MIT DORMITORY COUNCIL MEETING
Feb. 26 2007, 5:30pm -- Simmons Hall

Special Guest: Robin Smedick (Undergraduate Housing)

ON THE AGENDA:

Get Food (5:15)
Welcome & Welfare (5:30)

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

Absent: Bexley

UPDATES (5:35)
- Housing
  - No update
- Dining
  - No update
- JudComm
  - Random JudComm is now operational and working
  - Looking at expanding to other dorms (Baker and Simmons)
  - Still working on starting a DormCon JudComm hopefully before Spring Break
- Risk Management
  - No update
- Student Groups
  - No update
- HSG
  - The report on Cultural House is not quite ready yet so it will be deferred to next month’s meeting
- Dormitories
  - Simmons had their retreat last weekend and might be changing its rooming policy
  - New House One will be turned into International House in the Fall - will be about international and public service
    - People in this house will have money to go abroad and work on service projects etc.
- Recyclemania
  - Grad dorms are in 1-4 and Random and EC hold the top two spots for undergrad dorms.
  - Is there a way to get more recycling bins in our dorms?
ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. DormCon Spring Budget (5:45)
   - New addition is to rollover the extra money for events from last term into this term so we have a little bit more to give out
   - Almost everything else is the same

VOTE

SPRING BUDGET PASSES

2. Steer Roast Funding Proposal (5:50)
   - One of the largest events of the year at MIT and is about 2000 people and is an alumni event
   - There are bands and they roast a steer and a half!
   - Are asking for $5000 which is the same amount as they asked for last year
   - A large chunk of this will go to bands that they have on Friday and Saturday night and there is also about $3000 estimated for food
   - Senior House will probably put in about $10,000
   - Last year we also gave $5000
   - All of the expenses are based on last year

VOTE

FUNDING PROPOSAL PASSES

3. DTYD Funding Proposal (5:55)
   - Burton Third and Burton Conner host this party every year on the Sunday night before the marathon on Patriot’s Day
   - Is on the same weekend as CPW but the prefrosh will be gone by that time
   - Budget is roughly based on last year’s
   - They received $3000 from LEF and are asking for $3000 from us
   - They are planning to ask Burton Conner for $1000 but they might not get that and Burton Third will probably put in around $1000
   - If the dorm has not guaranteed any money maybe we shouldn’t give that much yet - maybe we could give an initial allocation and give more if Burton Conner commits the money maybe we could give more
   - Propose to offer them $1500 instead because they aren’t financially committed to their own party

VOTE for allocating $3000

FUNDING PROPOSAL FAILS

VOTE for allocating $1500

FUNDING PROPOSAL PASSES
4. Agreeing to the Anti-Violence Project and Grant
   - Chad Waxman from MIT Medical asks for DormCon’s support

VOTE
SUPPORT OF GRANT PASSES

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
1. REX Early Returns (6:00)
   - Increase the number of DormCon early returns
   - Came up with a tiered system where the REX chairs could return earlier than in previous years. Two other waves of people would be allowed to come back after that.
   - Burton Conner has had some problems with Interphase and a few other summer programs as upperclassmen would not be able to move into their permanent assignments until interphase students move out.
   - Encourage students to move into their Fall assignments on August 12th except for maybe the building where Interphase has been held (this year that will be Next House)
   - However, this is the only program that runs into this time
   - Could get the REX chairs back as soon as August 14th which is a full week earlier than last year
   - Just want to make sure that the last tier of people also get work instead of putting all of the work on the first tier of people
   - Having more people in general is usually better
   - Also better for the frosh in general just to have upperclassmen to talk to
   - If early returns are not doing their part then people can be fined (housing sets this fine at $25 per day)
   - How early should the Rush Chairs be able to come back before the early returns get there?
     - At least 5 days to a week

2. DormCon's Spring Agenda & Summit Debrief (6:15)
   - Addressing the House team Mandatory Response Guidelines
     - Meeting probably will be the first week of March
   - Freshmen on Campus
     - Student evaluation of the impact
   - Student sense for the “master plan” of W1 and other dorm renovations etc.
     - On hold for the moment until we learn a little more about the plan from higher administration
   - Inter-dorm interaction
   - Restructuring of Dorm-Con
     - Promoting the Senior REX Chair to a “Vice President of New Students”
   - Faculty Committee on Student Life will be having a free lunch on Friday at Noon for discussions on community standards
   - Email mlanglie@mit.edu if interested

ADJOURN - 6:37 PM