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Mr. David G. Kaufman
Sent electronically to kaufmand@mit.edu

Dear Mr. Kaufman:

I am writing to follow up from our meetings on November 12 and December 3, 2014, during which we discussed situations that occurred on September 19, October 28, October 29, October 30 and October 31, 2014. These incidents raised the possibility that you had violated the following Institute policies:

- MIT ID Cards
http://housing.mit.edu/about/residential_housing_and_dining_policies#MIT_ID_Cards
- Guests
http://housing.mit.edu/about/residential_housing_and_dining_policies#License_Agreement

During our meetings, we discussed this situation and you responded to the allegations. You acknowledged that on October 28, 29 and 31, 2014, you did not tap into Random Hall and you held the door for other people as they entered the residence hall behind you on September 19 and October 30, 2014. You indicated that you did not realize the seriousness of not tapping your ID or letting another Random Hall resident in behind you. However, you acknowledged that prior to these incidents, you had a conversation with your Area Director during which he explained the procedure and your responsibility to follow the procedure. You indicated that you did not let anyone in you did not know. Following our meetings, you were given an opportunity to submit a written response to the allegations in this situation, but you have not done so.

Following our meeting, the Chair of the Committee on Discipline, (COD), and a student member of the COD reviewed this case. The Chair determined that this case would be resolved administratively, rather than in a hearing.

Finding

Based on a review of the information available in this case, including the information you shared during our meetings, the COD Chair found you responsible for violating the MIT ID Card policy and not responsible for violating the guest policy. This decision was made because you admitted that you violated the ID card policy three times by not tapping your ID in order to gain entrance to Random Hall as required. There is no evidence you violated the guest policy by checking in guests without authorization.

Sanction

Based on this finding, the COD Chair has assigned the following sanctions:

1. This incident will be recorded as a letter to file, which is considered a warning from MIT that your behavior in this situation violated Institute expectations. This letter is not part of your official transcript. However, if you are involved in any type of misconduct in the future, this letter will be considered in determining how your case should be heard and during sanctioning.

2. Compose and submit an essay in which you use your reflection upon this situation to outline a plan for how MIT's friendly and familiar residence hall culture should be reconciled with the Institute's legitimate concerns about student safety and the need for access control in the residence halls.

To prepare for your essay, you are expected to achieve a close familiarity with the current guest and security rules and the reason for them. It is suggested that you do this by reviewing the published reports (for example, see <http://studentlife.mit.edu/studentlife.mit.edu/reslifeanddining/news/residencehallsecurity>) and interviewing Residential Life staff involved in security (for example, you may contact your Area Director, Mr. Keith Moser, Mr. Dan Roderick or Ms. Naomi Carton).

In your essay, address the following questions: How should MIT strike a balance you would find appropriate between the familiarity, community, and home-like atmosphere in the residence halls with the need to prohibit unauthorized access, provide a reasonable measure of security, and prevent incidents which result from unauthorized people being present in residence halls? If you were the President of the Institute, what action steps, if any, would you pursue to bring about the balance you describe? How would MIT be impacted if the action steps you propose were taken? What advice might you give to a friend or a roommate who is considering not following the guest policy or does not like to check in their guests, having had the benefit of this experience? Finally, what have you learned from this experience and how can your experience be useful to you in the future? Your essay should be no less than 750 words and should be submitted to the Office of Student Citizenship, by 4:30 p.m., on January 31, 2015.

The rationale for these sanctions took into consideration the nature of the violation, the fact that this is your first violation of Institute policy and that you were cooperative with me.

Completing the assignment is a required part of your education at MIT, so please take note of the deadline and understand that it is your responsibility to submit documentation of your completion of these assignments to the Office of Student Citizenship without further prompting. Failure to complete any of these assignments by the specified due date will result in a hold being placed on your enrollment, which would result in your inability to register for classes until these assignments are complete.

Feedback about the discipline process

I invite you to give the Committee on Discipline your feedback about your interaction with the Institute's student discipline process. Hearing from students who have been through the process is important because it enables the COD to evaluate how the program is working, what areas can be improved, and what students think about this Institute process. Please take the survey at: <http://studentvoice.com/miot/oscoutcome1415>. The survey is anonymous, this URL is not unique to you, and responses cannot be linked to individual students. Providing your feedback is optional and voluntary. The survey generally takes less than ten minutes to complete. This survey is related to, but distinct from, the survey you were given an opportunity to take following your initial meeting with the Office of Student Citizenship.

Please feel free to contact me at (617)324-7824 if you have any questions about this situation or if I can be of any assistance. I look forward to staying in touch with you moving forward.

Sincerely,



Mary Kathryn E. Juskiewicz

Student Life

CC: Prof. Suzanne Flynn, Chair of the Committee on Discipline
Ms. Nina Davis-Mills, Mr. Christopher Mills, Mr. Michael Barcelo, Random House