Minutes

Dormitory Council Meeting
February 27th, 2008, Burton Conner

Agenda:

Get Food (4:50)

Welcome (5:00)

Present: Baker, Burton-Conner, EC, McCormick, MacGregor, New, Random, Senior House, Simmons

Absent: Bexley, Next

Updates (5:05):
- Housing
- HSG meeting last week, heard presentations from the Cultural Houses, more detail below
- Dining
  - CDAB
- Food trucks will be moving to Carleton Street near Medical on April 1st
- Future Dining Options Include: Cancer Research Facility replacing the Bio Café (space comparable to Stata), Sloan Dining Facility will probably serve breakfast and lunch and limited dinner
- Papa John’s contract has been approved by MIT Legal and we are now waiting for Papa John’s to sign it themselves? Should be available for TechCash use in the next month or 2 (Can use everyday for delivery)
- Shaws has updated its Shuttle Schedule and it is now posted on the MIT Dining Website
- John MacDonald (Director of Enterprise Services), Martin, and Chris will be meeting with Pour House next week to begin discussion of TechCash
- Blue Ribbon survey will be going out soon? encourage people to fill it out!
- JudComms
- Dave (director of OSCMS) is asking all of the dorms to look for 1 or 2 people to attend a meeting to discuss how the DormCon JudComm will work (would become like a DormCon rep for JudComm)
- Try to get these volunteers by next week and put them in touch with Sarah or Chris (need them for a meeting on March 19th)
- Risk Management
- Pilot with EC for online registration will start very soon
- Student Groups
- UA Senate
- REX
- SLOPE
- Talked about who would be in charge of certain events (Tuesday night and Friday night etc.)
- Dormitories
- MacGregor Study Space
- Plan to turn the TFL into a study space with a renovation

Items for Consideration (5:20)
- 2 REX VPs?
- Let’s see the candidates first
- REX VP(s) Election
- Candidates: Sandhya Ramakrishnan (McCormick 2010), Anthony Rindone (EC 2010), James Ostrowski (EC 2010), Maggie Delano (EC 2010)
- Sandhya was McCormick REX Chair last year and really wanted to get involved with other things not in McCormick
- Anthony has a lot of experience working with admins and will be here for the summer
- James was CPW Chair of EC, and has been involved with DormCon for a year, has ideas for extra night of REX
- Maggie will be here for summer, Junior REX Chair last year, EC RAC and UA Senator
- All will be here for the summer? UROPs/jobs
- Event experience?
- Anthony was a hall chair for EC, James was CPW for EC last year, Sandhya was McCormick REX Chair, Maggie was hall chair and associate housemaster organizer
- Things to change/Vision?
- Maggie would like to maximize time spent by the students thinking about REX instead of advanced standing exams
- Sandhya thinks that REX last year and her freshman year went well? similar concerns about advanced standing exams
- Anthony hasn’t thought about a day-by-day plan yet but also has concerns about exams
- Thoughts on different dorms having different levels of enthusiastic REX Chairs?
- Anthony wants to make sure that all dorms are represented and you need to do more than email if a dorm isn’t working on events
- James thinks that you can’t make events for them but you can strongly encourage them to organize them
- Sandhya thinks that communication between dorm REX chairs is key, also facilitate communication between REX chairs themselves to avoid replication of events/times
- Maggie thinks that you should encourage dorms that are less enthusiastic and assist dorms who aren’t exactly sure what to do
-One way to use electronic communication to make REX better?
-Anthony thinks an IRC with all of the Dorm REX Chairs on it to increase communication
-Maggie thinks that a wiki would be useful for other dorms to check events
-Sandhya thinks a wiki and email because they are the most commonly used
    -James thinks a wiki (echo other people)
-Can you start this Spring semester (CPW and meet incoming REX Chairs)?
    -Anthony has 4 classes and course 14 (he said this!)
    -James said he will make time
-Maggie wants to make sure to meet them before the very end of the semester
-Sandhya would meet with each REX Chair from each dorm and see what phase of planning they are in and their schedules for the summer
Sandhya Ramakrishnan is the new DormCon REX VP.

-REX Chair(s) Election

Anthony Rindone, James Ostrowski, Maggie Delano, Jacky Chang, and Gloria Yang are the new REX Chairs.

Items for Discussion (5:40)
-Cultural House Reports and HSG meeting
    -How about all the Dorms do this?
-Write about the events, community leadership, dining, how you can help etc.
    -Setting Deadlines
-Get these together by the end of March
-W1 Founder's group selection
-Red Fire Farm produce co-op program
    -Parts of dorm to sign up for produce to make it easier to get
        -$475 for June-Oct and $575 for June-Dec
        -Make sure that your dorm knows!
-IRC Channel
-Next Meeting Host
-McCormick

Adjourn ? 6:17PM