Housing Allocation Roommate Pilot

Scenarios

Definitions:

**New graduate student** – a person who has never been an MIT student, registered visitor, or cross-registered student. The new graduate student receives the highest priority in the allocation.

**Returning graduate student** - an MIT student who has been taking classes at MIT, been a visitor, undergraduate, cross-registered, or is currently living on campus on a non-renewable license. They receive continuing status in the allocation.

**Continuing graduate student** - an MIT graduate student who has either received housing as a returning student or has been given continuing status for service to their house. A continuing student can live in housing for the entire length of their program without having to enter the allocation.

**SCENARIO 1**

Kevin: a returning graduate student, currently living in Tang Hall with a non-renewable license. Kevin needs to enter allocation to continue living in on-campus housing

Talia: a new MIT graduate student

Ahmad: a new MIT graduate student

Sarah: a returning graduate student, currently living in Sidney Pacific with a non-renewable license. Sarah needs to enter allocation to continue living in on-campus housing

Kevin, Talia, Ahmad, and Sarah met during an admitted student weekend in the EAPS department. They decided they wanted to live together on campus. The group selected Kevin to be their group leader, so when the allocation opens, he can invite everyone to form a group of four. Kevin needs to wait until mid-April to invite Talia and Ahmad to the group, because new graduate students do not appear in the student information system until then.

Kevin invites Talia, Ahmad, and Sarah to join the group through the online Housing Portal and all three members enter into the system and accept the invitation. Once all invitations are accepted, Kevin then ranks the group’s housing preferences: Edgerton House 4-bedroom and Tang Hall 4-bedroom. The group is a mix of new graduate students and returning, so the group will be given new student priority in the housing allocation. This would mean all students in the group would receive a non-renewable license if successful.
**SCENARIO 2**

Pete: a new MIT graduate student

Jack: a new MIT graduate student

Pete and Jack would like to live together on campus, so they enter the allocation as a group of two. Jack is their group leader and he invites Pete to join his group. Pete accepts the invitation and Jack can then rank his group’s housing preferences. As a group of two, Jack and Pete are eligible to rank 2-bedroom apartments in Edgerton House, Sidney Pacific, and Tang Hall, as well as 3- and 4-bedroom apartments in Edgerton and Tang. Jack and Pete will receive new student priority in the allocation and will receive non-renewable licenses if successful.

If Pete and Jack receive a 3- or 4-bedroom apartment through the allocation, the other bedrooms will be assigned by the Housing Office.

**SCENARIO 3**

Rebecca: returning graduate student who currently lives off campus

Meital: returning graduate student who currently lives in Edgerton with a non-renewable license

Eden: a returning graduate student who currently lives in the Warehouse with a non-renewable license

Rebecca, Meital, and Eden are all returning graduate students who have decided they want to live together on campus. Meital is selected as the group leader and she invites Rebecca and Eden to her group. Rebecca accepts the invitation, but Eden does not. The group is then only able to enter the allocation as a group of two. Meital ranks all apartments the group is eligible for (all 2-, 3-, and 4-bedrooms). Meital and Rebecca are successful in the allocation, and as returning students, they receive continuing status licenses. Eden does not receive housing.

**SCENARIO 4**

Kevin: a returning graduate student, currently living in Tang Hall with a non-renewable license. Kevin needs to enter the allocation to continue living in on-campus housing

Talia: a new MIT graduate student

Ahmad: a new MIT graduate student

Sarah: a returning graduate student, currently living in Sidney Pacific with a non-renewable license. Sarah needs to enter the allocation to continue living in on-campus housing

This group of four was not successful in their first attempt to secure housing through the allocation. Kevin, as the group leader, decides to break up the group to allow more choice. Kevin goes into the online Housing Portal and removes Sarah from the group. Sarah receives an email letting her know that she has been removed from her group and needs to either join the allocation as a group of 1 or join another group.
Kevin reenters the allocation as a group of 3, adding Edgerton House and Tang Hall 3-bedrooms to their 4-bedroom choices in the same building.

**SCENARIO 5**

Frank: a student with continuing status, Frank does not need to enter allocation

Milo: a brand new graduate student

Frank and Milo know each other and would like to live together. Frank has continuing status for Tang Hall and has been living in a 2-bedroom apartment for the last 4 years. Frank is not eligible to apply to the allocation to live with Milo unless he terminates his current license agreement and forfeits his continuing status. Frank decides he does not want to give up his continuing status, so Milo enters the allocation as a group of 1. He ranks Tang Hall 2-bedroom apartments as one of his top choices. If successful, Milo can request to live with Frank.