House Dining Committee Minutes  
Thursday, November 21st, 2013  
McCormick Private Dining Room

In attendance: Bette Colombo, Charles Stewart, Connie Hemenway, Steve Hall, Jack Carrol, Lena Yang, Hailey Horowitz, Beth Sturman, Mike Myers, Naomi Carton, Reggie Kernisant, Victor Paone.

Minutes:

1. Introduction of members  
   a. MIT Dining introduced Bon Appetite’s new Executive Chief Victor Paone.  
   b. Beth Sturman joined the meeting as the DormCon representative.

2. Discussion on upcoming Iron Chef Competition  
   a. BA & MIT Dining discussed an upcoming “Iron Chef” competition being held for the students and faculty.  
   b. Teams will be formed and judges will be selected in the next month.  
   c. The competition will be held on December 3rd at 6:00pm in The Howard Dining hall in Maseeh.  
   d. The committee also discussed the possibility of making this an IAP activity in the future; with this first competition being a pilot program.  
   e. MIT Dining mentioned we would like to do more of these types of events; particularly a Cupcake War in the spring.

3. Discussion of meal plan data & operating procedures  
   a. “Who Ate Where” report shows continued trend established from previous years. There are minor fluctuations, but no significant change.  
   b. To Go Box report.  
      i. Continues to rise in all locations  
      ii. MIT Dining will verify some numbers in question  
      iii. Committee members indicated that there could be valid reasons for use of this program; i.e. academic schedules, work schedules, social activities.

4. Marketing ideas and communication methods  
   a. HDC discussed possible updates to the dining app (i.e.: Highlighting special events)  
   b. House committee members & dining chairs discussed possible marketing plans.  
   c. HDC also discussed strategies on how to promote “Special Events” to the students and faculty.  
   d. Review of our operation protocols when a student does not have their ID.

5. Drop Thought  
   a. The committee did not make it to this topic at this meeting. The information will be presented during the next meeting.

6. Next Meeting ---TBD