House Dining Committee Meeting Summary  
Wednesday, March 21, 2012  
Maseeh Hall

In attendance:
Antonio Moreno  Jessica Yang  Lauren Patterson  
Barbara Hoffman  Julie Rothhaar  Michael Myers  
Grace Krusell  Katherine Silvestre  Michael Plasmeier  
Henry Humphreys  Kathryn Hess  
Jess Bolandrina  Kelly McDonald

Agenda:
I. Introduce new member
   a. The committee welcomed the new Baker house dining representative, Jessica Yang.

II. Changes to minutes
   a. Members of the committee believed that the discussion regarding data requests from the meeting on 3-21 minutes should have been included in the summary published on the MIT Dining website.

III. Updates from Henry Humphreys
   a. The search for the Associate Dean of Residential Life & Dining continues.
      i. The position would work with Michael Myers on day-to-day dining operations.
      ii. They hope to have a group of candidates for the selection committee within the next three weeks.
   b. Addressing the March HDC Meeting
      i. The intent of the committee is an advisory board that can provide guidance as house dining moves forward with emphasis on providing feedback, direction and insight.
      ii. Members are responsible for having productive dialogue and collecting feedback from students in the aim of improving the house dining program.
   c. Data
      i. Data should be used to notice a trend, receive feedback and support possible solutions.
      ii. Residential Life & Dining consistently reviews data to identify trends and potential issues. If data was to be presented to HDC, it would have already been interpreted by Residential Life and Dining.
      iii. Most important use of data is to support solutions.
      iv. is the committee needs to be aware that some of the data is proprietary data to Bon Appetit and it may not be possible to be released to the public.
IV. Representatives from special dietary groups  
   a. Henry Humphreys said MIT is praised for its Kosher dining program and proposed adding a Hillel representative to the committee.  
   b. The committee believes that it would invite other special dietary groups, such as vegetarians, to request a representative as well.  
   c. The committee suggested having those representatives talk to committee members at each house to reach an “internal” solution.  
   d. Lauren Patterson explained that there has been a worldwide problem with the growth and harvest of vanilla beans. This could cause prices to increase and would affect Bon Appétit’s ability to offer products such as vanilla ice cream.  

V. Next Meeting  
   a. The next meeting will be 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25 in Maseeh Hall.