

**\_ \*DormCon Meeting Minutes - 2/16/05 \* \_**

/Call to Order: 6:39/

**\_Committee Announcements\_**

Chris Hemond (Risk Manager):

- Now attending CAAB Meetings (has in the past) as DormCon Rep.
  - Pressure on DormCon to be better prepared for alcohol events/everything registered.
  - Question: On Streamlined Event Registration. Shorter forms for smaller events?
  - Question: Any chance DormCon will police events/enforce policy?
- Do we have the manpower? How much power can we exercise over the registration policy?

Snaggs: Have we discussed response to Simmons CLC Hearing?

Dave: Not necessary for DormCon to respond to the CLC's findings – Simmons' responsibility.

SLOPE- Meeting next Tuesday (4 to 5:30 in PDR 1&2)

- Barbara wants at least two DormCon types around the table so we don't lose any event-time opportunities.
- Discussed more Residence-based Alcohol education initiatives with Danny.
- After President's Convocation, Monday Night – Event with Parents and Students.
- Wellesley Mixer – AWS thinks that the mixer sends a bad message to incoming male undergrads.

Skylar (REX):

- Will likely not be able to attend meetings, hopefully Vice REX-chairs (TBD) will be able to attend. Meeting tomorrow night at Anna's at 8 o'clock for interested REX chairs.
- Harvey: Put out a statement explaining our position on the REX Schedule, general campus sentiment is that the dorms got screwed.

Dave (JudComm):

- Soon picking up progress on Code of Responsibilities.

Jim (Housing):

- Will soon get list of Housing Chairs/RAC's, will meet with them all soon.
- Snaggs: Start figuring out number of Early Returns

Seth (Treasurer):

- Food for Skylar's meeting tomorrow can come out of REX budget

**\_Funding Requests\_**

Seth: Total of the two requests equal to total DormCon events budget for entire term.

Steer Roast – Asking for \$5000

- Steer Roast is expensive. It's a popular event, opened to all members of the MIT Community.
- Requested funding from LEF, DormCon, Alumni Association, maybe UA.
- Alumni Association not able to contribute. Not yet heard back from LEF.
- Haven't considered going to Panhel/IFC for funding.

- LEF gave no money last year, don't know how much the UA gave.
- Jessie: UA likely will help contribute to the event, we sponsored an event last week for a few hundred dollars.

DTYD – Asking for \$3000

- DTYD – Bigger, appealing to more of the community, band getting more expensive
- Already secured \$1500 from BC Government.
- Also asking same amount for funding from LEF.
- Making sure that the event is “by the books”, there will be a police detail.

Seth's Recommendations:

- Roughly matching (or less) what BC gave would be fair - \$1.5k .
- In the past, we've given a lot of money to Steer Roast, would suggest \$3k

Other Discussion:

- Suggested to give Steer Roast \$2k now and then they can come back later for more.
- Simmons might be planning another Spring formal?
- How about tabling to another meeting?
- Steer Roast has to start setting contracts with vendors.

Vote on Treasurer's Recommendations:

Baker- Y  
 Bexley- N/A  
 BC- Y  
 EC- Y  
 McCormick- Y  
 McGregor- Y  
 Next- Y  
 New- Y  
 Random- Y  
 Senior House- Y  
 Simmons-Y

\_Other Discussion\_

Ian: Housemaster meetings

Ten things they want in the residential system in 10 years

We should think about doing the same thing.

Idea – Housemaster discretionary budgets

More involvement with GRT's and RLA's

We will get presented with this list soon.

Snaggs: No 'haves' and the 'have-nots' from the residence systems. Facilities equity in the future.

Idea: How we interact with the FSILG system.

Couldn't we have the Housing Lottery during Orientation instead of over the Summer?

Only 12-15% of people enter the Housing Adjustment

Force everyone to enter a lottery in September.

Jessie: Likely not enough time, same problem from the past.

Harvey: Wrong perspective, should market dorm selection process better, excite incoming

frosh.

Ian: What else about dorm community, is 'ghosting' a problem?

Snaggs: All of the freshman have to feel welcome and a part of the community, even if they've pledged a fraternity. She personally knows individuals who have pledged but remain active in the dorm community.

Ian: We have an opportunity the Labor Day weekend to get to freshmen before the IFC does by having off-campus type retreats to build community. Give freshmen a chance to bond with upperclassmen, think white-water rafting trips or Six-Flags.

Ian: We need the FSILG's so that the dorms are not overcrowded, however, we should be the ones to fight for the cream of the crop/leaders in the frosh class.

Harvey: Don't want to instigate the IFC, what if they started throwing large events during Dorm Rush?

Jessie: Even without large events, possible to have fun with your frosh during FSILG rush.

Freshmen: It's the little things that count... settling down & meeting people, going on the T to Boston.

Josh: All of this low-key Community-building stuff can happen without REX. Would we be wasting time & resources?

Jessie: Good opportunity to visit other dorms even if you end up choosing to stay in your original residence.

Not only does REX give you an opportunity to consider your dorm, it gives you an opportunity to see where you really would dislike living.

Dave: Some people have other reasons for liking to live in a dorm – i.e. moving to Simmons because it's clean.

Skylar: Another topic – Dorm-wide centralized discuss list for easier advertisement/information distribution.

/Adjourned: 7:54 pm/