

**DormCon Meeting
December 3rd, 2015
Location: Next House**

Agenda:

- 1. Officer Updates**
- 2. Bad Ideas Funding Application**
- 3. REX Chair Election**
- 4. I3 Coordinator Election**
- 5. Constitutional Amendments**
- 6. MetX Updates**

Attendance:

Dorm	Representative	Absent
Baker	Mandy Lee	Proxy: Elizabeth Cox
Burton-Conner	Paul Hager	Proxy: Flora Liu
East Campus	Sonja Postak	
MacGregor	Arthur Delarue	
McCormick	Mary Delaney	
New House	Trey Watts	Proxy: Alexa Garcia
Next House	Haley Horowitz	
Random Hall	Eric Mannes	
Senior House	Adrianna Rodriguez	
Simmons Hall	Kate Farris	
President	Yonadav Shavit	
Vice President	Caitlin Heber	
Secretary	Sabrina Madera	
Treasurer	Jacqueline Liu	

Start Time: 19:41

0. Introductions

1. Officer Updates

- Sonja: So, Kyle and I got in touch with the FSILGs and GSC for the Security Charter, the FSILGs are interested in being a part of this, the GSC is apparently horribly disorganized, according to Henry. We haven't heard from them. The UA

doesn't really want to be a part of this. If we think it's really important, Matt said that they'd work with it. Part of the original intention for the UA rep was for dorms who weren't in DormCon, but they don't want to be in. We want to be as open and accessible as possible. I would encourage DormCon presidents to approve of this in the UA. Henry is confident the GSC will want to be involved, but they are a mess. We can leave their seat vacant until they fill it. We also put a Housemaster on the non-student side of things in lieu of the RLAD.

- Arthur: Who's the Housemaster?
 - Sonja: Any Housemaster. Also, Henry wanted to put Connie's position as staff for the meeting.
- Arthur: Who's Connie?
 - Sonja: Communications Director for DSL; she would be part in getting the info out there.
- Arthur: Who chooses the Housemaster?
 - Sonja: It's not specifically outlined.

2. Bad Ideas Funding Application

- Henry: We are also getting funding from LEF and MIT. We have \$10,000 budgeted, and if we don't spend all of it, we can give back to DormCon.
- Arthur: How much money do we have?
 - Jackie: \$10,600. Our current projected final balance is \$2,600.
- Kate: Didn't we discuss that we couldn't arbitrarily move around the budget?
- Jackie: There's also the apple picking, I'm still not sure.
- Arthur: This is the last meeting, should we just give them all the money, then? I move that we just give them \$2,500.
- Haley: What's happening to the rest of the money not in the events budget?
 - Caitlin: It'll rollover to the next year.
- Yo: One thing is: Bad Ideas is generally East-side centered, I recommend you advertise more.
 - *Vote taken, unanimous yes.*
- Yo: Before we move on, have all the presidents had time to look over the Security Charter?
 - John: Can I just ask what the background of this is?
 - Yo: The discussion on security in all dorms at MIT have centered on individual presidents talking to the admins themselves; this is a way to voice all concerns and system level concerns.
 - Sonja: It's also supposed to be proactive rather than reactive. Also, this is just a stamp of approval. If changes want to be made, they can.
 - *Vote taken, unanimous yes.*
- Yo: Great, so it passes.

3. REX Chair Election

- Eric: So we're electing the Vice President for REX, although it will be changed to REX Chair. Will someone who has been in this position briefly describe it?
 - Sadun: REX/CPW Chair is responsible for helping all the individual dorm representatives plan REX/CPW. It involves writing, printing, and distributing the REX booklets. It involves doing any collective

communications with authorities like EHS and DSL. This is the only undergrad government position who's job is to look over orientation and REX.

- Yo: If I could add, this year, this position will be responsible for a few discussions: the specific type of content allowed in the booklets, and early returns.
- Yuge: Also, if people have additional ideas about anything with CPW, you could take the position to start that discussion.
- Eric: Let's start with nominations. Nominate yourself.
 - Jane: I nominate Kim.
 - Simmons: We nominate Kristina.
 - Brenda: I'm gonna nominate myself.
 - Nolan: I also nominate myself.
- Eric: In order, say your name, your dorm, your year, why you want to do this, and any other thing you'd want us to know.
 - Nolan: Next House, I'm a 2018, I want to do this because of my experience over CPW and REX in Next House, I think I'd be good because I've had leadership roles. I'm really passionate about getting people interested in MIT, and helping them find where they belong for REX I like learning about their passions, and connecting with all the young prefrosh.
 - Brenda: I'm a junior in next house, I was CPW Chair for Next last year, then REX Com. I want to do this because I run a couple things in Next House, and I want to get involved in things outside of Next.
 - Kristina: I'm currently from Simmons, I'm a 2017, and I've been involved in CPW and REX since my freshman year. If you talk to me about CPW and REX, I will talk to you for an hour. I'm interested in the administrative side of it all.
 - Kim: I'm Kim, a sophomore in East Campus. I was CPW Chair in MacGregor, and I ran it by myself. It was stressful, but I delegated a lot. It taught me a lot about discussing with EHS. CPW is a magical time for freshman, and it should be great. I don't particularly have strong opinions, but I'm pleased to listen to what everyone has to say.
- Eric: Now, we ask the candidates questions.
- Yo: What does your time commitment look like next semester?
 - Kristina: I am producing Next Act next semester and taking 2.671, but I can handle many things at once.
 - Kim: I don't have many other commitments, and I'm likely to try and stay here over the summer. I'm also in the Asymptones, so I'll likely have to do a concert during CPW/REX.
 - Nolan: I'll probably be doing MTG, other than that, taking 4 classes.
 - Yo: What about the summer?
 - Nolan: Hopefully doing research, maybe on the west coast.
 - Brenda: I'll be taking 48 units. Last year, I was the assistant producer for Next Haunt and that was a large commitment. I'll probably be in Boston or New York over the summer.

- Caitlin: You definitely have to be reachable by email or phone over the summer.
- Arthur: How diplomatic are you?
 - Kim: I'd like to say I'm pretty diplomatic, in high school I did a state legislature simulation. I'd like to think I'm good at interacting.
 - Nolan: I'm pretty comfortable in a diplomatic position, and I generally play a mediator with friends.
 - Brenda: I see myself as diplomatic, I think before I talk.
 - Kristina: I'm pretty diplomatic.
- Adri: What other issues on campus light a fire under your ass?
 - Nolan: I have some passion with security, and I'm open to learning more. Other than that, issues with EHS and MTG, we weren't allowed to use saws.
 - Brenda: EHS, between CPW and REX and Next Haunt, I had to interact with them a lot.
 - Kristina: Also EHS, I was also working on Next Haunt.
 - Kim: I've been following the security debate, but also issues with mental health, since I'm a MedLink, I think about it frequently. Making sure proper info about mental health and the resources is spread.
- Yo: If you join DormCon Exec, you're about 30 percent more likely to end up with pink hair, how do you feel about this?
- Sadun: What are the biggest issues featuring long time success of CPW/REX?
 - Brenda: The 1AM rule, the events cap, more censorship in the booklets. Just to stop CPW/REX from becoming something it is not. So it's not just info sessions and lectures.
 - Kristina: I agree with all the things you said, generally trying to work with admins more to get CPW and REX more organized. For example, for OLeader dinners, many didn't show up. Also, early returns.
 - Kim: Definitely early returns and working with admins. I think the top thing is the length though; CPW and REX have been getting shorter every year, preventing it from getting condensed.
 - Nolan: Making sure we maintain communication with the admins, because it seems CPW is mostly admin run.
- Yo: Many of the opinions you hold are the opinions of people around you, and people generally advocate for the people they know. How would you expose yourself to other opinions?
 - Kristina: I would try to communicate more with all the dorms REX/i3 chairs, to see their feel on how REX is run in general.
 - Kim: I am part of a sorority and we do talk about issues, and I have friends all over campus. I think I could get opinions from all over the place.
 - Nolan: Communication, making sure there's a lot between the dorms and me.
 - Brenda: Communication is key, talk to all the chairs, talk to all the residents. Considering the opinions of all the people you hear, not just the ones you agree with.
- Eric: Constitutionally, we elect 2 Vice Presidents for REX.
 - Caitling: They can have a committee.

- Lily: We can elect up to 2 people for REX chair, and then we can have a committee, appointed by Yo.
- Eric: This is a population vote.
- Haley: Is most the work over the summer or during CPW and REX?
 - Sadun: CPW is more work than REX, but much less than pre-REX.
- Eric: So, we are going to be electing our first choice, and then our second choice. The deal is, you have as many votes as housing says you have, and you can split your vote.
 - *Vote taken, Kristina and Kim win.*
- Caitlin: We will have a discussion with the REX Chairs after today.
- Eric: Congrats to Kim and Kristina on being elected our new Vice Presidents for REX.

4. i3 Coordinator Election

- Sonja: I nominate Adri.
 - Adri: How horrible is it for an outgoing senior to be the i3 Chair?
- Sadun: I nominate Nchinda.
- Adri: The i3 Chair is the for the i3 project; they are the point person for all individual dorms' i3 chairs. The timeline is, it's supposed to come out around CPW. You're involved in the housing website: the videos, the pictures, and helping people with blurbs. Each dorm is supposed to have something for those categories. The i3 chair is supposed to talk to housing and figure out the rules for each of those mediums, like, "they want to put this thing, is that okay with housing?" It's been getting increasingly strict.
 - Sonja: But it got better!
 - Matt: We were able to show porn, unless it involved cockroaches or curses.
- Adri: It's good if you care about freedom of speech. It's about figuring out what that should look like. It basically just happens second semester.
- Yo: I nominate Nolan and Brenda.
 - Nchinda; I accept.
 - Nolan: I decline.
 - Brenda: I decline.
- Haley: The issue with nominating Adri will be transitioning in the future.
 - Sadun; If we want to elect Nchinda and not Adri, Adri will still be here.
 - Eric: She is a dorm resident, so she can be the i3 Chair.
- Brenda: I don't have any amount of video experience.
 - Adri: It is less of that; there's a person in every dorm who knows what they're doing. It's less about putting things together and editing, but about telling people what they can and can't do in the video.
 - Yo: It's more about discussion.
 - Adri: It's about guiding people to compromise.
- Brenda: In that case, I'd like to accept my nominations.
- Yo: Also, going forward, the i3 Chair will have more responsibility this year.
 - *Vote taken, Brenda wins.*
- Eric: We have elected Brenda as i3 Chair.

- Yo: Thank you all for running, looking forward for the next round of elections in 6 months.

5. Constitutional Amendments

- Lily: We clarified what a voting member is: typically the president of a dorm, basically whoever is representing the dorm at the meeting. Also, the financial section is no longer under the eligibility section. We made it so that there's at least one DormCon meeting per month. We also changed some of the titles, like Executive Vice President to Vice President. We also clarified the ability to create committees and appointing committees out of DormCon. The DormCon President can appoint full members to outside committees. Finally, we cleaned up some grammar and spelling. We changed the purpose, it was originally about a sentence long, and we changed it to the three points currently listed on the DormCon website. The idea was that the new purpose is too specific.
- Mary: I think the first sentence, that it exists to preserve and develop dorm culture, is something we talk about now but may not always be in the case. It should be vague so we don't have to keep editing and amending.
 - Kate: I think the original is too vague, I don't know what DormCon does, it's so vague, and centrally says nothing.
 - Mary: I think it does.
 - Sadun: I like the sentence, it's a powerful sentence.
 - Arthur: I like that, it's more vague, but it has the purpose. Maybe the first sentence and the last sentence.
 - Eric: Are we happy with that proposal?
 - Everyone: Yes.
- Kate: I'm concerned that now that we removed approving appointments, now Yo can appoint anyone, and has full power.
 - Lily: Does that approval require population vote?
- Sonja: Can we write it the other way, that Yo can appoint anyone, and we are notified and can object?
 - Mary: If there's an amount of time before the person is told before they're appointed, that would be good.
 - Lily: Our current update says DormCon must be notified before the meeting.
 - Caitlin: Can you just say ratify the appointment?
 - Mary: We'd want to reject people, but not after the fact.
 - Kate: So it's like a pending appointment.
 - Arthur: Yo puts someone in the temporary waiting list.
 - Eric: Yo will announce someone at the DormCon meeting. Are we happy approving this?
 - Kate: Can we just approve that one thing and approve the actual thing in February?
- Mary: Can we talk about the email that Adri sent out, about the responsibilities that were taken away from i3 Chairs? Just because it hasn't been happening doesn't mean it shouldn't.
 - Adri: The power is already there, we just haven't used it.

- Sonja: Also, whether or not we want the Housing Chairs to be DormCon's RACs.
- Eric: We will vote on this, minus changes to language about appointments and committees, and i3/housing. And the purpose. This is population and we need a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority.
 - *Vote, unanimous yes.*

6. MetX Updates

- Yo: We have our major MetX meeting Monday. After that, we'll give major updates. Thank you so much for wasting... spending the last hour with us. Thank you to everyone who's leaving for spending the last year with us, so really, great job, great year.

End Time: 21:04