

DormCon Meeting
May 5th, 2016
Location: MacGregor

Agenda:

1. **Officer Updates**
2. **REX Chairs**
3. **Housing Chairs**
4. **Risk Management**
5. **i3/RAC Chair**
6. **Discussion of the i3/RAC Role**
7. **Guest List/Security**
8. **REX Rush Agreement**
9. **Spring Budget Update Proposal**
10. **Fall Budget Proposal**
11. **House Team Role Review**
12. **Start Time: 19:37**

0. Introductions

1. Officer Updates

- Kris: We've gotten early return notices from all dorms except Burton-Conner, Simmons, McCormick, Senior Haus, and Random. If you're a dorm president, you should probably poke your REX chair now, because it's due tomorrow at 11:59PM.
- Kim: Also, if you're a DormCon Exec officer, you can get an early return from us if you tell us why it's important for you to be here during REX.
- Kris: So, hopefully by around next weekend, we'll be able to hold an all REX chairs meeting, you probably should have all elected your REX chairs by now.
- Alex: We had our first Security Committee meeting, it was mostly just housekeeping stuff, like what the point of the committee is. We made a couple of small edits to the Security Committee charter, very minor; we took out the UA representative, because the UA didn't want in on the committee, we changed the Housemaster title to Head of House, and we have a liaison to Allied Barton. We also added the Assistant Director of Housing Operations when appropriate.
- Issac: Could you talk about what the Security Committee does, what it's trying to accomplish?
 - Alex: We have representatives like Peter Cummings; he's the chair of this committee. We have admins with enough power that can speak up and have their voices heard. We think our primary goal is reviewing policies already in place, and making necessary changes. In the fall and summer, we'll hopefully start going over some policies. Also, the role of the RLAD, whether they should be involved in disciplining.
- Sarah: Are you talking about the role of Night Watch?
 - Alex: We are going to talk about it, but it's primarily going to be about Allied Barton.

- *Vote taken; unanimous yes.*

4. Risk Management

- Had a meeting with CSU
- Worked on the informational material available for other substances
- Interested in getting students involved with the office. Wants a diverse group of people to be involved
- FSILG's would be potentially included.
- Moving the party safe training onto Atlas.
- Working on getting party safe option once every 3 weeks or month
 - Used to do this, but now have moved to entirely dorm based events
 - Hybrid option probably the best
- Getting dorms involved in hazing prevention programs (positive community building)
- Starting from the model they had before with FSILGS

5/6. RAC/i3

- Guide to Residences is now up. Some information is getting last minute updates.
- Getting emailed out soon
- Discussion on i3/RAC role
 - What to do with effectively another semester of DormCon
 - Potentially could supervise dorm RAC's and mediate transfers.
 - Talk of getting RAC's diversity training.
 - Potentially could organize a meeting of all the RAC's.

7. Guest List / Security at Maseeh

- Currently Maseeh has a guest list that is updated once a semester
 - There have been problematic situations when someone needed another off of their guest list asap.
- Potentially could draft a vision of an ideal guest list for the security committee to discuss.
 - Preferably would have some way to arbitrarily update the card readers
 - Currently the job of updating the card readers falls to SEMO
 - Ideas for ideal guest list systems should be directed to the housing chairs
- Can take up to a week and a half to update

8. JudComm – Rex Rush Agreement

- Need to work on a common agreement that standardizes the first week experience of pre-frosh
 - Some issues
 - Alcohol
 - Stealing people from events
 - Early returns
 - There are concerns of people getting early returns and using them for FSILG's instead of REX
 - Disparagement
 - DormCon Authority?
 - Current plan for fall is to have a 'dry-run'
 - The last REX/Rush agreement was ratified 2011 (has existed before)
 - CPW, REX, and fines were used in the past to enforce the DormCon end of the agreement
 - The wording will be important, both in the posters and in the agreement.
 - The last REX/Rush agreement prohibited DormCon from hosting events during Rush, but

doesn't specify about dorms.

- There is a fine line here because the type of event is key between a problem and a harmless study break.
- Some members concerned about setting up an environment of too many rules around an event heavy (fun) time.
 - Mostly a reactive move.
- Fine line between enthusiastic FSILG member and intentionally pulling people away from events
- Also trying to prevent stigmas
- There is an official dry period already in place.
- Since freshman have to stay in dorms for at least a year, so there is some complication because dorm/floor bonding is reasonably important.
- Groups that flat out refuse to agree to the document is going to be complicated.
- Difficulties arise in how to identify problematic behavior because frequently the exact context is key
- Wearing letters will most likely be a part of the agreement
- This year will be without sanctions so that we can figure out what people see as problems

	Representative	Absent	Vote REX/Rush	Vote Budget Spring 2016	Vote Budget Fall 2016
Baker	Elizabeth Cox		1	1	1
Burton-Conner	Flora Liu		0	1	1
East Campus	Piper Lim		0	1	1
MacGregor	Ki-Jana Carter		1	1	1
Maseeh Hall	Billy Moses		0	1	1
McCormick	Susan Mullen		0	1	1
New House	Sarah Wharton		1	1	1
Next House	Kyle Saleeby		1	1	1
Random Hall	Issac Grosop		1	1	1
Senior House	Sarah Melvin		1	1	1
Simmons Hall	Yuge Ji		1	1	1
President	Yonadav Shavit		N/A	N/A	N/A
Vice President	Caitlin Heber		N/A	N/A	N/A
Secretary	Sabrina		N/A	N/A	N/A

	Madera				
Treasurer	Jacqueline Liu		N/A	N/A	N/A

- Rules of the vote for REX/Rush
 - Giving JudComm authority to negotiate the REX/Rush agreement over the summer
 - Any president that feels uncomfortable with the agreement, it can be vetoed by a single president

9/10. Budgets

- Proposed spring budget update
 - \$600 further allocated to REX booklets
 - Moved balance of the Events budget into the projected final budget, due to the proximity of the end of the semester.
 - Dorms will have to help with the distribution to the frosh.
 - ~\$800 spent last time.
- Proposed fall budget
 - We want to approve it now so that funds allocation can happen the first dormcon meeting of the fall
 - Data is based from previous semester's budgets. Similar to last fall, except it now includes Maseeh.
 - Maseeh asked why REX funds are allocated as a flat rate per dorm.

11. House Team Role Review

- Had a meeting with Housemasters of Simmons and Baker?
- One of the clauses in house master contracts is that there are now term limits.
- Making the HoH is problematic because the head of house the primary advocate for students
- Yo feels confident that the clause can be changed to two five year terms
- The problem is that most HoH's are tenured faculty that cannot be removed by administration
- The earliest that Cindy seems to believe this will be a problem is 10 years down the line
- DormCon needs to work out a review process for the HoH.
- Currently there exists little way to remove a HoH. Apparently the administration has a 5 year review process, but it is largely a rubber stamp.
- Our main focus needs to be coming up with a process that is effective at reviewing performance
- The 5 year process may be too long as undergrads only usually spend 4 years here.
 - The latency between reviewing and removing HoH could non-trivial
- There currently exists little review mechanism for RLAD's and GRT's as well.
 - Admin is interested in moving forward with this if we can come up with one
 - Comment that a bad review process could be worse than no review at all.
- RLAD's
 - Hard to justify the disciplinary role of the RLAD in the job description
 - RLAD's currently report to DSL first and the Head of House secondarily
 - This is a change from before which had them reporting straight to DSL
 - Changing the wording of the GRT selection process could better codify the interests of students

12. New House Mess

- Where will we put all of the people?
- The main idea is that the repeated problems with the steam pipes will cause it to be either fully

renovated or demolished

- The message came from a head of house and GRT's on 5/04, and the information got out of hand.
- When it was announced is somewhat immaterial, but it would have preferably been under a bit more control.
- The concern is that another 3 year wait would significantly increase the chance of another flood etc.
- Where the cultural houses will be put is a question to maintain the flavor of new house. Also the other houses are important to try to keep together.
- The administration's handling of this situation is markedly better than Bexley since we have a whole year to plan.

Yo's speech...

Ended 21:42