House Dining Committee Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, April 25, 2012  
Maseeh Hall

In attendance:  
Antonio Moreno                      Katherine Silvestre                      Michael Plasmeier  
Barbara Hoffman                     Kathryn Hess                                Nathan Miller  
Grace Krusell                       Kelly McDonald                             Steven Hall  
Jack Carroll                        Lauren Patterson                           
Jessica Bolandrina                  Michael Myers      

Agenda:  
I. Minutes Review  
   a. No changes were suggested for minutes from the April 4 meeting.  
II. Review of the House Dining Hall Event Reservation Procedure document draft  
   a. The document was drafted to ensure Bon Appétit had time to respond to dining hall events that would effect their daily operations  
   b. Concerns from HDC members  
      i. A main concern before drafting the document was the number of events held per semester and the overlap  
      ii. A member of the HDC thought the collaboration had already been working and did not see the need for a document  
      iii. Some members questioned why there needed to be non-operating hour event registration  
      iv. Some members were worried about event registration interfering with in-house events  
   c. Suggestions from the committee  
      i. Members suggested rewording the document to exclude house events from the reservation procedure  
      ii. Though document applies only to events that required registration through the RLAs, it was suggested to alter wording so this is apparent  
      iii. Instead of having a 'guest list' (as stated in the document), having an approximate head count was suggested  
      iv. Having the timeline (as seen in document) be suggested rather than mandatory  
   d. Will be further discussed at the next meeting  
III. Presentation from Bon Appétit  
   a. Meal Plan Review  
      i. Full 19, Any 14, Any 12, Basic 14 and Any 7 all went up in participation from the fall semester to the spring semester  
      ii. Basic 12 and Basic 10 went down in participation in this time  
      iii. There was an increase of dinner swipes at Simmons Late Night  
   b. Compared to other schools  
      i. Bon Appétit and MIT Dining said the participation numbers were impressive
c. Goals for future semesters
   i. Bon Appétit and MIT Dining wants to increase program participation, including pack out, take outs, etc
   ii. MIT currently has a pack out and express meal program, but Bon Appétit wants to market them these programs more to increase awareness

d. Student Voice Survey
   i. 468 students enrolled in meal plans completed the survey
   ii. 34.59% believed guest passes was the number one way to provide flexibility in the meal plan
   iii. 32% believed double swiping was more flexible
   iv. Not many students were interested in longer meal periods or extending late night offerings
   v. Over 80% indicated their overall experience was: average, above average or excellent.

e. Guest Passes
   i. Guest passes will be part of the meal plan program for the fall 2012 semester
   ii. More details to come...

f. Block Plan
   i. The committee expressed interest in hearing about the block plan program
   ii. Planning for a block meal plan (to be implemented in Fall 2013) will begin between Bon Appétit and Residential Life and Dining
   iii. The plans have to be solidified by October to go through the proper channels of approval
   iv. More will be discussed at the next meeting

IV. Next Meetings
   a. Wednesday, May 9th at 5 p.m. at Maseeh Hall
   b. Wednesday, May 16th at 5 p.m. at Maseeh Hall