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

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

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