House Dining Committee Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, September 19, 2012  
Maseeh Hall

In attendance:  
Antonio Moreno  Jack Carroll  Lauren Patterson  
Barbara Hoffman  Jess Bolandrina  Michael Plasmeier  
Charles Stewart  Jessica Yang  Naomi Carton  
Christina Davis  Katherine Silvestre  Nathan Miller  
Grace Krusell  Kelly McDonald  Steven Hall

Agenda:
I. Review the Charge for House Dining  
   a. The idea of “voting in” one or more Area Directors was discussed at the meeting.  
   b. The idea suggested that one or two ADs be added to the House Dining Committee to bring their perspectives from eating in the dining halls with students and from any prior experience they’ve had with residential dining plans.  
   c. The committee strongly opposed the idea and believed that any extra opinions and issues the ADs would encounter would be brought up at a house team meeting and brought to the HDC’s attention through the housemaster.

II. Update on Block Plans  
   a. Bon Appetité informed the committee that they couldn’t move forward with previously established plans to implement a block plan in fall of 2013.  
   b. Bon Appetité said they need more than the one-year of full dining services at MIT to make a well-informed decision on which plans to cut and how to create the appropriate block plan.  
   c. Many HDC members were upset, especially the student representatives, and the HDC requested the plans that Bon Appetité had come up with before coming to their decision.  
   d. Bon Appetité reminded the HDC that they would have needed a decision by October to implement the changes for next fall.  
   e. Bon Appetité said they had four plans drafted that were a little expensive and would have had to been rushed through the proposal and review stage to be ready for October.  
   f. The HDC requested more advanced notice when it came to drafting plans so they may review them and provide their input.  
   g. Members were reminded that the guest pass program was implemented this year to address the students’ view of flexibility.

III. Ideas for REX & CPW  
   a. HDC members suggested staggering meal times during REX so students aren’t all crowded in the dining halls at once.  
   b. HDC members suggested a similar staggering for CPW meals.
IV. Miscellaneous  
   a. Residential Life & Dining data showed that approximately 2090 students were currently on the meal plan.
   b. Of that, an estimated 130 meal plans are voluntary.
   c. Two housemasters reported seeing a shift in the culture and community feel of their dining halls in the beginning of the fall semester.
   d. Bon Appetité reported that their cashiers have been trained to be stricter in regards to the green box policy of exchanging a dirty one for a new one (and therefore holding students accountable for their green boxes).

V. Next Meeting  
   a. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 24, at 5:00 p.m.