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Tentative Agenda
International Orientation (IO) 2009

Sunday, August 30th, 2009:

- 1:00-4:00 p.m. **Check in at Sophia Gordon Hall's Multipurpose Room (15 Talbot Ave)** - A great time to start meeting other new students and the Host Advisors. *(Please note that keys will not be given out until after 1:00 p.m.).*
- 1:00-4:30 p.m. **Settle Into Tufts** – After checking in, take advantage of this block of free time to do some shopping and move into your dorm room. Host advisors can lend a hand to help you move in while IO offers a few activities to acquaint you with the campus and nearby stores.
- 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. **Trips to Bed, Bath & Beyond and Target at Greatland Mall** – For those unable to rent a car who are in need of supplies to set up their dorm room, IO has rented a bus to transport students and parents to nearby department stores. Space is somewhat limited. Feel free to follow us in your own car. *Meet at Sophia Gordon.*
- 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. **Campus Tours** - Get to know your way around campus by taking a tour with a host advisor. A slightly different take than the normal campus tours. *Tours depart from Sophia Gordon.*
- 5:00 p.m. **Say Goodbye to Parents** – Now that they've helped you settle in, it's time to break away from your family and meet some of the people you'll be going to school with for the next four years.
- 5:00-6:00 p.m. **Group Introductions and Ice Breakers** - Meet your Host Advising group members in front of Sophia Gordon, and learn a little bit about each other. The person sitting next to you may become your best friend.
- 6:00-7:00 p.m. **Dinner on Sophia Gordon Lawn** - Join us for a summer meal picnic-style. *Rain venue Sophia Gordon Multi-Purpose Room*
- 6:45-7:00 p.m. **Host Advisor Introductions** - Meet all of the 2009 Host Advisors.
- 7:30-8:00 p.m. **Dorm Gathering** - Get to know your dorm Host Advisor and other participants living in your residential hall. *Respective Dorms.*
- 9:00-11:00 p.m. **Outdoor Event** – Come and enjoy the crisp Boston evening with fellow incoming students and Host Advisors. If you're too tired to join us at the Outdoor Event, take a break in your dorm and use this free time to unpack and unwind.

Monday, August 31st, 2009:

- 8:00-9:00 a.m. **Breakfast at Carmichael Dining Hall** – Yeah, we know it's early, but the waffles are worth it.
- 9:15-10:15 a.m. **Formal Welcome and International Center Introductions** - Important information about the Tufts Community. *Pearson Hall, Room 104.*
- 10:15-11:00 a.m. **Academics at Tufts – Peer Perspectives** – Hear what your host advisors and peers have to say about the academic environment at Tufts and see what the university has to offer. *Pearson, Room 104.*
- 11:00-12:30 p.m. **Banking Session** – Representatives from local banks will be available to discuss students' needs and to assist students in opening bank accounts. *(Please do not bring more than \$1,000 in cash per person; representatives will not be able to accept it.) Mayer Campus Center.*

- 12:30 p.m. **Lunch and Shopping in Harvard Sq.** - Have lunch in funky Harvard Square and take a look around the many shops for anything that you might have forgotten to pack! (Lunch at Carmichael Hall is also an option.)
- 5:30-6:30 p.m. **Dinner at Carmichael Hall** – Students only!
- 6:00 p.m. **Parents Reception with the University Deans, Administration and Faculty** - Parents only!
Sponsored by The Parents Program.
- 6:30 p.m. **Leisure Activities** – Take a trip to Davis Square for ice cream and to check out the cafes and restaurants or walk around campus with friends.
- 8:15-11:00 p.m. **Leisure Group Activity (to be determined)** – An opportunity for you to get to know fellow students while having fun!

Tuesday, September 1st, 2009:

- 8:00-9:00 a.m. **Breakfast at Carmichael Dining Hall.**
- 9:00-10:00 a.m. **Meet Representatives of Various Departments at Tufts** - Important information about the Tufts community and resources. Gives you a great sense of what is out there and who to speak to in order to be an active member of the campus population. *Pearson, Room 104.*
- 10:00-11:00 a.m. **International Student Visa Meeting** – A mandatory talk about your immigration status. *Pearson, Room 104.*
- 11:00-12:00 a.m. **Host Advisor Skits** - The Host Advisors act out life at Tufts. It's hilarious, so don't miss out! *Pearson, Room 104.*
- 12:00-1:00p.m. **Lunch in Carmichael Dining Hall.**
- 1:30p.m. **Meet outside Sophia Gordon to head into Boston.**
- 2:00-5:00 p.m. **Afternoon on the Beantown!** - Get a taste of what Beantown has to offer! Explore the busy indoor and outdoor life in Quincy Market, chill around Fanueil Hall, or go shopping at the trendy stores. **Two options:** explore on foot with some host advisors, or join the rest of us on one of Boston's famous Duck Tours! These amphibious vehicles whisk you around Boston and then plunge into the Charles River. *(Duck tours are offered at a discounted rate. Please bring \$25 if you wish to join)*
- 5:30 p.m. **Dinner in Boston** - Meet up with other groups in and around your tour area for dinner at one of the many restaurants in Boston's North End and Chinatown. *Remember to bring money for dinner!*
- 9:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m. **Closing Festival!** - Come have a good time socializing. It's a great way to end International Orientation.

Wednesday, September 2nd, 2009:

- 8:00 a.m. **Join other entering students for All-University Orientation** – IO is great, but now it's time to branch out and make other friends during this hectic but enjoyable welcoming weekend.

Saturday, September 5th, 2009:

- 7:00-8:00 p.m. **International Students and Friends Ice Cream Social** – An opportunity for participants and their roommates to get to know one another better.