

Dormcon Meeting – 10/14/2010

Call to order: 5:06

Present:

East Campus (Robin then Fangfei)
Simmons (Christina)
Next (Ellen)
Senior Haus (Jasso)
McCormick (Hannah)
Baker (Andy)
Burton Conner (Sauza)
MacGregor (Megan)

Dining:

Previously: request for proposals being drafted – 50+ pages, getting proposals (500+ pages), visiting sites

What's happened recently: petition, UA meeting

Notes: HDAG hasn't met yet (next week), they will discuss how to respond and proceed

Evaluation Committee is continuing to write the RFP for the time being (so they don't get behind)

How do we best want to find the opinions of students as Dormcon?

- Not certain continuing with the RFP process is appropriate based on current expressed student opinions (rdeits)
- No bias either way, but a lot of the RFP is mundane logistical details (brianjm)
- Evaluation Committee is related but distinct to act on HDAG's plan (Hannah)

Do we want to survey?

- We should send a single unified survey, to not bombard
- Present a balanced approach, carefully worded
- UA survey already has solid data
- Unclear how thorough that survey is in terms of population coverage
- Do we expect a Dormcon survey to change to outcome?
- General response: no
- Is it our worth our time?
- It would be useful to know more of the why
- That would be particularly useful for Dormcon reps on the committee (HDAG)
- They know students don't like it, they need more concrete reasons and data
- Is a lot of the reason just the cost?
- It's not that simple
- The administration could help review the questions and then they would believe it more
- General feeling: yes
- Needs to be created carefully and we need to consider how it's given out (sampling technique)
- Hannah will work with the UA Dining Chair to work on drafting a survey
- Dining dorm presidents will discuss this more later
- Contact with non-dining dorms? We can, but it seems like that data that is less useful
- It does affect other dorms and their culture, but that is more indirect, more qualitative
- The important data will be the data from the dining dorms

REX Guide – Rush Rabbit:

Guests present the concept for the REX schedule website

Show mockups of the front-end

Backend: varying levels of permissions (segmented by dorm, for example)

Some question and answer time.

Could restrict to MIT certificates, could make an invite structure for parents

Should be mobile accessible, at least eventually

Will consider how to display long/ongoing/day long events

Developers will keep us in loop as it comes together

Contact: eventrender@mit.edu

Treasurer elections:

Candidate: Betsy – 2014 (easoukup)

Past experience in HS, manage robotics club's finances, at MIT have been shadowing Baker treasurer

Interested: favorite thing about MIT – distinct dorm cultures

Elected unanimously.

Betsy will work with Rachel to get up to speed.

JudComm

Not here, Christina will email with an update

Alumni Relations (Lyla)

Infinite Connection has a bunch of lists to help you contact your alumni

Useful for getting people to events, etc.

Bulletin Board:

Volunteers? Hannah.

Can spend some money from Exec discretionary for construction paper and the like

Secretary?

Lizzie has resigned. We will elect a new secretary at the next meeting.

Andy (Baker):

Do we want custom apparel?

He will email and can decide at the next meeting.