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i agree with your assessment. and thank you for doing such a good job with all of this.  
~merritt

At 04:47 PM 8/29/2003 -0400, you wrote:

I am working with Laurence right now to fix the glossy statements. As for the "optimizing happiness" statement, you are correct that we did not achieve it. However, it is, nonetheless, our goal. Therefore, that statement is completely accurate. I understand that it may annoy some freshmen which is why we follow that statement by saying that we know that we need to improve what we are doing. Please let me know if you agree with this assessment.

The rooming chairs will, at their discretion, e-mail the frosh about moving preferences and such.

jeanette

At 04:43 PM 8/29/2003 -0400, you wrote:

hi jeanette,

I think the letter could be improved a little. I agree with laurence in saying that some issues were "glossed over." We don't have to include lots of details, but i think we should better explain why the computer system was rejected- entries wanted more input. Also, i feel that it was totally wrong to tell the freshmen that the computer system would be used- especially when it was not approved by house comm. Wasn't it going to be a test run this year?

I also do not like the statement about "optimizing happiness." That is our goal, but it obviously was not accomplished well this year. I think some of the freshmen who were placed in their 9th choice will be very annoyed with that sentence.

Will we have a separate statement explaining what we will do to try to alleviate the problems? (giving freshmen preference when a room opens up, etc.) It's nice to know that things will be fixed in the future, but that doesn't help the freshmen and entries right now.

Ok, i don't know if that was helpful at all. But as it stands right now, i vote for adding more explanations and solutions to the statement. thanks  
~merritt

At 01:16 PM 8/29/2003 -0400, you wrote:

Attached is a copy of the Executive Committee's official statement to the house. We require that at least one person from each entry approve this letter before it goes out. Please e-mail your approval or disapproval to me by midnight tonight, as we want to get this statement out to the house as soon as possible. If you have recommendations for editions to the statement, please e-mail mac-exec@mit.edu.

Also, the letter mentions that the bylaws are attached to the file. They will be attached to the final e-mail sent to the house. For now, they can be found at

<http://web.mit.edu/macgreor/www/housecomm.htm>

For your information, I will be posting the minutes from last night's meeting in the next two hours.

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