MIT DORMITORY COUNCIL MEETING
Nov. 1 2006, 5:30pm -- Next House

SPECIAL GUEST: Larry Benedict (Dean for Student Life)

ON THE AGENDA:

Get Food (5:15)

Welcome & Welfare (5:30)

Present: Baker, Burton-Conner, East Campus, MacGregor, McCormick, New, Next, Random, Senior House, Simmons

Absent: Bexley

UPDATES (5:35)

- Housing
  - MIT Cable
    - Will be meeting on Friday - just changed all of the pricing information on us so we will need to email all of that out again and will have another third-round survey with only 8 channels on the survey
  - HSG
    - Cultural House subcommittee will be making a report next meeting
  - W1 Committee
    - First meeting was this afternoon - subcommittees have not started meeting yet and we still need a few people to sit on them
    - The subcommittee meetings will be open so anyone can attend them once they start

- Dining
  - Been working with the UA to finalize recommendations for dining in the student center
  - Looking into thai / italian options: lemongrass / 5 north square possibly Cinderella’s maybe jamba juice in another location
  - Subway is definite, hours proposed 730am-11pm, option to go later if demand
  - LaVerde’s will never be 24hr again; soup and salad bar where candy is - soup by kettle kitchen
  - ABP in zcenter lobby
  - No late night food truck on amherst alley

- JudComm
- Veronica and Ian have tentatively scheduled the training session for Random on November 10th
  - Will be a prototype and will include mock hearings etc.
  - Then will proceed with MacGregor
- Are currently reviewing the by-laws for both dorms
- No plan yet for electing DormCon JudComm members
- People expressed concern that if a dorm case were appealed to DormCon JudComm they wouldn’t be ready – this isn’t a problem, as the case would be referred to a higher authority
- If presidents are interested in forming JudComm please contact Ian and he will come and talk to you
  - Risk Management
    - CLC have agreed to release Simmons Hall (but not MIT) from the sanction
    - Will be meeting this Friday to prepare for November 14th Hearing (David, Andrew, Ruth Miller, Martini, and Chris)
- Student Groups
  - Senate meeting: elected a new Dining Chair
  - Milo is going to the ASA Student Body Meeting
- SCHO
  - UA Report was finalized with SCHO input – Final draft has been submitted to UA leadership for final approval and will go in front of Senate at the next Senate meeting

The State of DSL: Goals and Reorganization (5:45)
- Larry passed out new DSL org chart – effective January 2007
- Trying to get new graduate building open so that we can change Ashdown into undergraduate dorm
- Looking to make sure that we get as many students involved in leadership as possible as well as having faculty and professors involved as well
  - About 75% of students are already involved in leadership
  - Veronica Mendoza was hired to help with getting JudComms going – we want to get a lot of these cases handled before it gets to the COD level
- Want to get more intensively involved in a lot of fundraising
  - Candace Royer will be taking up full responsibility for fund-raising and have already gotten some increased support from athletics, Visiting Scholar Program in Simmons etc.
- Campaign for students to raise $500 million – $200 million for financial aid, $100 million for the Task Force, and more for student life
- Looking to expand fellowships and student services for the summer
- Opened the new reading room – this was done due to student initiative
- Larry is personally working on expanding communication with undergraduates – stop by Larry’s office Fridays at 10
- Next Thursday morning at 9 AM – 12 students for Lunch with Larry (well Brunch) – email Larry’s assistant <dawnf> if you want to attend!
- Piloting a dining program for MacGregor to see what the interest is in students (seems there is a lot of interest)
- Looking into ways to make Pritchett more accessible and interesting for students
Reorganization is to help get faculty more involved with students and to have increased awareness of things on campus such as the Hobby Shop.
- Email Larry! <larryben>

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

Treasurer’s Report:
- House tax has come in - slightly under $15,000
- Used $4,000 for Fall Formal and $1,000 for the Next House Party, leaving $2,000 left of our budgeted money

1. East Campus Funding Request - Bad Ideas (6:00)
   - Building competition during IAP
   - Requesting $1200 from DormCon
   - Asking for money from LEF, Weekends, MIT fund and other sources as well as East Campus is funding
   - Will run Friday January 19th - January 21st and will have 2 meals served
   - East Campus will be contributing around $600
   - No confirmed funding yet
   - DormCon has given funding in the past

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2. Next House Funding Request - Nov 9th Event (6:05)
   - Requesting $650 from DormCon
   - Have scaled back the event to 500 people and therefore scaled back the expenses
   - Still aren’t any large social events for that night
   - A lot of help from Dan Kirsch on how to make things cheaper
   - Is there a reason the DormCon events budget is lower this year?
     - We tried to over budget for events starting last year but we recognized that this will be flexible - we didn’t want to over budget too much so that people don’t waste the money

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1. IAP Dorm Leadership Workshop (6:15)
   - Has taken a couple of different forms over the past couple of years ranging from a retreat to not happening at all
   - Last year we tried to bring in lots of members from dormitories instead of just DormCon
   - What should we do this year?
- Should we move this to somewhere off-campus because UA has money to fund leadership workshops
  - General consensus was yes
  - Last year it was 5 hours – how was that?
    - Time was ok but conflicted with LeaderShape
    - Will obviously be longer if we go off campus
  - Weekend or during the week?
    - Find out from your dorms
  - Better this year to focus on the dormitories as opposed to DormCon’s mission
  - Goal last year was to get as many people interested in dorm governments to come
  - Towards the beginning of IAP and end of IAP?
    - Competitions at the end (6.270/6.370) – people might be busy
    - Also not as many people around at the beginning
    - 3rd weekend of IAP or days around those times

2. Alumni Initiative (6:25)
   - Idea is to get recent and longer-term alumni in contact and together
   - Still very early planning stages
   - Talk to alumni who were involved in dormitory leadership
   - Presidents – find out who past officers of your dorms were and get them to David
   - We will work with the Alumni Association to figure out who to contact
   - Find out as much information as possible!

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