A Unified Response to the Plan for the Future of Residential Life

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We are a group of undergraduate students who are attempting to unify the student opposition to the recent decision announced by Professor Shepherd during his collected voice. We want to be as transparent as possible, so please get in touch with any of the organizers below to ask any questions, for any clarifications, or to make any concerns you feel you need to. Our goals, objectives, and opinions may shift over time and evolve with information as it comes, but here is our current position:

Two core issues motivate our response to the announced decision: its scope and the approach to the announcement of policy changes to residential life. The concerns surrounding the scope of the decisions stem not from policies of the rotation procedure, but changes to the operation of residential life including rotation and the room pick process.

Significant concerns arise from how this policy was developed. Any member of this community knows that such a significant reform to the residential system that seems so at odds with the current system of Prefrosh-Optimal Stable-matching has a lot to offer this community, and it has proven to be an effective tool at prioritizing the needs of the incoming class, while still enabling upperclassmen to have some choice in creating a comfortable living environment.

We believe we can answer the concerns of the student body, while continuing the progress we have made. We believe that our current system of Prefrosh-Optimal Stable-matching has a lot to offer this community, and it has proven to be an effective tool at prioritizing the needs of the incoming class, while still enabling upperclassmen to have some choice in creating a comfortable living environment. We don’t know who would be on the proposed Advisory Committee on Residential Life, or how they would be selected, but we will strive to create a system where choice is taken into account on both sides.

One of our core values, written in the student-submitted Polaris Plan, was that the amount of student choice (both in self-governance and in choosing community) present on campus is very special to the Caltech experience. It is this value, along with our other core values, that allows students to take responsibility for their own well being. We don’t support all previous iterations of Rotation, but we do urge those reading this to see the current version of Rotation as we do – a carefully thought out, continually improving process where we sought feedback from faculty, staff, and administration.

We are very grateful for the collaborative process between students, staff, and faculty when it came to discussing how to fill Bechtel and we are glad that much of the work and thoughtful research from students was respected in the final decision. We believe that this collaborative process with respect to Rotation and hope to work with administration on this issue.

Sincerely,
The IHC

Contact: 2017ihc@caltech.edu

A Response on Rotation

INTERHOUSE COMMITTEE
Dear all,

A decision on the future of residential life was recently released. Part of this plan detailed a filling process in Bechtel that was discussed thoroughly with administration and students leaders, and we are grateful in how directly our input shaped that decision. However, we were surprised by the proposed changes to rotation, and the details revealed about the rotation process. We will continue to discuss many aspects of the rotation process with social science and administration, but we feel that it’s important for us to address Rotation more thoroughly now.

Rotation is a process of assigning freshmen to affiliations with houses, and has been going on since the 1930s. Despite its long history, Rotation is not an unchanged black box - it is a continually changing set of procedures that the Interhouse Committee (IHC) works together with administration on every year. While in past years issues with ‘dead’ and ‘trades’ arose, the system used in the last couple years consciously removed these and relied on a Prefrosh-Optimal Stable-matching system. This algorithm was chosen, in consultation with social science professors at Caltech, specifically because it allowed us to take a prefrosh-optimal approach (in the sense that the rankings of the freshmen were used) with an explanation of the benefits and justifications of this system (written by Nicholas Schoeffel, former Dahney president) can be found in a linked copy of this document on the ihc.caltech.edu page.

We will summarize the procedure used in this past rotation as follows. The procedure below was conducted by the IHC, approved by the VPSA office, and was overseen the day of by Tom Mannion (Director of Student Activites) as well as two invited faculty members.

Rankings of freshmen are collected and the bottom 4 rankings they gave are discarded. Each house gets the chance to choose 3 freshmen to permanently assign who ranked them as 1, and who the house feels would be a great fit for their community.

If a house feels that a group of freshmen would be disruptive to their community, would have a negative experience living in their community, or pose a threat to someone’s well-being in their community, they have the option to remove the option for a freshman to be placed in their house during stable matching. Houses are able to bring up to 3 freshmen during this time. These decisions will be justified with discussions with the whole IHC.

After this step, the stable matching process will begin. It will continue until every freshman has a temporary assignment, on all freshmen without a temporary assignment have gone through the stable matching process. During unstable matching, options for how to move around freshmen (based on prioritizing their ranks) are examined and are performed based on consensus of the IHC. At this point, an ‘unstable matching’ portion of the process begins. This involves placing any freshmen who have no temporary assignment by the end of the stable matching process. During unstable matching, options for how to move around freshmen are performed based on consensus of the IHC. At this point, an ‘unstable matching’ portion of the process begins. This involves placing any freshmen who have no temporary assignment by the end of the stable matching process. During unstable matching, options for how to move around freshmen are performed based on consensus of the IHC. At this point, an ‘unstable matching’ portion of the process begins. This involves placing any freshmen who have no temporary assignment by the end of the stable matching process.

To achieve gender parity (based on previous iterations of Rotation, but now that it has, we have to move forward. The IHC can see the merits of a transparent rotation process. The IHC is also in favor of coming up with middle ways with houses can still have a voice in rotation, and upperclassmen can still express their opinions about who lives in Bechtel and we are glad that much of the work and thoughtful research from students was respected in the final decision. We believe that this collaborative process with respect to Rotation and hope to work with administration on this issue.

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Upcoming Events

Costa Rica Alternative Spring Break Trip
Saturday, March 17th through Sunday, March 25th (9 days) | Cost: $990
Applications Due: by Noon on November, 22nd

The Caltech Y is excited to seek applicants for our 2017 Alternative Spring Break trip to Costa Rica. Join other Caltech students for a focused spring break trip this year. On the Costa Rica trip we will be working with a host organization OSA Conservation www.osaconservation.org – which is dedicated to protecting the globally significant biodiversity of Costa Rica’s Osa Peninsula. Don’t miss out on this fantastic opportunity to explore another part of our planet and make a tangible difference in the world.

Trips fees include transportation, lodging, and most food. The Costa Rica Alternative Spring Break trip is coordinated by the Caltech Y and has been made possible thanks to generous funding from the Frank and Elsie Stefanfko Fund, the George Housner Fund, Caltech Student Affairs, and the Caltech Y. Spaces are limited.

Visit http://caltechy.org/programs_, services, internships, or for applications, and more information.

The Caltech Y Social Activism Speaker Series continues:

Solving Climate Change: From Policy to Personal
Thursday | November 30th | 4:00 to 6:00 PM | Location: TBD

The Caltech Y Social Activism Speaker Series, takes part of our planet and make a tangible difference in the world.

Climate change is one of the most pressing issues facing humanity. While the impacts of emissions up to now will be felt potentially for decades, significant policy changes are required in the immediate future to address greenhouse gas emissions and reverse the warming trend in the long term. Passing legislation to deal with this pressing issue however, remains a problem. CCL campaigns for the passage of a Carbon Fee and Dividend bill designed to tax carbon emissions and return carbon dioxide to its pre-1990s levels. This discussion will feature a panel of CCL members from a variety of backgrounds each of whom will bring their perspective to this issue. Each panel member will talk about their views and then take questions from the audience.

Presentations are intended to introduce one perspective in order to stimulate thought and to provide a forum for respectful dialogue and learning, examination. The views expressed by speakers are solely those of the speakers. Presentations do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the California Institute of Technology or the Caltech Y and should not be taken as an endorsement of the ideas, speakers, or groups.

Decompression 2.0
Friday | December 1st | 3:00 to 5:00 PM | Center for Student Services

We made the move... Decompression is now an end of the week stress reliever with activities, snacks and entertainment. Don’t go into finals week stressed out. Join us at the end of class week for a little break before studying. A variety of drinks and snacks, entertainment and activities will be provided.

Caltech Y Explore LA Series
The Broad Museum
Sunday | December 3rd | 2:30 PM | Cost: $5 | Transportation Included

Sign-up starting Thursday, 11/16 at the Caltech Y

Join us on a visit to The Broad with the Caltech Y. The Broad is a contemporary art museum founded by philanthropists Eli and Edythe Broad. Designed by Diller Scofidio + Renfro in collaboration with Gensler, the museum is home to 2,000 works of art from the Broad collection, which is among the most prominent holdings of postwar and contemporary art worldwide, and presents an active program of rotating temporary exhibitions and innovative audience engagement. The 120,000-square-foot building features two floors of gallery space and is the headquarters of The Broad Art Foundation’s worldwide lending library, which has actively loaned collection works to museums around the world. With in-depth representations of influential contemporary artists like Jean-Michel Basquiat, Barbara Kruger, Cy Twombly, Ed Ruscha, Kara Walker, Christopher Wool, Jeff Koons, Joseph Beuys, Jasper Johns, Cindy Sherman, Robert Rauschenberg, and more, plus an ever-growing representation of younger artists, The Broad enlivens, provokes, inspires, and fosters appreciation of art of our time. This offer is for students only; however, students purchasing tickets are permitted to purchase tickets for up to one guest each – and that guest can be a non-student. Explore LA is coordinated by the Caltech Y. The Caltech Y is located in the Tyson House 505 South Wilson (Bldg. 128).

Eligible for Federal Work Study.

For more information and to RSVP, contact azhai@caltech.edu. Eligible for Federal Work Study.

Hathaway Sycamores
Every Monday | 5:45 - 8:00 PM | Highland Park

Volunteer at Hathaway Sycamores, a group that supports local underprivileged but motivated school students, there are a variety of ages and subjects being tutored. The service trip includes about 40 minutes travel time and 1.5 hours of tutoring. Transportation is included.

For more info and to RSVP email Elisabeth at egalmitz@caltech.edu. Eligible for Federal Work Study.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2018 - 8 PM
USING THE BRAIN OF A MODERN FLY TO RECONSTRUCT THE BEHAVIORS OF AN ANCIENT WORLD

Michael H. Dickinson, Esther M. and Abe M. Zarem Professor of Bioengineering and Aeronautics, Caltech Division of Biology and Biological Engineering

Using an assortment of modern techniques from different fields such as neuroscience, biomechanics, and engineering, Dr. Dickinson is attempting to reconstruct the behavior and ecology of the ancestral insects through his investigations of the common fruit fly. His research provides a fascinating window into the past, providing new insight into the evolution of our planet’s most diverse group of organisms.

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** Participants will need to meet at the Caltech Y at 2:30 pm to pick up tickets and coordinate rides. We have a timed entry of 3:30 pm. We will be staying for two hours, then ubering back to the Caltech Y. Although tickets are free, we are offering transportation for $5.

Pasadena LEARNS
Every Friday | 5:00 - 5:05 PM | Pasadena

Come volunteer at Washington Middle and Elementary STEAM School! We are partnered with the Pasadena LEARNS program and work with their Science Olympiad team or do regular tutoring along with occasional hands-on science experiments. Transportation is provided.

For more information and to RSVP, contact azhai@caltech.edu. Eligible for Federal Work Study.

Stressed out by school? Step outside the Caltech bubble and meet tweeners who’ve yet to even consider college. Things you could do: Build a baking soda and vinegar volcano, read a book aloud, play sports or board games, teach the alphabet of another language, do a craft. Having a mentor makes an at-risk student 55% more likely to attend college, 78% more likely to volunteer regularly, and 130% more likely to hold a leadership position. Interested? If you have 180 seconds, you can watch this video and be inspired. If you have an hour a week, you can mentor someone and be their inspiration. If you feel unqualified, don’t worry. Ultimately, mentoring is about being a consistent, dependable friend—not a surrogate parent or psychiatrist.

To get started, contact noelle@caltech.edu.
There are many possible solutions to the problems regarding room picks, and other aspects of student life. We believe that this committee should be centered on the secrecy of the process. The students in Bechtel should have the ability to directly influence the composition of this committee. By allowing appointments to this committee to be at the discretion of the Vice president, we do not feel that this choice of the student body, we feel that this committee would fail in its goal of meaningful collaboration between students and administration and instead promote student autonomy while providing a facade of collaboration.

We agree that there are problems with residential life at Caltech, but there are also many solutions to these problems. Among these include the following: a number of specific needs-based solutions, as well as many substance-free spaces) is to containing specific needs-based housing (e.g. houses for students who are interested or who dislike the house system to either opt-in to Bechtel prior to rotation or be ranked Bechtel within their rotation preferences. We also believe that this is a potential solution to the “temporary residence” problem faced by students who are not in the right place (e.g. in residence halls or housing as in the current system or substance-free places) to be praised and would critically guarantee the success of the IHC and does not overlap with classes, to using a system that does not compress room rotation into a smaller timespan. There are many ways to express your concern, we do not feel that the IHC to propose changes to improve rotation.

If student opinion findings up, we also believe that the Bechtel recommendation. Our concerns have yielded two concerns we have about the institution like Caltech and as was possible to do so. We list the examples above only to demonstrate that the goals of the proposed changes can be met without disrupting the institution. We also believe that the Bechtel experience so unique and important to society, we completely defer to the IHC to represent the student interests in finding these solutions. We agree with many of the concerns outlined and solutions proposed in the published plan. We are not proposing that these changes be made without student input or be made without meaningful student input or be made without meaningful student input, and we feel that the students in Bechtel should have the ability to directly influence these changes. We are confident that the IHC will be able to come to a compromise with Professor Shepherd that addresses legitimate concerns about the current system of rankings while preserving a role for upperclassmen input. We believe that all changes to student life should be proposed and implemented through meaningful collaboration between students and faculty where all parties have a meaningful chance to make their voice heard.

All of our desires will be for nought without action and numbers. If you are concerned about this situation, you can use #CaltechCared to contact any of the following: Andrew Pinion, Mattinson, & Sammy Piascik. We are generally satisfied with the Bechtel as an alternate space for a large proportion of the students and containing specific needs-based housing (e.g. houses for students who are interested or who dislike the house system to either opt-in to Bechtel prior to rotation or be ranked Bechtel within their rotation preferences. We also believe that this is a potential solution to the “temporary residence”
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Brown twice gets second-place at Pomona-Pitzer

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CLAREMONT, Calif. (Feb. 3, 2018) – Freshman diver Krystin Brown picked up her first two second-place diving finishes in a double-dual meet against Pomona-Pitzer Colleges and California Lutheran University on Saturday morning.

Brown started the day when she posted a 181.30 in the 3-meter competition, her third-straight score over 180 to finish ahead of seven other divers before taking to the 1-meter board later in the day. Brown again came in second (216.17), but this time finished ahead of nine other divers with her second-highest score.

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Huh nearly doubles at Pomona-Pitzer

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CLAREMONT, Calif. (Jan. 31, 2018) – Sophomore forward Calvin Huh came one point away from earning his second-career double-double for the Caltech men’s basketball team at Pomona-Pitzer Colleges on Wednesday evening. His first double-double came against California Lutheran University in overtime earlier in the month.

Huh came off the bench in the second half, helping the visitors outrebound the hosts, 19-12. Three of his rebounds came on the offensive end, allowing some of the team’s pure scorers such as freshman guard Marcus Gee and freshman forward Spencer Schneider to go to work. Gee shot 50-percent from the field and drilled four three-pointers to lead Caltech with 20 points while Schneider played nearly the entire game and finished up with 15 points and five rebounds. While their team led at halftime, the freshman duo actually did most of their damage in the second half.

The Beavers hung with the third-place Sagehens throughout a game that featured seven lead changes. Sophomore guard Alex Andrews took on more of a distributor’s role, dishing out five assists, and along with Gee completing for all seven of the team’s steals. Freshman guard Matthew Kiker, meanwhile earned his second consecutive start and responded with five rebounds and three assists in a season-best 31 minutes of action. Caltech never led by more than three points, but held a lead as late as the 16-minute mark in the second half and kept the game within as little as five points for the subsequent four minutes.

Eiden leads team effort, women best St. Katherine’s again

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PASADENA (Feb. 3, 2018) – Junior center Elizabeth Eiden fronted a collaborative effort that allowed the Caltech women’s basketball team to pick up a 67-45 victory over the University of St. Katherine’s on Saturday afternoon. The victory marks the Beavers’ second against the Firebirds this season.

Eiden scored 10 points and turned in one of her stronger rebounding games of the season to finish the game with 12 boards, hence picking up the double-double. The junior also found herself at the center of the Beavers’ strong defensive effort, particularly early in the game when her team held the visiting Firebirds to just 13 first-half points. The center pulled her season blocks total by adding two more on Saturday.

“We had great start which I think lends itself to us sticking to our gameplan,” Head Coach Bridgette Reyes said. “We brought the effort, particularly early in the Beavers’ strong defensive game. Sophomore forward Alexa Laulinger also made contributions off the bench, with eight points and eight rebounds.

“It was nice for us to get contributions from all over our lineup,” Reyes said. “I thought today was a step forward for our group as we continue to build the good habits and fundamentals as a team that will allow us to compete with the opposition on a regular basis.”

The Beavers never trailed the Firebirds and ultimately won the game on the glass, outrebounding their opponent 50-38, while winning the battle in every metric. Strong steal numbers from D’Costa and Peng allowed the home team to gain a 13-21 edge over the visitors in the turnover battle, stymieing any chance of St. Katherine’s working its way back into the game. The team assist numbers came as another strong point for Reyes’ group, as they earned assists on 16 of 26 team field goals. The junior connection between Eiden and Halefirsak set an early tone for the Beavers as the latter assisted the former on the game’s first offensive possession before Eiden pulled down a defensive rebound on the other side of the floor, proving to be a sign of things to come.
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2/21/18 WEDNESDAY 11:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.
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ASCIT Board of Directors Meeting
Minutes for February 2, 2017. Taken by Dana He.
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Guests: Amulya Mohan, Michael Rupprecht
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Officer’s Reports:
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- Course compliments will be soon.
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Meeting Adjourned: 5:33 pm

ARC Minutes 2.4.2018
Present: Kavya Sreedhar, Allison Tang, Abhijit Das, Erika Salzman, Anush Gupta, Vikha Vajjiravdu, Adrian Huang, Michael You, Matthew Zeitlin, Andrew Zhou

Minutes submitted by: Allison Tang and Shreya Rameshchander

1. Programming
- Student Faculty Lunches (SFLs): two SFLs this term; organize & contact professors
- Course Compliments: send out the google form to get student feedback on courses
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Miscellaneous
- ARC knows new members joining
- CS2 Million Study Session: will happen if enough tutors can be found

The ARC website at arc.caltech.edu has more information about what the ARC does if you are interested. The ARC meets every other Tuesday at 5:30 in 1351 N. Ellison. If you have any questions, please feel free to email arcoffice@arc.caltech.edu.

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Answers to current crossword (pg 7)

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