

Minutes

DormCon Meeting
Tuesday, November 20th at 7PM
Baker
Special Guest Ruthy Rosenberg from OSMCS

Agenda:

Get food (6:45pm)

Welcome (7:00pm)

Present: Baker, East Campus, MacGregor, McCormick, Random, Senior House, Simmons

Absent: Bexley, Burton Conner, New, Next

Updates (7:10pm):

- Housing
 - No new news on W1
 - Mandie is working with Robin to get storage for extra/old i3 footage
 - Mandie is on the new committee on Security which will be meeting soon
 - i3
 - 7 candidates applied
 - Dining
 - Off-Campus Tech Cash Results: Bertucci's is the clear winner, 2nd restaurant to be decided soon; Will be contacting/working with Bertucci's to get necessary equipment installed
 - Met with manager of Subway to discuss some complaints that UA Dining received, Manager is very open to improve the quality of service
 - Blue Ribbon will be meeting week after Thanksgiving, Surveys will be distributed to underclassmen during the last week of term
 - New Dining Operations Manager will start at the beginning of the calendar year
 - Finished compiling data on food quality/service in the dining halls with the UA Dining Committee and will be meeting with the head chefs of each dorm the week after Thanksgiving to give them feedback on how to improve
 - Risk Management
 - Houseteam Minimum Response Guidelines will be pushed out soon ? send feedback if you have it!
 - Good Samaritan Policy will also be shared with members of Cambridge, BU and Wellesley
 - JudComms
 - See below
 - REX
-

- Everyone has been reimbursed
- No dinner yet for REX Chairs ? Preeya is sorry
- Came up with a REX schedule that we think would work
- UA & Student Groups
- RBA bill has been held up in Senate due to the RBA Committee that Mandie was talking about
- Treasurer's Report
- None
- Dormitories
- UA putting in a bill to get prox card readers installed for all dorms
- Admin Meetings
- Met with Larry Benedict to discuss the problems with EC, Senior House and Simmons not having an RLA

For Discussion:

- Houseteam Response Guidelines
 - See above and send feedback if you have it
 - These will be finalized soon
 - JudComm Retreat notes & next steps
 - We have a lot of work to do still and we need to talk this over with David some more
 - Ruthy Rosenberg from OSMCS and how mediation could fit in with JudComms
 - Ruthy arrived in June and is the student mediation coordinator
 - Has a large variety of backgrounds in different types of mediation
 - Ruthy offers ?mediation? which is an informal but structured process that involved someone who officially helps to work with the two parties, they help ?manage? the situation
 - Is doing a training in IAP if you are interested in becoming a mediator
 - Can also coach, and help you figure out how to approach a situation to mediate
 - Some graduate student programs have ?REFS? which confidentially help mediate problems between fellow grad students
 - How this relates to JudComms
 - Mediation in the dorms seems to make a lot of sense, it is confidential, Needs to be a conflict ? not a disciplinary issue
 - Can either have just mediation in your dorm, or have mediation as you primary source with a JudComm following that, Could have ?REFS? like the grad students
 - These are all options that dorms could consider
 - What we want from the new Dean of Student Life
 - Student Committee with DormCon and UA and IFC and Panhel representation will be on this search committee
 - Ideal would be someone who already works at MIT or at least has worked here before and is familiar with how MIT works
 - Someone who is flexible and can adapt to MIT culture
-

DormCon

**Dormitory Council Meeting
November 20th 2007, Baker House**

- Bexley DormCon Tax & seceding issue
 - Bexley wants to secede from DormCon
 - This is not a precedent we want to set

Adjourn ? 8:08PM
