IHC Meeting 1 Minutes – 10/8/2019
2nd Week – First General Meeting

What is IHC
- Elected group of students to represent the 39 houses with respect to Housing and Residence Life
- Coordinate various community building events, especially for the houses
- Students report on information, news, and perceptions from students in housing

Who’s in IHC
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Committees
- Finance Committee (HARC)
  - $3000 each quarter
  - Source of funding for trips between houses in different dorms
  - Funds up to half of cost trips
  - Meetings to approve proposals on 3rd, 6th, and 9th week
  - https://harc.uchicago.edu
- CDAB (Campus Dining Advisory Board)
Feedback on campus dining (dining halls and cafes)
- Review policies that affect meal plan prices
- Direct attention at quality of food and service

TSAB (Transportation and Security Advisory Board)
- Feedback on transportation and security on campus
- Security presence and shuttles
- Recent changes
  - Adjustment of shuttle routes
  - New 4-6AM UChicago Lyft service

HouseFac (Housing and Facilities Advisory Board)
- Students give advice concerning changes to housing decisions
- Give updates about housing
- Recent projects
  - New dorm building: Woodlawn
  - Sister houses in Woodlawn

SPC (Social and Philanthropy Committee)
- Plan and host events during the year
- First event of the year: tug-of-war
- Quiz bowl during winter quarter
- Philanthropy events (ex. Penny wars, Relay for Life volunteering)

Also will need reps to help plan or work with:
- Pajamapalooza (largest pajama party on campus)
  - Chair is IHC Vice President Faith Anaya (franaya@uchicago.edu)
- Social Media & Photography
  - Chair is IHC Secretary Theresa Fonseca (tfonseca@uchicago.edu)

Make the Most of IHC
- Join a committee!
  - Lots of opportunities across different quarters
  - The more you put in the more you get out
- Get to know your fellow reps!
  - Come early at 5:30PM for optional IHC dinner
  - Future ice-breakers
- Attend house meetings
  - Make sure to share the info from the IHC meeting with the members of the house
  - Hear feedback from house members and report back to IHC
- Take attendance seriously
  - Please try to attend every meeting
  - If you can’t, send another person from your house as a proxy
- Recognizing patterns and systemic issues
  - We handle more systemic issues not one-time issues
    - Continuous problems
    - Ex. more vegetarian options, laundry machines are always down
**Announcements**

- **Tug-of-War**
  - This Saturday, October 12th – begins at 11:30 am (team captain arrives at 11:00 am) – Ratner Front Lawn
  - House sign up: [https://forms.gle/X5sRZznMvxM54q26](https://forms.gle/X5sRZznMvxM54q26)
  - Questions? Email IHC SPC Co-Chairs Sarah Portwood (sarahportwood@uchicago.edu) or Emmanuel Sosa-Cruz (cruzemmanuel27@uchicago.edu)
  - Prizes:
    - 1st Place - $100
    - 2nd Place - $75
    - 3rd Place - $50
  - 8-12 people
  - We take last minute sign ups
  - For every three guys, there must be one girl

- **Where Fun Comes to Live**
  - A contest to find the BEST room on campus
  - Will take place later this quarter – more details to come soon!

- **Speakers**
  - Tell us if you have any ideas!

- **Talk with other houses about joint trips**

- **Philanthropy ideas?**
  - Last year: Penny Wars
  - If you have a cause you like, tell us and we can help support them!

- **Other events in the future**
  - Pajamapalooza
  - Fogo de Chao
  - Random Acts of Candy
  - Ice Cream Social

- **IHC Community**
  - Get to know each other!
  - Recommend IHC events

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Being an Effective IHC Rep

● Promoting Events
  ○ Have people sign-up via Google form
  ○ Share info
    ■ At house meetings
    ■ House Facebook page/share events from IHC Facebook page
    ■ Email to house listhost
    ■ House calendars/bulletin boards

● Hose Meetings
  ○ Consult IHC minutes for important announcements
  ○ Include all relevant info
  ○ Explain what IHC is
  ○ Template for Facebook message to inform your house (see end of minutes)

● Getting Feedback
  ○ Google form
  ○ Talk to people at house events
  ○ Put something on your door
    ■ Ex. Whiteboard poll, complaint box
  ○ Listen to people complaining at house table, lounge, etc.
  ○ Make sure people know that they can bring up those issues with you

● Joining Committees
  ○ CDAB (dining)
  ○ TSAB (transportation and security)
  ○ HouseFac (housing and facilities)
  ○ SPC (social and philanthropy)
  ○ Secretary (social media and pictures)
  ○ VP (Pajamapalooza)
  ○ Think about your preferences, and come to next meeting with your preferences

● Participating at Meetings
  ○ Send a proxy if you can’t attend
  ○ Come for dinner! (5:30-6:00PM)
  ○ Offer ideas, give feedback, give updates

Where Fun Comes to Live

● Competition to find the BEST dorm on campus!
  ● Three-tiered competition
    ○ House members vote on best room within house
    ○ IHC votes on best room within each dorm
    ○ Students vote on the best room on campus
  ● Prizes for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners!
**IHC Social Event**
- Two possible dates: Thursday Oct. 24th, Monday Oct. 28th
- Activity: Halloween cookie decorating
- More information to come!

**Announcements**
- Thanks to everyone who came out to Tug-of-War
- House placards next week!
- HARC is a funding source if you want to organize events between houses. Apply!

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Hi,

I’m your IHC Representative. I hope all of you know about what we do as an organization, but if you don’t, that’s okay. We work to represent all the houses on campus to build a better student community and to make life a little better for everyone. We do this in two ways. The first is by collecting your feedback about issues that you may have surrounding housing, dining, transportation, and security. The second is by putting on events throughout the year like Pajamapalooza and a subsidized Fogo de Chao trip.

I also wanted to say that I will not always be available, but there will be a google form (linked below) that will always be on the IHC Facebook page. Please be sure to be signed in with your UChicago email. I hope to hear from you throughout the year.

PS. You should go ahead and like our Facebook page while you’re there.

Feedback Form: https://forms.gle/6FEZ6XTiU97vf6Pa7
Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/Inter-House-Council-431214016941615/

TLDR: I’m your IHC rep. Here is a google form for your feedback. Like our Facebook page.
Social Event
- This Thursday, Oct. 24, at 8PM in Harper 150
- Halloween cookie decorating
- Refreshments and Kahoot!

Best Room Competition
- Where Fun Comes to Live Competition
- Vote best room within house
- Send house’s best room by November 4th at 11:59PM
- IHC votes on best room within each resident dean community
- General public picks best in housing
- Prizes
  - Giant care package (happy light, food, caffeine)
  - Bluetooth speaker
  - Plant or multiple plants, price depending
- Please keep all pictures appropriate
- Reps can enter their own rooms
- Submit pictures or picture collage as one document
- Official rules attached in the email

House Presentations
- Help people learn about different parts of campus and dorm communities
- House rivalries, house trips, tips and tricks
- Information will be used to help put together a Tips and Tricks Manual for the dorms

Committee Interest
- Link will be sent out

Feedback
- CDAB
  - Taco meat needs to be labeled
  - Better veggie option for breakfast at Tiffin Breakfast
  - Bagels at Tiffin Breakfast
  - Mislabeled milk at Baker and once at Bartlett
  - Tape in food at Bartlett
  - Difficult to access non-dairy milks (non-soy)
  - Phoenix Food Recovery helps with food recovery at on-campus cafes
- TSAB
  - Blue light out outside student health service
  - Stony Island related muggings remain unreported
  - Midway Metra stops at stop sign but not at I-House
- Buses don’t always appear on the app
- What counts as campus in the form of security reports?

- HouseFac
  - Difficult for international students to rent out brooms
  - I-House washers are not user friendly
  - Stony laundry quarter slots are sealed
  - No wheelchairs in supply at North. Why not provided?

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Committee Interest
● Link was sent out, thanks for filling it out!
● If you haven’t yet: https://forms.gle/cTFiB9w8B3AuS3aJA

Social Event
● Thanks for coming, it went great!

Best Room Competition
● Where Fun Comes to Live Competition
● Send house’s best room by November 4th at 11:59PM

Philanthropy Event Ideas
● This quarter we usually do Penny Wars, house members donate coins to a box
● Donation ideas?
  ○ Mental health/suicide prevention causes
  ○ Chicago Public Schools
  ○ Ask your house for ideas!

HARC Funding
● Applications due soon!
● Must be a proposal between different houses (must be in two different Dean Communities)
● HARC website: https://housing.uchicago.edu/current-residents/harc/

IHC Representatives Facebook Page
● Join our Facebook page!
● https://www.facebook.com/groups/502242463694832/?ref=share

Feedback
● CDAB
  ○ Barlett has food issues
  ○ Taco meat still needs to be labeled at Bartlett
  ○ Mold in fruits at Cathey
  ○ Request for oatmilk and non-flavored soymilk
  ○ Bowls aren’t always clean in Cathey
  ○ Fourth meal on Sunday nights
● TSAB
  ○ Centrals backed up
  ○ CTA routes hard to find on Rider app
  ○ Shuttle routes: https://safety-security.uchicago.edu/services/university_shuttles/
  ○ Double tapping ventra card takes money from account
- HouseFac
  - People still don’t like the laundry app
  - Hand dryers in South aren’t very effective
  - Mail difficult to access in South

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Best Room Competition
- IHC votes!
  - BJ: Vincent
  - North: Boyer
  - I-House/Stony: Thompson
  - Max P: Hoover
  - South-East: Wendt
  - South-West: Keller
  - Snitchcock: Hitchcock
- Tell your houses to go to the IHC Facebook page to vote for your favorites

Committee Interest
- Committees have been chosen, attached file with assignments

Penny Wars
- Penny Wars this quarter
- NAMI Chicago will be our cause of choice
- Learn more about the cause here: https://namichicago.org/en/home/
- Prize (TBA) for houses that raise the most money
  - Give suggestions to IHC if you have

Announcements
- Apply to HARC!
- Orientation survey
- Potential hot chocolate random act of kindness

Committee Updates
- TSAB
  - Check bus.uchicago.edu for bus schedules
  - If there are any issues regarding shuttles are comments on the university’s transportation system, please direct them to bus@uchicago.edu and include bus number, route, and time.
  - Lyft service: applies 4-6am, $2 off coupon (code as a permanent announcement on Transloc Rider), applies only for trips on/around campus
- HouseFac
  - Dryers have been reset to 60 minutes
  - Put in work orders if you have issues

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Best Room Competition

- Winners
  - First: Hitchcock
  - Second: Vincent
  - Third: Wendt

Penny Wars

- Penny Wars this quarter
- NAMI Chicago will be our cause of choice
- Collect money weeks 8-10
- Collect all coins and cash and even Venmo! Get creative!
- First place wins a study break (probably dessert)

Random Acts of Kindness

- Will happen this quarter, more information to come

Pajamapalooza

- Jan 11 (Sat of first week) from 8-11
- Free food and fun!
- Reynolds
- Menu and activities TBD
- Attendance prize for house with the highest attendance

HARC

- Last meeting of Fall Quarter is 9th week (Monday Nov 25th at 4:30PM in the South Lounge - 2nd floor of Reynolds)
- Proposals must be in be the prior Saturday
- Must be a proposal between different houses (must be in two different Dean Communities)
- There is still funding left!
- Proposals can be made this quarter for next quarter
- See HARC website for HARC Proposal form: https://housing.uchicago.edu/current-residents/harc/
- Questions? Email HARC Chair William Liu – wjliu@uchicago.edu

Announcements

- Consider becoming a Resident Assistant for the 2020-2021 academic year
  - Attend an RA Information Session to learn more
  - Information on the selection process and dates for RA info sessions can be found here: https://housing.uchicago.edu/about-us/staffing-opportunities/
  - Questions? Email housingselection@uchicago.edu
  - 2nd, 3rd, 4th years can apply
• IHC t-shirts
  ○ New t-shirts for reps!
  ○ Submit designs yourself or reach out to friends or people in your house
  ○ Must include IHC logo and something ~UChicago~ themed
  ○ Voting will be held tentatively late fall quarter

Committee Updates

• CDAB
  ○ No feta at Cathey sandwich bar
  ○ Vegan listing not accurate in Baker
  ○ Inaccurate email menus
  ○ Breakfast for dinner in
  ○ Utensil and plate shortages (tell your house not to take silverware!)
  ○ More non-dairy options for food and milk alternatives

• TSAB
  ○ Midway Metra is following a strange route right before I-House
  ○ Ghost buses (real bus that wasn’t listed on the app)
  ○ Rude drivers
  ○ Add a stop at 53rd and Dorchester for Central? Should be hop-on hop-off if you need to

• HouseFac
  ○ Updates: please continue to put in work orders,
  ○ Lint breaking dryers in BJ
  ○ Can we put coin machines in laundry rooms?
  ○ Icy stairs to laundry room in BJ
  ○ App continues to have problems

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IHC Meeting 7 Minutes – 11/19/2019
8th Week – Seventh General Meeting

Penny Wars
- Jars with information to be distributed today
- Return jars 10th week meeting – Tuesday, December 3rd
- Post this on Facebook:
  Hey (Your UChicago House)!
  This quarter, IHC is partnering up with you to raise money for NAMI Chicago (National Alliance on Mental Illness). Any amount helps, no matter how small! We accept money in all forms- from coins to cash to even Venmo (see your IHC Rep for info!). This Penny War is going on from 8th to 10th week. Collection ends on the Monday of 10th week. The winning house also receives a study break (if the feeling of fulfillment from making the world a better place isn't enough for you, that’s okay too), so make sure to donate!
   P.S. I’m keeping the donation jar in (insert place here).
- Funds go to NAMI Chicago (National Alliance on Mental Illness - Chicago)
- Collect all coins and cash and even Venmo! Get creative!
- First place wins a study break (probably dessert)

Random Acts of Kindness – Wednesday, December 4th
- Hot chocolate giveaway
- Located either in Cobb or Reynolds
- More information to come

Pajamapalooza
- January 11th (Sat of first week) from 8pm-11pm
- Karaoke, board games, card games, roommate game
- Free food and fun!
- Reynolds
- Attendance prize for house with the highest attendance
  - If you come wearing your pajamas, you count as two people

Announcements
- No general meeting next week – Happy Thanksgiving!
- HARC
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- **IHC t-shirts – Design Contest**
  - New t-shirts for reps!
  - Submit designs yourself or reach out to friends or people in your house
  - Must include IHC logo and something ~UChicago~ themed
  - Voting will be held tentatively late fall quarter – bring your designs to the 10th Week IHC meeting!

**Committee Updates**

- **CDAB**
  - Never raspberries at Bartlett
  - Lack of utensils and dishwares in all dining halls
  - More frequent fried chicken

- **TSAB**
  - Central begins running less frequently at 11 instead of 12
  - Can we put security guards on the quad

- **HouseFac**
  - Laundry remains problematics, worse for dryers
  - Half of the dryers do not work in Max P East
  - Unplugged machines in BJ
  - Washers will randomly locked
  - The app has a refund function if you need it
  - Computer room still locked in I-House
  - Work orders for laundry can be submitted through app or online
  - Bad hand dryers in South (paper towels?)
  - Icy steps in front of South

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Penny Wars
- Jars were collected today
- Winner will be announced after first week of next quarter

Random Acts of Kindness
- Free hot cocoa!
- Wed. Dec 4 11:30AM-1:30PM
- Located at Cobb Hall table
- Share Facebook event with your house
  (https://www.facebook.com/events/789385918194961/)

Pajamapalooza
- Jan 11 (Sat of first week) from 8pm-11pm
- Karaoke, board games, card games, trivia game
- Free food and fun!
  - Mac and cheese
  - Cookies
  - Hot chocolate
- Reynolds Club
- Attendance prize for house with the highest attendance
  - If you come wearing your pajamas, you count as two people
  - If you bring hats, scarves, gloves, or other articles of warm clothing to donate to the IHC Warm Clothing Drive, you count as 2 people
    - A person who donates to the drive and wears pajamas counts as 3 people

Announcements
- CDAB Updates
  - Renovations in Bartlett this summer
  - RSOs can partner with dining, reach out!
  - Herbivore station should be all vegan now
  - No almond milk because it’s a tree nut allergy, oatmilk is being considered
  - Thursday, 10th week: all day breakfast
  - Plates and silverware remain an issue during peak times, don’t steal and return your plate when you’re done eating
  - Bartlett taco station: labelling should improve, meats will stay in the same locations
  - Tiffin breakfast vegetarian option may be changed, plain bagels should become available
  - Plant Power at comfort station
  - Students can have personal meetings with dining staff to work out specific dietary restrictions
• TSAB Updates

• HouseFac Updates
  ○ Thank you to everyone who submitted work orders on the app, it’s helping!
  ○ Mice problems are possible this time of year → pick up after yourself and close doors

• HARC
  ○ Next meeting: Monday Jan 20 (3rd week)
  ○ Other meetings will be 6th and 9th week

• IHC t-shirts
  ○ New t-shirts for reps!
  ○ Submit designs yourself or reach out to friends or people in your house
  ○ Must include IHC logo and something ~UChicago~ themed
  ○ Submissions extended into next quarter, reach out to your houses!

• Next meeting will be the first Tuesday of Winter Quarter (January 7th)

Committee Updates

• CDAB
  ○ Lack of gluten-free dessert options at Bartlett
  ○ More chocolate chip muffins in Bartlett
  ○ Mis-labelled desserts at Bartlett
  ○ More vegetarian options at the gluten-free station
  ○ Honey mustard in Bartlett?

• TSAB
  ○ Rider/Transloc app is sometimes unreliable, shuttles jump around sporadically on the map
  ○ Crosswalk on 59th by Classics is often dangerous at night, not lit well
  ○ Is there a way to inform riders about whether a bus is about to leave or take a break until a certain time?

• HouseFac
  ○ Mouse seen in South several weeks ago
  ○ Ants in kitchen at BJ

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