

The Dormitory Council

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Minutes of Regular Meeting – Simmons Hall

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Attendance			
<i>Executive Committee</i>			
President:	Ian Brelinsky	Secretary:	Aayesha Siddiqui
Vice President:	Joshua Velasquez	Treasurer:	Seth Dorfman
REX Chairs:	<i>Absent</i>	JudComm Chair:	David Nedzel
Housing Chair:	<i>Absent</i>	Webmaster:	Joshua Velasquez
<i>Dormitory Representatives</i>			
Baker:	<i>Absent</i>	New House:	Joshua Velasquez
Bexley:	<i>Absent</i>	Next House:	<i>Absent</i>
Burton-Connor:	Shauna Moran	Random Hall:	Jeff Cohen
East Campus:	Harvey Jones	Senior Haus:	Augusta Dibbell
MacGregor:	Aayesha Siddiqui	Simmons Hall:	David Nedzel
McCormick:	Emily Cheng		
<i>Also in attendance</i>			
Administrators:	Lorelle Espinosa (Admissions Guest) Matt McGann (Admissions Guest) Sharon Snaggs (Patron Saint, RLA) Dan Kirsch (RLA)	Students:	Tiffany Lee (Simmons REX Chair) Andrew Lukmann (Simmons JudComm) Amanda Lanza (Burton Connor REX) Darragh Buckley (Burton Connor REX) Laura Martini (East Campus Treasurer) Jessie Lowell (East Campus Senator) James Wnorowski (East Campus VP) Petra Stoyanof (MacGregor President)

Admissions Presentation – CPW

CPW: April 7-10, with an estimate of about 850 prefrash. There is an online form to sign up to host prefrash.

Thursday evening: formal welcome and “festival” afterwards starting at 9:00pm (2-3 hours)

Saturday: events and tours

Residences Group – group through which representatives from dorms may petition for funding

Admissions is pondering over how to best showcase the dorms, e.g. should it be something interactive, perhaps a panel? They want it to be exclusively for students (student-driven as well) and have it run concurrent with a parent event. There was general consensus that this was a good idea. There is a Housemaster event for parents on Saturday morning, but this time frame for the student event would not attract a lot of students.

It would be useful to have an information session about the residence selection process for the *parents* as well, during which they have the opportunity to ask current students questions. The students and housemasters can form a panel for the parents. And this would be focused *within* the dorms.

Admissions also wants more student involvement with matching prefrish to hosts. Random comments that they did a good job last CPW.

The tours of the dorms with the coordinated booth in the student center was very successful last year, and it is scheduled to be on this year again.

CPW Funding: Money will be allocated to the dorms for hospitality lounges to welcome the prefrish. Event proposals should be submitted before spring break. Admissions is also encouraging events held within dorms, such as floor or hall events.

Dorms should contact the admissions office to have some of the admissions counselors come to the dorms and “get to know dorm culture” so as to facilitate the host-prefrsh matching. This was a success with East Campus. Dorms should contact lorelle@mit.edu and madmatt@mit.edu.

Elections

- Chris Hemond is elected as the Risk Management Chair
- Schuyler Senft-Grupp is elected as the senior REX/Orientation Chair
- Jim Wnorowski is elected to replace Richard-Duane Chambers as the Housing Chair and Liaison to RLSP
- Andrew Lukmann is elected to replace Aayesha Siddiqui as Secretary, into which the position Student Body Liaison was absorbed (responsible for writing emails to dorms@mit)

Budget

Substantial surplus – just as last year. Two years ago, six of the dorms received \$400 each to buy a digital camera. It was put to a vote to extend this to the remaining five dorms and was approved. This will change the proposed budget by about \$2000.

Other Student Groups

The ASA is having a bulletin board reallocation and is requiring an application this time. Vice President will take care of this.

The Tech is planning on publishing a story about orientation but the writer was not entirely informed of all the relevant issues, and there is the option to talk to the editor to possibly delay the article. We should all be wary of the article and encourage residents “not to panic” due to the fact that story may not be entirely accurate. We don’t want to encourage misconceptions about orientation though.

Summer Housing

Last year, summer housing went over very well and we want to ensure that the same is the case for this year. Dan Kirsch assures us that such is the plan. Random adds that they have already talked to Housing and have been told that things should remain the same.

i3 Update

The meeting earlier this week had almost all the i3 representatives present. This year, a DVD will be mailed out instead of a CD-ROM (no compatibility issues). There will be no website but instead a DVD slideshow, which means that there are no linking capabilities, so all materials should be checked over thoroughly with the housemasters before submission. Everything will be submitted online and will have to be accepted/rejected by the housemasters before going through. The Guide to Residences booklet will have the same process as outlined here, but different deadlines will apply. Also, there is the New Media Center (26-139) which has digital movie editing software available). Email i3 chair Joshua Velasquez ([chillin at mit.edu](mailto:chillin@mit.edu))

REX and Orientation

The schedule is now official. We need to recruit volunteers, REX planners, orientation leaders, as well as CPW hosts. There is a pressing need for more dorm residents as orientation leaders.

All dorms need internal REX chairs soon. Senior REX Chair will have these chairs convene and talk about REX strategies, etc. These REX chairs are needed within the next 3 weeks.

A planning meeting for the DormCon REX Chairs is scheduled to occur soon. A meeting with the people who expressed interest in becoming REX chairs (during fall) will also be scheduled.

CLC Decision

There was a strong warning against Simmons. They must serve on the campus alcohol advisory board as well as draft a social host alcohol training program for all the dorms. Simmons will be used as a template for other dorms policy-wise.

Meeting times for spring

Wednesdays. Food served at 6:30pm, meeting beginning promptly at 7:00pm and running to 9:00pm.