## DORMCON MEETING MINUTES – September 27, 2012

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<td>McCormick</td>
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1. Visitor: Beta Theta Pi fraternity (until 6:15)
   - Ryan: on staff, asked to bring Beta to MIT community
   - Paul: travel in support of the fraternity
   - changed views of fraternities through meeting Beta members, saw strong values of growth and service and not “Animal House” style
   - want to provide a place in which people who are looking for leadership growth and shared core values can support each other
   - Would like Dormcon to support Beta recruitment in the dorms.
   - Regina: don’t we already have fraternities at MIT that are providing these things?
   - Eli: Yes, the frats at MIT do try to exemplify these things. Beta doesn’t want to be residential at first, which is more notable.
   - Katy: Who is trying to restart the fraternity?
   - Paul: This was agreed by the national organization, the university, and alumni from the chapter.

   *It was decided that whether or not Beta can hold recruitment events in the dorms should be decided on a house-by-house basis.*

2. Visitor: Tom Roberts of GAMIT (until 6:25)
   - Treasurer for GAMIT, the largest LGBT organization at MIT
   - “Big Gay Party”, jointly hosted with Senior House, October 12. Dry event.
   - The party got funding from Dormcon last year, the money would go to a DJ and MIT Police (this is required). The budget has been decreased
from last year because they’re not hiring the Muddy Charles. They’re also using money from GAMIT and ResLife.

- Last year Dormcon gave $1000, which is what they’re asking for this year.
- Edward: We don’t have access to our books right now or that much money.
- Is this event open to all of campus? Yes. Advertising across campus? Yes, GAMIT is taking care of it. What was the attendance last year? Between 150 and 200.
- This will not be paid for out of the Senior House budget, but it may use Senior House GRT funds.
- Regina: can we reconsider after you know if you’re getting GRT funds?
- Tom: That will be too short a timeframe.
- Edward: If Dormcon funds it, it should not be called a Senior House event. Also, we’re not sure about our budget because we’re not done receiving requests from REX.

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*It was decided to fund the Big Gay Party $500.*

3. Quarter Machine
   - Benjamin: I would like one in MacCon.
   - Robj: There is one located in EC.
   - Edward: Banks also will change money for rolls of quarters.
   - Becky: Sweet Tea is bringing this up at the CAC meeting. If you get one, you should consider maintenance.

4. Events planned from last year
   - Edward: I would like to see these happen. We’ve started working on “Iron Chef”. I think we have opportunities to bring people from different dorms together and create a stronger MIT community. I’ve talked to administrators and they are supportive.
   - Benjamin: We should make sure that we don’t conflict with large-scale UA, IFC, or Panhel events.
   - Yukino: Would Dormcon be interested in a “trick-or-treating” event on Halloween? People could go around to different dorms and get candy.
   - Edward: I like that event, can we have a project manager?
   - Yukino: I have a candy magazine, I can do it.
   - Alina: I want to make it more interactive, so I can help.
• Benjamin: I think we should open ourselves up more as a campus resource for ideas like that. Maybe do some more advertising.
• Edward: At least in the short run, the best way to do that could be for dorm presidents to talk to residents.

5. “Dorm Wars”
• Edward: The Simmons Housemasters had this idea, and the Provost likes it. This would be a huge field day with traditional events and puzzle events such as a mini Mystery Hunt. It would take place on Briggs Field and dorms could have a friendly competition.
• Katy: This sounds really cool but also quite large and would require a lot of effort.
• Edward: The administration would have to be highly involved, and it would happen in the spring.
• Alina: We had a similar event at my boarding school, and it was fun.
• Rob: MIT used to have large field day events, and then someone died in 1902.
• Edward: This is the kind of event I think the Dormcon budget should be primarily focused on, so if you have ideas you should bring them to the next meeting.

6. Dining
• There will be a new UA committee, three reps from dining dorms and three reps from non-dining dorms.

7. Student Body Retreats
• Benjamin: How much does everyone spend for their Dorm Exec retreats?
• Katherine: McCormick has a house government retreat every year, it seems expensive. It’s overnight, in January.
• Benjamin: New House used to have retreats every year, but people stopped it because it felt wasteful and expensive.
• Katy: I think retreats make more sense for Dormcon or UA.
• Becky: Retreats are useful if they happen right after people get elected.
• Regina: Maseeh exec went on a retreat last IAP, it was useful to have conversations that people might not normally have.