Housing and Community Affairs (HCA) Minutes
June 12th, 2019, 6 PM in 50-220

1. Introduction of Members and Sign In (6:00 - 6:10)
   a. Mohammad, HCA Chair
   b. Junli, Sustainability subcommittee
   c. Alex, GSC VP
   d. Alex, Ashdown
   e. Zack, Transportation
   f. Marie, Warehouse
   g. Lucio, SP
   h. Simon, Wellness
   i. Peter, GSC Pres
   j. Daniel, Eastgate
   k. Mike, 70 Amherst

2. Institute Committees (6:10 - 6:15)
   a. MIT has a bunch of committees run by staff/faculty that affect MIT policies
   b. Grad students have seats on these committees!
   c. You should apply now!
      https://gsc.mit.edu/representatives/list-of-institute-committees/
   d. Time commitment depends a lot on the committee, so take a look at what looks interesting
   e. Contact Alex (gsc-vp@mit.edu) if you have any questions

3. Wellness subcommittee updates (6:15 - 6:25)
   a. https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bqZbPhKjDjtAsI_LaFrWY3pDNo7iZggyUbHP0tZCOX4/edit

   a. Off campus families feel isolated
   b. Lack of financial support, particularly for childcare
   c. Big problem with international families with spouses that cannot work
   d. Rate of change of certain costs is unpredictable
   e. MIT doesn’t have good data on who families are, what their situations are, no way to contact all of them
   f. Sloan has resources for families, but not enough
   g. Spouses don’t get a lot of resources that students get

5. Committee & Dorm Updates (6:35 - 7:15)
   a. Sustainability: Transitioning to new chairs!
      i. Working on increasing utilization of sustainability grants
      ii. Planning on bringing the sustainability groups/community together
iii. Can sustainability compile best practices to help other dorms/groups/departments become more sustainable?

b. 70 Amherst
   i. Repainting basement and murals
   ii. Working on dorm government structure based on experience this past year

c. Ashdown
   i. Working on clearing out and cleaning up their inventory
   ii. Generally improving efficiency

d. Transportation
   i. Still planning a bike safety orientation with MIT Police during orientation this fall
   ii. Exploring ideas for the GSC/Transportation subcommittee to get involved in Parking Day in Cambridge

e. Warehouse
   i. Transitioning!

f. SidPac
   i. Inventory work…
   ii. Going to start renovating one of the pantries

g. Eastgate
   i. Annual Summer BBQ went great!
   ii. Starting a working group on the big transition from Eastgate to Site 4

6. Potential Agenda items for July 10th HCA meeting with Housing (7:15-7:25)
   a. Housing Working Group is coming to next month’s HCA meeting!
   b. Things to discuss with them:
      i. Lease start date vs move in date cost discrepancy
      ii. Feedback on what students want to see in a new 500 bed dorm

7. Open Floor (7:25 - 7:30)
   a. Discussion - Graduate Student Spaces (if there’s time)
      i. Place to relax?
      ii. Should probably hold events in the space
   b. Discussion - Recruitment for Family subcommittee (if there’s time)
      i. Email to Daniel to forward to Eastgate