MIT DORMITORY COUNCIL MEETING  
Nov. 29 2006, 5:30pm -- MacGregor  

SPECIAL GUEST: Divya Kumar (Health Educator, MIT Medical)  

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  
  -No update  
- Dining  
  -Next Wednesday most of the dining locations will be donating 5% to charities  
  -Buffet night in other dorms besides McCormick? Allie will look into it  
- JudComm  
  -Random and MacGregor will have JudComm trainings on Saturday from 7-10  
  -More training sessions will be held during IAP  
  -Random and MacGregor’s bylaws are also being reviewed  
- Risk Management  
  -No update  
- Student Groups  
  -Senate two weeks from now will be talking about the cultural houses and will have guest speaker Julie Norman  
- W1 Committee  
  -Steering committee meeting yesterday to talk about timeline for things to get done  
  -Subcommittee meetings are open to everyone  
  -Email David if you want to be on the mailing list for info about meetings which he is setting up  
  -Transitions - Will be considering how and when to populate the building  
  -Programs - dining hall and associate housemaster?
Feasibility – how to preserve the historical aspects and possibly looking into solar power to be environmentally friendly

- Interviewed Professor Flynn for housemaster position

- REX
- Looking for people who are interested in helping to get on the SLOPE list for next year

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Health Education @ MIT -- Welcome Divya! (5:45)
   - Divya is the new sexual health educator (replacing Laura Stuart)
   - Divya’s job is to handle anything related to sexuality, relationships and violence etc
   - Department of Justice grant – will fund violence and sexual assault workshops etc at dorms and fraternities and sororities
   - Are looking to use this money to have workshops with people from BARCC (Boston Area Rape Crisis Center) to give talks etc.
   - Are looking to reapply to this grant
   - Weren’t able to do a lot of the programs in dorms that we wanted to but we have the money so if you and your dorm are interested contact Divya and they can come!
   - Stop by and talk to Divya or email her at kumar@med.mit.edu

2. Comments on, and discussion of the HSG Cultural House Subcommittee Report (5:50)
   - Good Things:
     - No evidence that the cultural houses are more isolated from New House compared to numbered houses
   - Other Comments:
     - 3 Problems:
       - Some factual errors
       - Doesn’t adequately represent all of the cultural houses
       - Increased administrative control and oversight on the houses
         - Freshmen are unaware of the extra responsibilities that are requirements to live there like cooking and cleaning etc.
       - Thoughts on phasing in new cultural houses?
         - Very open ended in how this will be done
   - Expansion on Residential Scholars to other dorms
     - Visiting faculty to participate in dorm events
     - They live in the dorm but their only requirement is to have some dorm events
     - Humphrey Scholar in New House is going well
     - Dorms would have to have apartment sized rooms for the Visiting Scholars
     - House Fellows?
       - EC, Baker and BC have hall fellows / floor fellows
       - McCormick and Next also have house fellows

3. DormCon IAP Leadership Summit (Fri/Sat, Jan 26-27) -- tell your dorms' officers! (6:00)
   - between the 3rd and 4th weeks of IAP
   - let current officers and people who are running for officers know
- group size of 20-30 but try to represent all the dorms
- Where should we go?
  - Endicott or Warren Conference Center?
  - At Warren there are cabins with 16 to a cabin
  - At Endicott there are 2 people hotel-like rooms
  - At Warren there are more athletic facilities
  - Endicott is $30 cheaper per person
  - Food is good at both places!
  - Consensus is Endicott
- Guest speakers like Karen Nilsson or maybe Marilee Jones?
  - One of the meals have a speaker
  - Someone with leadership but not necessarily residential related
  - 2 people could maybe come
  - Let David know if you have ideas
- Invite housemasters?
  - Just to eat dinner with us for the last meal
  - Sounds fine
- When should we leave?
  - Is it possible to have bus at 3 and bus at 6?
  - Probably shouldn’t leave before 5 PM
- When should we come back?
  - 9 PM on Saturday is fine

Next DormCon Meeting: Wednesday December 13th at Simmons

ADJOURN - 6:30 PM!