MIT DORMITORY COUNCIL MEETING
Feb. 13 2006, 5:30pm -- Random Hall

ON THE AGENDA:

Get Food (5:15)

Welcome & Welfare (5:30)

Present: Burton-Conner, EC, MacGregor, McCormick, Random, Senior House, Simmons

Absent: Baker, Bexley, New, Next

UPDATES (5:35)
- Housing
  - Working with UA to increase early REX returns for dorms
- Dining
  - Working with Rich Berlin to make sure that we are better informed about different initiatives
- JudComm
  - MacGregor needs to be trained but then both Random and McGregor will be ready
- Risk Management
  - Danny Trujillo is looking to restart a sub-group to CAAB to look at policies relating to alcohol including looking at the Minimum Response Standards
  - Meetings will start soon and occur around once a week
- Student Groups
  - Senate last night
  - Neutral about Professor Shirley
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  - Meeting tomorrow at 7 PM
  - Sticking with DVD format but adding a little more to be more interactive
  - More than a page and a video - more like a website
  - Maybe some other small videos (flash animations) as well
  - Campus Life/DormCon/REX related video - see Tim if you want to be involved
- W1 Committee
  - Committees are not meeting at the moment because we are waiting for feedback on how much money we are actually going to have
  - 4 possible scenarios:
    - Either a cosmetic touch-up which would open Fall 2008
- Full renovation not opens until 2009
- Use W1 as swing building for dorms that are going to have to be renovated
- Building a separate building for swing space and do a full renovation of W1

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Election of DormCon REX Chairs (5:45)
   - Anikia Tucker <anikia_t>
     - Enjoys planning events and really enjoyed her own orientation
     - Employment has been administrative and is very organized
     - Worked at civil engineering company and medical facility
     - Freshman
     - No unification - main thing is differences between dorms
     - Also wants water war
     - Enjoyed most of the events but would want to plan less events contingent on how many people come and wants to focus on events where students are directly involved
     - West/East side parties are a good idea but also always good to ask for ideas
   - Preeya Phadnis <preeya>
     - Was junior REX chair last summer
     - On Random Exec and on W1 committee
     - Really cares about dorms and REX
     - Thinks she can handle the work because of her junior REX chair experience
     - Sophomore
     - Interface with the administrative and oversees dorms REX
     - Thinks there should be a water war
     - Freshmen don’t know about smaller REX events easily so Preeya would like to get something into the folders that are given at check-in that lists smaller events from each dorm
     - Big parties have traditionally been a success - last year tried to have 4 instead of 2 - impression was that West Side didn’t get as much as the East Side, general idea of Stata party was good

VOTE

***Preeya is the new Senior REX Chair

   - Anikia Tucker <anikia_t>
     - wants to be here for the summer
     - open for anything - campus wide
   - James Ostrowski <ostro>
     - really enjoyed EC rush
     - is the CPW chair for EC
     - pretty much visited every dorm
     - wants to come back around August 1st
     - wants to do stuff for the East Side but is open to entire campus events
   - Maggie Delano <maggied>
     - was involved in high school but not as much now
     - lives at EC
- 90% chance here for June and July and nearly 100% August
- Wants to help out dorms that haven’t been as strong in REX
- How many people should we elect for Junior REX Chair?
  - Praya – “As many as you can get me”
  - The more dependable people the better and these people have already put themselves out there that they want to help

VOTE (for all 3 of them)

*** Aneekiah, James, and Maggie are our new Junior REX Chairs

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
1. Campus Preview Weekend (5:50)
   - CPW is coming April 12th-15th Patriot’s Day Weekend
   - Go to http://web.mit.edu/admissions/mitcpw to sign up to host
   - Let us know as much as possible so we can match you with a prefrosh that you will probably get along with
   - Deadline to do so is right around Spring Break
   - We have had increasing numbers of prefrosh coming (around 900 out of 1500 last year)
   - Had an over capacity of hosts last year
   - Also can sign up to put events in the CPW catalogue at that website
   - Right now there are not that many events up on the website so try to post them now so they are more noticeable
   - Thursday night is the CPW Festival from around 9-Midnight
     - First “fun” thing of CPW
     - Also, most hosts can have some time to do psets while the prefrosh are there
     - If your dorm wants to do an event there you can sign-up for that at the website as well
   - Deadline for putting things in the CPW booklet – Friday March 16th
   - Deadline to host – Friday March 24th
   - Deadline to volunteer – Friday April 6th
   - Deadline to submit an event for the carnival – Friday April 13th
   - Last year Admissions gave money for Hospitality Lounges but now have a reduced budget so will not automatically be giving money for that, instead will be using that funding for events on Saturday
   - Maybe next year ask something about space on the form
   - Email Matt McGann (mcgann@mit.edu) with thoughts and ideas!

2. RecycleMania (6:00)
   - Have dorm coordinator for each of the undergraduate dorms
   - Competition runs from January 28th until April 7th
   - National and internal results for week one and the internal results for week two are posted online
   - Winner of the inter-dorm competition (one for single dorm and one for family dorm) will receive $200 to be presented at the Earth Day Festival on April 26th
   - Information can be found at http://mit.edu/recyclemania or by emailing recyclemania-team@mit.edu

3. College Bellhop (6:10)
- Jason founded and started College Bellhop
- Came last year wanting assistance and some of the dorms did provide assistance
- 20 students signed up for the package last semester
- $299 per student
- $6000 total revenue
- Had agreed to give DormCon 5% of the revenue for the dorms that were involved to each dorm depending on how many students ordered the service
- No issues with service last year
- Slight confusion during finals week but nothing other than that
- No complaints heard from students
- All 20 students that ordered renewed for next semester
- Next semester there will be a one-time service option so you can order this for only during finals week etc.
- Campus Manager for College Bellhop - 1 or 2 students from MIT will be hired so they can be contacted for information and questions
- Will have a brochure in the freshman orientation booklet and will be able to order this service before knowing which dorm they are in
  - So what happens if the dorm they move to doesn’t offer the service?
  - They will either refund 100% or hoping to get approval from all of these dorms
  - Very student friendly
- If you want to change the status of your College Bellhop mat get in touch with Jason

4. DormCon’s Spring Agenda & Summit Debrief (6:20)
   - Postponed until next meeting

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