

*DormCon Meeting: May 4, 2005
6:30pm, McCormick Hall*

Dorms Absent

Bexley

Baker

Early returns- Jimbo doesn't know anything, will send something to dorms@mit

Rex- Ian says make sure people from every dorm are talking to Schuyler

Judcomm-

Ian- Evaluating Judcomm along with other discipline systems around institute.

Charter for DormCon's Judcom was approved (by two deans) isn't completely valid (panel of students has more power than faculty would like to allow).

Want students to act more as mediation bodies; appellate board run more by faculty than students; leaves no place for students.

Jeff- Students would know more about community standards than faculty, therefore more qualified to evaluate certain disciplinary cases. Students should retain right to adjudication

Ian- Admins think it's too much trouble for students to take on. Thoughts on that?

Jeff- Random willing to work for establishing a Judcomm that can hear cases, thinks other dorms are too.

Snaggs- Direction that we're heading towards is too much for students. Housemasters want guidelines for individual dorms rather than something uniform. Judcomm not effective for past two years b/c students not trained. Housemasters handling issues previously dealt with by Judcomm.

Jeff- Values student Judcomm that is able to hear cases, need to find a way to address concerns. Best way to do this is scrap old doc, get rid of inflexibility, and start over.

Schuyler- Look at what legal restraints are, go from there.

Ian- unofficial vote of DormCon Judcomm support

David- requires short training (~2 hours) no meetings and occasional hearings

vote on supporting DormCon Judcomm:

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Ian- 1) Offenders required to meeting of student board, offenders go to meeting or go to COD.

2) Long set of rules, actual disciplinary board that meets (more training required), more serious situation.

//In either case they have to follow official rules.

David- Dorm Judcoms were informal and worked for 40 years.

1) Do you want to support informal resolution

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2) Do you support formal adjudication

No dorms against it, many presidents want to check with their constituents.

Collegiate Party Presentation

//Recommended that Schuyler make choice to allocate Rex budget.

Harvey- Panhel carnival proposal to bus freshmen to some off-campus location, then have a carnival on Brigg's Field.

Schuyler- Dormcon will help plan and give manpower to event, not willing to commit funding at this point.

Harvey- Our goal is to get freshmen into the best dorm for them and to get them acclimated. Does giving money to this event help to achieve these goals? Recommends offering to spend some amount of money to make booths at carnival. General consensus that this sounds like a good idea.

//Schuyler will give this idea to Julia.

Seth-Proposal for committee to help dorms organize events. Use account surplus to fund the committee. If it's a success then next year we can raise the house tax to fund the committee.

Three separate votes

1) Does DormCon want to establish an event committee to help dorms plan events and/or help DormCon plan its own events?

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2)Whether to implement the events committee using surplus (nonbinding). The event committee would have to go to the president on each event.

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3) amendment for requirement of substantial email and postering targeted at all dorm residents.

white balloted.

Harvey- Time Travelers Convention description, is asking for funding.

Seth- Recommends exec discretionary, I3 or surplus housing tax

Vote to transfer remaining money from I3 account

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//many wishes of good luck

Snaggs- end-of-year appreciation early dinner.

//Wednesday at 5:30 is the preferred time.