (7:25 PM -)