

## MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

# DormCon

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 10<sup>th</sup>
  - 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> - January 21<sup>st</sup> and will have 2 meals served  
-East Campus will be contributing around \$600  
-No confirmed funding yet  
-DormCon has given funding in the past

##### VOTE FOR FUNDING

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Next Y Random Y Senior House Y Simmons Y

\$1200 APPROVED

##### 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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#### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

##### 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
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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