

**Housing and Community Affairs (HCA) Minutes**  
**November 13th, 2019, 6 PM in 50-220**

1. Introduction of Members and Sign In (6:00 - 6:10)
  - a. Mohammad, HCA Chair
  - b. Marie, Warehouse
  - c. Kenny, Warehouse
  - d. Naomi, Reslife
  - e. James, SP
  - f. Zack, Transportation
  - g. Junli, Sustainability
  - h. Alex, GSC VP
  - i. Shannon, OCH
  - j. Jerry, Edgerton
  - k. Bharat, 70 Amherst
  - l. Dylan, OCH
  - m. Peter, GSC President
  - n. Oceane, Eastgate
  - o. Kirby, OCH
2. Grad Wellness Series w/ Naomi (6:10 - 6:30)
  - a. Grad Life Series with Dorms/off-campus and wellness series
  - b. Mental Health for Grads in Muddy (in a few weeks)
  - c. Ashdown - advising
  - d. Interested in doing ad-hoc event - brainstorm, hold an event
3. GSC HCA Documentation
  - a. Present Updated Bylaws, vote next time (5 min)
  - b. How to develop a guide for the role of houses within GSC (15 min)
    - i. Having document would be useful
    - ii. How many meetings were happening?
    - iii. Heads of House ask why residents should come to GSC meetings and what are the committees in the first place
    - iv. One pager
    - v. Meetings should be set in advance
    - vi. Sharing information
    - vii. Send rep to GSC GCM and HCA on Wednesday
    - viii. Draft from Naomi
4. Washlava Laundry System (6:50 - 7:00)
  - a. MIT Housing chooses a vendor every 5 years (previous vendor expired July 31st, 2019)

- b. Chose a vendor which would promise to maintain the upkeep of washers/dryers (new installations through Washlava)
  - c. System started on the undergrad side first (some hiccups/delays). More communication with the UG side via DormCon
  - d. After UG installation finished, installation occurred in all Grad Houses ~October
  - e. MIT Housing acknowledged the lack of communication on the topic, wants to improve communication in the future about topics affecting everyday life for grads
  - f. Thoughts of Washlava/Modes of communication with MIT Housing
    - i. Some people heard earlier about change (back in July)
    - ii. EG installed new machines
    - iii. Useful to send this email to house execs
    - iv. Some delay in installing in grad houses due to issues with the system
    - v. No cash payment with the system
    - vi. Bluetooth issues with machines
    - vii. Copy housing and Naomi Carton on any issues
- 5. Eastgate Presentation and Floorplans (7:00 - 7:05)
  - a. Show presentation from EG Transition Team Meeting
  - b. Prices for new units -- will be announced in Feb
  - c. 15-20 members (6-7 students and other housing, DSL, faculty)
- 6. Stipend Recommendation Time (7:05 - 7:10)
  - a. Timeline from last year
    - i. Kickoff Meeting (February 4th, 2019)
    - ii. Initial Rehearsal w/ Staff (February 14th, 2019)
    - iii. Rehearsal 2 (February 26th, 2019)
    - iv. Final Presentation to the Deans Group (March 12th, 2019)
  - b. Understanding Humanities, Arch.
  - c. Advertise soon
- 7. Committee and Dorm Updates (7:10 - 7:25)
  - a. Sustainability - Popup thrift shop every month from UG side, want to setup a bin in each dorm for clothes, facilities can deliver/collect bins
  - b. Transportation - Zack at AC Coffee Hour. There is a huge disconnect between what people know and what is available (costco shuttles).
  - c. Warehouse - Halloween went well!
  - d. Off-campus - One big event with thanksgiving style dinner
  - e. 70 Amherst - Coffee hours with good turnout on Thursday morning (opportunity to connect with the board)

8. Open Floor (7:25 - 7:30)