

DORMCON MINUTES - MARCH 3, 2011

Attendance:

Dorm	Representative	Absent
Baker	Andy Wu as a proxy for Brian Luque	
Burton-Conner	Alex Penn	
East Campus	James Douberley	
MacGregor	Mariya Samoylova	
McCormick	Krithika Shanmugasundaram	(arrived late)
New House	Chandler, NH secretary as a proxy for TyShaun Wynter	
Next House	Alec Lai	
Random Hall	Rebecca Cox	
Senior Haus	Paula Countouris	
Simmons Hall	Zach Hynes	
Phoenix Group	Virginia Nicholson	
President	Christina Johnson	
Vice President	Meagan Roth	
Secretary	Alicia Singham Goodwin	
Treasurer	Leonid Grinberg	

Topics Discussed:

1. Funding Request - Dance Till You Drop

- DTYD is asking for \$2000 from DormCon
- DTYD is an event that the Burton 3rd bombers have every year (this will be the 42nd annual DTYD)
- A lot of people from all across campus attend every year (at least 500) so the cost/person that DormCon is being asked for is pretty low
- The party will be in the Porter room in Burton-Conner and will be open to all of campus.
- *Closed discussion - Funding request was approved*

2. Orientation Committee (and FYE and SLOPE)

- DormCon gets representatives on the newly formed Orientation Committee, FYE (first year experience) and on the SLOPE committee.
- We need to assign our reps asap because these committees will start meeting soon.
- SLOPE: In the past our representatives have been the VP for REX, the president, and the executive vice president. Since we don't have elections for a new president or executive vice president until May (and the committee will meet both before

and after then), we should pick two representatives in addition to TyShaun, the VP for REX to be on the committee.

- *[No representatives were picked at this meeting, we decided to wait a little until people knew more about their summer plans]*
- Orientation Committee: This committee will have 6 students sitting on it, 2 of which will represent DormCon. The committee will start meeting relatively soon. The way the the committee was set up was that the two DormCon representatives would be the DormCon president and vice president, however, for the same reasons as above, that doesn't make much sense. The VP for REX will be one our 2 representatives.
- *[The present members came to a consensus that James would be our other representative]*
- FYE: This committee would be in charge of planning for freshmen and helping them transition to MIT. DormCon gets two seats on this committee. We have been asked to have one representative from an RBA dorm and one from a non-RBA dorm.
- Ellen McIsaac from Next House will be the RBA representative.
- *[Alicia was chosen to be the other DormCon representative to FYE.]*

3. Treasury Report

- Leonid met with both Betsy and Rachel Meyers, and now has SAPWeb access to the DormCon account.
- Almost all outstanding reimbursements have been taken care of.
- DormCon has a lot of money left over from past years.
- As of now, DormCon doesn't have a budget for Spring 2011 (Leonid will work on creating one and will present it at the next DormCon meeting)
- Dorm Presidents: Please encourage your CPW chairs to e-mail Leonid (dormcon-treasurer@mit.edu) their CPW budgets / DormCon funding requests.
- Things to think about: Is it worth reevaluation how much we tax dorms? Should we add something to the constitution that deals with what to do in situations like this when we have excess money?
- We should encourage people to spend more of DormCon's money, because thats what our taxation exists for.
- Our money can be used to more substantially fund things like CPW so that individual dorms get to keep more of their own money.
- Dorms should also be encouraged to use our money for inter-dorm events that enhance dorm culture and cross-campus socializing (ex. events like Bad Ideas, DTYD, and the Next House Party (Impulse))
- We will keep this in the back of our minds, and everyone should be thinking about ways to encourage dorms to use DormCon money effectively and for good causes.

4. CPW Event

- DormCon will be hosting an event during CPW which will be a forum for pre-frosh to come and ask questions of the dorm presidents about dorm life in general.
- It will be on Friday from 4:30-6:00, and will be a featured admissions event.