

## MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

# DormCon

MIT DORMITORY COUNCIL MEETING

Oct. 16 2006, 5:30pm -- Burton-Conner

ON THE AGENDA:

Get Food (5:15)

Welcome & Welfare (5:30)

Present: Baker, Burton-Connor, Senior House, EC, MacGregor, Random, New, McCormick, Next, Simmons

Absent: Bexley

UPDATES (5:35)

- Housing
  - Tim agreed to be i3 chair and does not want an assistant
- Dining
  - Dining survey closed last night - hear back in about a week
- JudComm
  - 3 steps to creating a dorm JudComm
    - has to have interest
    - has to have bylaws in accordance with DormCon JudComm
    - must get trained - Ian met with Veronica who will start training Random and MacGregor on October 27<sup>th</sup>
    - trainings will be held on demand throughout the year
- Risk Management
  - present to CLC - progress on the training and progress on expanding it to being online
  - EC held training for their GRT's
- Student Groups
  - UA had first Senate meeting
  - discussed REX and Task Force
  - lots of talk about REX being too short
- SCHO
  - writing a report with the UA about how we need more time for REX because it's not what it used to be
  - upperclassmen survey - fill out! Info will go into the report
  - committee meeting tomorrow night discussing mainly RBA
- W1 Committees
  - had interviews last week
  - made appointments last week Mandi Holmes (Feasibility), Preeya Phandis (Transitions), Morgan Scully (Programming)

-more interviews next week to fill remaining seats on subcommittees

#### ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

##### 1. Next House Funding Request - Nov 17th Event (5:45)

- Proposed Expenses \$4,700
- Party in the first floor to get more people to come to Next House and create a more positive attitude
- Attendance expected ~ 450-500 people (max attendance for the room)
- does not conflict with Fall Formal (Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>) or any other big events
- Friday night before Thanksgiving
- Have you asked other sources (UA)?
  - UA has maybe finished funding for the fall
  - Will look into other sources
- Have started looking into DJ etc. and have gotten a few prices
- TIPS trained party monitors - not enough people in Next House who are trained so will be hiring other people on campus who do not live in Next House
- A lot of your funding is related to alcohol which a lot of the campus will not even be able to drink
- Food and drink - what will this entail?
  - Appetizers and snacks - why is this so much money
- Cash Bar - who is your third party vendor?
  - Looking into the Thirsty Ear
- Isn't a lot of Next House freshmen and won't be able to drink?
  - around 35%
- This is only being sponsored by one dorm - which is ok - and how much money do we have left to allocate for the fall?
  - we have about \$3000
- Have not approached other sources
- Most of their social funding has gone to the Next House Fall Formal so they don't have as much money to sponsor this event

Motion to Amend to \$2000?

- A lot of this seems very uncertain and not planned - so maybe you could wait until the spring when you also have more available funding?
  - we might not be officers in the spring and DormCon has more funding available usually in the Fall
- \$1000 seems like an appropriate amount for now until this is planned better

Motion to give \$1000 now and come back next meeting if you need more and ask again.

#### VOTE

Baker - Y Burton-Connor - Y Senior House - Y EC - Y MacGregor - Y  
Random - Y New - Y McCormick - Y Next - Y Simmons - Y

\$1000 allocation APPROVED

#### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. DSL Reorganization (5:50)
  - What does this mean for DormCon?
    - SLP will cease to exist in January
    - Barbara Baker will move to Student Support
    - RLP will be moved under the Residential Life department chaired by Karen Nilsson
    - Student Activities, PSC will now be student development and will be chaired on an interim basis by Laura Capone
2. REX 2007 -- (5:55)
  - October is the time to elect a new REX chair
    - Does this make sense? Probably wait for people to find out what they are doing for the summer
  - We will again offer free summer housing again for the position
3. Task Force on the Undergraduate Educational Commons Report - (6:00)
  - ENTIRE 156 page report is online
  - Faculty opinion from Andrew (who just went to the meeting):
    - Report in general: lots of disagreement and agreement all around
    - Andrew spoke on behalf of undergrads focusing on the choice issue and orientation
    - Task Force: Orientation should have a very academic focus
    - Recommendation for orientation to be more equal to student life, academic life etc.
  - Andrew will send out an email to the presidents who will send to undergrads to tell them to give their feedback

Next Meeting: Wednesday Nov. 1st at Next House