

## MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

# DormCon

MIT DORMITORY COUNCIL MEETING  
Apr. 18 2007, 5:30pm -- McCormick

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, MacGregor, Next

UPDATES (5:35)

- REX
  - CPW went fine, Dorm tours went well - there were plenty of tour guides
  - For REX all of the action is happening on SLOPE and planning for Tuesday night and mostly Friday night events
  - If you have event ideas send them to Preeya <preeya>
- Housing
  - Martini, David, and Jamie met with Dennis Collins and talked about housemanagers and the dorm storage policy and he seemed to think this would be easy to fix
  - Laundry View will be working by the end of the term - You will be able to see which machines are in use online
- Dining
  - No updates
- JudComm
  - See below
- Risk Management
  - No update
- Student Groups
  - Parking and Transportation have purchased new shuttles for Tech Shuttle
- Dormitories
  - Residents working with EHS to make a form to fill out for safety considerations
  - MacGregor Dining - one night a week is reasonably successful but anything more than that is not really wanted by the students
  - W1 and NW35 we are still waiting to hear
    - The committee's 2 original recommendations plus 2 others are in consideration

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Baker Piano Drop Funding Request (5:45)

- April 26<sup>th</sup>, Next Thursday
- Recently have been approved by safety to drop the piano again but this has cost more money
- The piano is free but they need to close Memorial Drive, plywood, casters, safety fence, megaphone, truck rental etc.
- Asking for \$300 to fund this
- We gave them \$200 last year
- BBQ is done by Baker dining but that you need to pay for so it's not in the budget
- Maybe we should give them \$600? They are ok with that

MOTION TO VOTE

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

\$600 APPROVED

2. Amendments to DormCon Constitution (5:50)

- Updated to say what we actually follow
- Removed voting appointments have to be done 2 weeks into term, Quorum is now half of the dorms instead of 6, Majority instead of 2/3rds vote, Secretary no longer has to report to UA when elections occur and now the president will be responsible, REX chairs can now be unlimited, Added Risk Management Chair, ASA officers can now be DormCon officers, Corrected election times and clarified terms of elections, Eliminated ROSH Committee, Specified when we elect i3 position
- Did not agree upon:
  - Half of the presidents must also include 50% of the MIT undergraduate population - Consensus is to get rid of this restriction
  - Any action taken by the President must be reported to the next DormCon meeting - Should we change this to every DormCon officer - Yes
  - Should we now include Risk Manager, Dining Chair, and Student Group Liaison?
    - We added Risk Manager but not Dining Chair or Student Group Liaison
  - Add can elect multiple (2) Risk Managers and Housing Chairs
- See Constitution for complete changes

VOTE TO APPROVE (Requires  $\frac{3}{4}$  Majority)

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

CONSTITUTION APPROVED

3. Tower of Babel

- Will happen on April 28<sup>th</sup> 9 PM - 1 AM
- Will be advertising with fliers and on a website
- Each Cultural House sets up food in each tower of New House
- Dancing will be on the first floor

- Students will mingle between the different cultural houses and get snacks
- Will be open to all of campus
- Asking for \$700

MOTION TO VOTE

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

\$700 APPROVED

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Implications of OSMCS leadership change (6:10)
  - Office of Student Mediation and Community Standards
  - Veronica Mendoza will be leaving at the end of May for personal reasons
  - We should keep on top of the search for someone new and having someone who graduated from MIT is definitely a plus
2. Publicity for DormCon Elections (6:20)
  - Elections are in 2 weeks on April 30<sup>th</sup>
  - All of the officers including Dining, JudComm, Risk Management, More Junior REX Chairs will be elected
  - Should we elect a Student Group Liaison?
    - Wait until next term to see if we need one
  - Anyone who lives in a dorm now and will live in a dorm next year is eligible
  - David will be sending an email to all dorm residents announcing the elections
  - Info session? Next Monday around 6
  - Presidents help publicize!
  - How they work: Come to DormCon meeting on April 30<sup>th</sup> and nominate yourself, Candidates give speeches, People have opportunities to ask questions, Candidates go outside while presidents vote
3. Living Learning Communities: Your Thoughts (6:30)
  - Living Learning Community will be the new I-House (International House)
  - How do we go about establishing other Living Learning Communities? And what are the thoughts about the definitions etc.?
  - Collect some feedback and report back to the meeting on April 30<sup>th</sup>
  - I-House gives you more resources for achieving Global Leadership Projects etc.
  - French House has a similar program that is less formal
  - Question of implementation
  - Students might be required to take a seminar to live here
  - New House 1 residents will have the opportunity to move out if they don't want to live there

ADJOURN - 6:44 PM