

Meeting Minutes 09/22/2016 at McCormick

“//” Indicates comments heard quickly in response to another comment, usually too fast to see who said it

“(name)” Indicates the speaker of a subcomment (aka not the presenter)

Dorm	Attend
Baker	1
Burton-Conner	1
East Campus	0
MacGregor	1
Maseeh	1
McCormick	1
New House	1
Next	1
Random	1
Senior	1
Simmons	1

Officer Updates

- Dining (Lily + Brandon)
 - Brief miscommunication with dining intentions, meal will not be standardized and going back to normal variety soon
 - Food-stuff@mit.edu for feedback
 - House Dining Committee poll was sent late last week, will meet once people fill out times
- Risk Management (Rachel)
 - Kate and Yuge spoke to Suzy and there is a committee forming to hopefully redo all of party registration!
 - Includes DormCon, FSILGs, MIT Police, and relevant admins
 - Suzy is open to complete overhaul
 - Isaac: What do we want to *keep* about event registration?
 - Rachel: we want a system of accountability that is more flexible
 - Sarah Melvin: Are the policies regarding what *is* a party also under review?
 - Rachel: we can bring that up
 - Kate: was under the impression that not only the system but also the policies will be reviewed
 - Sarah: Have had problems with MIT PD and noise shutoffs
 - Music had to be off by 11:30pm instead of the standard 1am
 - Rachel: But it's always possible to get noise complaints from others
 - Sarah: But I was also told that all SH events would also have this applied going forward
 - Told it was because of our proximity to 100 Memorial Drive and the presidents house
- Housing (Allie)

- Security Committee Meetings will be resuming, hopefully in the next week
- Will be meeting with Jen and storage chairs tomorrow morning
 - Mostly about summer storage but hopefully will make headway on in-dorm
- RAC (Brenda)
 - Mapped out a timeline for RAC training moving forward
 - Maybe do a little bit of conflict management training before December
 - Otherwise not much to do with current set of RACs
 - In the spring: conflict management and GIH training
 - Strongly encourage RACs to go, open to all dorm officers
 - About an hour each, about 3 sessions in total
 - Isaac: talked to my RAC, is great, 3-4 a semester sounds reasonable
 - Nilam is going to start setting them up immediately

Funding Request – Next Haunt

- Escape the room game
 - Open to all dorm residents
 - Requesting \$1000 to cover costumes, interior design, and electronics
 - Same as last year
 - 8 approved, 3 abstain

Funding Request – Simmons Next McCormick

- Formal
 - Open to all undergraduates
 - Asking for \$1200
 - Previous year was \$1000, but Media Lab location reservation went up
 - Will be publicized with a separate title, and in small-text will say Hosted by Next Simmons McCormick

- New House Updates
 - Chancellor and VPSL have tasked DormCon with advising them on the process to rehouse New House residents – questions?
 - Nonye: to clarify, it's some of New House?
 - Kate: yes but we don't know how much
 - Nonye: it's important that people learn early on so they can decide to move off-campus or explore other options if they want
 - Lily: To what extent will we balance keeping sections in other dorms together?
 - Isaac: Which dorms will end up more crowded than others?
 - Kate: currently looking into capacities for dorms
 - Lily: What are they using to determine capacity?
 - Kate: 90 sq. ft per student, 40-50 sq ft public space per student
 - Ki-Jana: Will MIT take in fewer freshmen?
 - No... And that's currently a decision from Reif's level.
 - Sarah Melvin: we absorbed Bexley and we're still recovering from them
 - The hall they had was filled with freshmen after they left

- That hall is still not totally integrated with the rest of the house
 - How to best integrate residents from New House
 - Isaac: How many people moved in from Bexley?
 - 15-20?
 - House tax? Dining plan? Representation?
 - Sarah: NH will still have a separate gov't
 - Sarah: one of our concerns is: will NH residents have priority when moving back into the new space?
 - Christine: How will you get freshmen?
 - Sarah: the plan is that each house will temporarily become cultural houses in a sense, and have separate things on the summer lottery
 - Kris and Nolan: What about CPW/REX?
 - Sarah: Would be optimal to keep prices same and no meal plan because some people are concerned
 - Ki-Jana: about house tax and other money stuff, MIT should pay the difference
 - Sarah: Not certain exactly who wants to stay together
 - Sarah: ...Is McCormick going to be open?
 - Susan: HoH is adamant about not having men, but I'm open to for example having a house in the Annex
 - What about people who want to transfer residences? Who gets priority for moving in?
 - Kate: will probably be taking both
 - Christine: How willing is NH to move into graduate housing?
 - Sarah: No one strictly opposed
 - Kyle: Average number of students per house?
 - 25-44, ave = 30
 - Flora: How much has NH been consulted? Dorms should be very accommodating
 - Has spoken with Cindy and Suzy
 - Dorms will be accommodating but NH will work on it too!
 - Issac: Would it make sense to have the other dorms put on open houses to New House?
 - Kate: Maybe open up dorm-wide study breaks?
 - Nonye: How do we put people back into New House?
 - Sarah: Some may stay, but we'll do our best to keep something to take back to the new dorm.
 - Q: When it reopens, will it be Tier II like the old New House?
 - Sarah: That is very much on our minds.
 - Q: Will it be cook for yourself?
 - Sarah: We hope so.
- Chancellor Advisory Committee
 - Asked various student groups and offices to nominate members to the committee.
 - Brandon, Allie, Nonye, Flora, and Lilly
 - Billy: Would we want to coordinate our nominees with the UA?
 - Probably not, we'd like our own person

Meeting ended at 9:02

Extra: The Tech's Notes:

Dining: Whirlwind with information going back and forth about info going on at dining halls. More standardized or homogeneous.

That pilot program has stopped because it's not what had been envisioned. Now, we're not sure what's happening there.

The dining halls should be going back to ... what they were doing last year... which was [doing their own thing.]

foodstuff@mit.edu

Risk Management: Event reg stuff.

"So, Kate and Yuge chatted about this with Suzy..

"Redo event registration to make it suck a lot less. It would be great if you guys could start thinking about what an idea event reg system would ... look like

Problems: People not knowing what to do, not wanting to register events, stuff like that.

"DormCon FSILGs, and relevant admins.

"Overhauling the entire system and starting from scratch.... Think big...

Isaac: Broadly, what does event registration do that we want to make sure keeps happening?

Rachel: The basic idea of why we reg events is kind of ... risk management .. and having accountability, making people aware of what's going on. Certain size events do need permits and stuff. It's really a system ... I don't want to say accountability .. but to say "oh, there are these parties at these times that perhaps should be known."

Somebody: I'm wondering if the policies of what constitutes an event. MIT Considers any social gathering is also a party.

Kate: "The music had to be done by 11:30, but we had never been told this ...I before"

Rachel: My impression had always been 1.

Kate: I was also told this would apply to us going forward.

Rachel: Specifically to senior house, or all events?

Kate: Senior House.

Proximity to Grey house, 100 mem drive.

Rachel: We get noise complaints from 100 mem drive every year during east side party, and we're further away. You can email me and Piper.

Housing: Security committee meetings will be resuming, I don't know when, but they will be resuming. Probably in the next week-ish. Also we're ... meeting with Jen and the storage chairs [or subset] mostly to wrap up summer storage. ... I want pretty good headway... I want to work on continuing storage in the fall semester.

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RAC (Brenda? Next haunt producer!):
Trainings: GIH, Hazing, conflict management, etc.

-\$8025 remaining in events fund for the semester.

Funding request \$1,000 for Next Haunt:
--Next abstain.

EC Absent

McCormick Formal 8 - 11 p.m.

Will be open to other dorms. Public.

MIT undergrad \$10, else \$15.

- Publicizing (Next McCormick Simmons)? What's the title?
- We haven't quite fine-tuned it.
- Planetary thing? "Whatever formal, hosted by these people" ...
- We are trying to make it evident that it's just three dorms hosting it.

\$1200 in funding.

-- Unanimous approved.

- New House discussion:

-The Chancellor and the VPSL have tasked us on how best develop a process to re-house at least some of New House into ... some of the undergrad dorms.

- We want to keep sections of New House together, but other dorms have sections as well, so to what extent can we balance those thing?

ISAAC: "It's also a question of what dorms end up more crowded.
PERSON TALKING (VP?): "They probably won't know till mid-October"
Capacity: "Laid out by architectural principal committee" 90 sf per person.
40-50 common space per resident.
"They are not going to bring in less freshmen." (probably comes from Reif).

Kate: In 2013, SH absorbed ... a large quantity of Bexley, ... still dealing with the aftermath of that... a whole hall sort of cleared out for them ... they pretty much all left and those rooms were empty and filled with freshmen my freshman year, and it was not an ideal situation for the years moving forward. That's still a hallway not really integrated with the rest of the house so it's important that all the communities think about the long-term effects of this and how to integrate...

"Culture clash, people came in with their set identities. There was some mingling, but it was still like divided.

"I think it's important that like there is this ... you're part of this community as well..

"It was like 15 or 20 [bexley people]"

--House tax, rep at house meeting, dining plan.

--"Will the current new house communities have priority when moving back into New House."
"ALLY": One living groups from NH and one or two living groups for another dorm. E.g. 2 halls of EC, one house, distribute just among of those two halls. Maybe some variation of that is the best of both worlds.

Sarah: "All of the houses become cultural houses. All of the houses within new house, function with distinct houses."

"Currently the cultural houses have mutual selection thing, and basically we choose each other.

"We were considering doing a similar thing for all of the houses if we can. Essentially recruit freshmen that way.

"House tax, rep on gov, meal plan ...

"Something we're worried about ...

"Not required to be on the meal plan.

"People living in the same building and paying vastly different prices to live ... in that building.

Somebody: MIT should pay the house tax difference. "They did kind of fuck that up in the first place."

ISAAC: "How much of new house wants to be in comm, and how much doesn't care.

SARAH: "I'm super biased, I would move to Minnesota to stay with French house.
"A quite a few people to live anywhere, so long as they live with their community.

SARAH: "McCormick will take capacity,"

VP?: I don't think we'd move the female half of a dorm to McCormick.

McCormick person: "My understanding is that ... our head of house is adamant that this will remain all girls"

KATE FERRIS: Would New House people have priority in moving in to other dorms?

VP?: For most dorms there will be more beds in the dorm.

"Christine?": How willing is New House to live in the grad student dorms.

SARAH: I don't think that New House would be *unwilling* to live in a grad student dorm.

VP?": There is also a deficit of grad students in the system.

"FLORA": How much have you been consulted [Sarah?]

SARAH: I've had a couple of minutes with the chancellor, Jag Batel, Dean Nelson.

SARAH: Survey was gone over with the house meeting, a very very helpful meeting. Fix some very important things on the survey. Not scare the freshmen.

"We are essentially going to be possibly guests in your dorm for the next two years." [going to!]

"It's our job to be understanding of the host dorm's culture and work with you on house taxes, and representation on house gov, ..." etc.

VP?: A lot of listening a lot of compromising, from both sides.

SARAH: Survey asks: -moving off campus, etc?

KYLE: Communication... how is this portrayed to New House as well as to other dorms.

ISAAC: Would it make sense to have events at each of the other dorms for New House?

SARAH: Very much on our mind if we stay tier 2.

“We want as much feedback in these early stages as we can.”

NOMINATION FOR CHANCELLOR’S ADVISORY COUNCIL:

- PAC for the chancellor.

- 2 noms from DormCon.

Brandon, Ally, Nonay.

The purpose is to advise dean nelson on the culture of MIT.

-DormCon, GSC, UA, Institute Community Equity Office, Title IX.

ALLY: “Present a united front.”

“Whoever ends up being ... on the committee... representing DormCon but also representing the diversity of the MIT student body.

Flora: “I feel frustrated often ... we find out retrospectively. Everybody asks me... wait, how come we didn’t know about this.”

Confidential committee...

-- “Should we ... present a united front...” Coordinate with the UA?