

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

DormCon

MIT DORMITORY COUNCIL MEETING

Mar. 12 2007, 5:30pm -- Burton-Conner

ON THE AGENDA:

Get Food (5:15)

Welcome & Welfare (5:30)

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

Absent: MacGregor, Bexley

UPDATES (5:35)

- Housing
 - No update
- Dining
 - Allie has been working to set up feedback sessions for Pritchett
- JudComm
 - Ian met with Veronica today
 - Simmons, Next and Baker are getting ready to put JudComms together
- Risk Management
 - No update
- Student Groups
 - Rich Berlin came to Senate last week to discuss "All you care to eat" in dining but this does not mean that mandatory dining will be required for all residents
 - Baker is doing a survey about Preferred Dining
 - Even if you eat every meal in dining you barely break even for preferred dining
- W1
 - Nothing has happened yet but the rumor is that W1 will not be used for swing space and may have come up with a new plan for \$20 million to do cosmetic touch-up and put in a dining hall
 - Dining hall has been a part of the plan from the beginning
- Dormitories
 - Dorm Presidents do not have to support UA Pres/VP candidates if they don't want to!

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. DTYD Funding Proposal (5:45)

- Biggest change is a slight increase cost for the BBQ

- Proposing for an additional \$1800 to fund this which would be \$300 more than we gave them last year
- Burton Conner government has given \$2000 for this
- Goal of funding is to fund dorm events!

MOTION TO VOTE

Baker - Y, Burton Conner - Y, East Campus - Y, McCormick - Y, New - Y, Next - Y, Random - Y, Senior House - Y, Simmons - Y

FUNDING PROPOSAL PASSES

\$1800

2. Constitutional amendment: Senior REX Chair -> Vice President for New Students (5:50)

- This would recognize the role of leadership that the Senior REX Chair takes on
- Would show the position has more responsibility than simply planning events
- Would emphasize to the administration the importance of REX to DormCon
- Other dorms have "Vice Presidents of 'something'"

MOTION TO AMEND

Baker - Y, Burton Conner - Y, East Campus - Y, McCormick - Y, New - Y, Next - Y, Random - Y, Senior House - Y, Simmons - Y

AMENDMENT PASSES

"Vice President" is now "Executive Vice President"

"Senior REX Chair" is now "Vice President for REX"

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Dorm Storage Policy (5:55)

- There is no clear policy for where people's things are supposed to be stored over the summer when residents are moving from dorm to dorm
- Robin Smedick said there isn't a clear policy on where things are stored and that is supposed to be figured out between dorms
- Is there a way to give the dorm's discretion as to whether or not they can store things (under the assumption that they will store things if they physically have space)
- We could come up with a policy that "No one is guaranteed storage"
- Jamie and Petra will be talking to presidents and housemasters

2. DormCon "In-Service" Day? (6:00)

- Topics to discuss include impact of freshman on campus, house team response guidelines, dining/cooking in the dorms, W1 and residential master planning, DormCon constitution
- Do we want to have something (possibly at The Faculty Club??) to talk about some issues that came up that we need to talk about

3. REX & Orientation Planning (6:05)

- CHANGES?
- Wants REX to be longer so there is more time to visit dorms and think about where they actually want to live
- More time to spend time with upperclassmen
- REX is officially from August 25th until August 28th at 6:30 when the housing lottery closes

- Math diagnostic is now during REX instead of being mailed out in the summer
- Problems with people getting "stuck" in RBA dorms as their third choice
- Pre-Orientation Programs are going to be ending by that Saturday and REX will probably officially start on Friday evening
- Hard to change scheduling at this point because planning starts so early
- Small changes can probably happen for the years to come but nothing major at once is reasonable
- The main concern was that there wasn't enough information about RBA for the freshmen to realize that they would be living in Next or McCormick
- This year there is no additional application for RBA - now if you pick Next or McCormick you will automatically be put in RBA
- We will be allowed to give input on the final Housing Lottery web page

ADJOURN - 6:34 PM

Next Meeting: April 2nd, 2007 at New House