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GRADUATE STUDENT COUNCIL

Housing and Community Affairs
 On-Campus Rent Subcommittee

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Dear Students,

Recent communications with the graduate student community have demonstrated a growing level of concern about the affordability of on-campus housing. To address these concerns, HCA has created an On-Campus Rents Subcommittee (OCR). The purpose of OCR is twofold; first to investigate on-campus rents and evaluate potential changes to rents; and second, to inform and engage graduate dorm leadership.

HCA believes that maintaining the affordability of on-campus housing is vital to maintaining a vibrant student community, and as such we have been meeting with MIT Housing frequently. The goal of the dialogue has been to work together on a new rent agreement that addresses both Housing and student constraints. Over the summer, our aim has been to understand the current Housing models for predicting operating costs and calculating the income needed to meet those costs. We will continue to work with Housing throughout the fall to identify and evaluate possible models and changes to the current model.

Part of OCR's mission will be to take a data-driven approach in constructing an argument for the rent values that on-campus students can afford while maintaining a solvent Housing system. We also hope the OCR will serve as a forum for student opinion and concerns about on-campus housing, so that HCA can fulfill its role as liaison and advocate.

OCR will operate for the length of this academic year. Opportunities for involvement can vary from data amalgamation, collection, and analysis, to graph/presentation making, or talks and focus groups with students and/or administrators. OCR will be open to the entire graduate population and anyone interested in on-campus rents is welcome to participate.

In addition to the On-Campus Rent Subcommittee, HCA will also be formally proposing that on-campus rents be a frequent agenda item at the Housing Strategy Group (HSG) this fall. Our hope is to use HSG as a vessel by which a larger dialogue on the subject can take place, namely involving faculty, administrators, and students alike.

If you would like to get involve or have any questions please contact us at gsc-hca@mit.edu.

Sincerely,

Randi and Nathaniel
 HCA Co-Chairs 2012