DormCon Minutes 11-03-2016

Meeting started at 7:39

Housing

- An updated principles doc created for the security committee
- Someone emailed Suzy about the "letting people in via looking up an ID"
- Using your id number to get into dorms is probably going to get fast-tracked since Suzy is now talking about it.
- Express Guest Lists
    - Keith currently has software to do automated checking.
    - Also he said there wasn't much reason for it to be centralized to him
        - This means potentially HoH's could manage this in the future
    - Video surveillance is currently only viewable live for Allied Barton workers MIT police stores it for fourteen days
- During dining hours, if you forget your id, and are trying to go to a dining hall that is not your own, you can just get another MIT student with their ID to escort you.
- There are in-dorm storage things happening, but probably not Housings job anymore
- COD updates, last we heard, there is a committee being formed.
    - TL;DR, don't use someone else's ID or be rude to the Allied Barton employees

REX/CPW

- The new coordinators are basically freshman, so that's good.
- We got the same number of events as last year, which is a really good thing
- Went over communication with heads of house
  - Something REX/CPW chairs could send their heads of house a heads up
  - Then after the events are finalized, the lists will be sent out to heads of house
  - CPW deadline was moved up a couple weeks
    - This is really difficult because school only starts Feb. 7 (Deadline is Feb. 17)
    - Many CPW chairs don't even take office until the beginning of the Spring semester
    - We think that the earlier deadline would be lead to more inaccuracies
  - Also they now have the ability to email blast all of the CPW pre-frosh
    - This could be useful for last minute changes
  - Money still hasn't been sorted out.

Dining

- There hasn't been much that's happened recently
- House Dining Committee hasn't been a thing yet, Lily frustrated
- Currently the plan for HDC (the new contracts) is to hire consultants, then have them present to HDC
- The UA thinks that the W20 contracts are managed by HDC, but HDC is definitely not handling that.
  - So no one appears to be handling that, so we should ping Peter Cummings about that.

Event Reg / Risk Management

- Event Reg
  - Got feedback from students about event reg.
  - Potentially get two seperate processes for truly large events versus the average dorm party
  - Generally clarify the entire process, all of the things, the form, what events need to be registered
  - Review what peer institutions are doing.
  - There are a lot of ideas floating out there, in the original planning (before Atlas) there were a lot of things were tabled.
  - Need to work on making it more clear when we need outside licenses etc.
- Admin is also probably going to push to disallow smoking in EC and Senior Haus. There will be a meeting in the near future, hopefully with both dorms there.
- 4W and 5E will probably have people there.
- Most of our peer institutions have no-smoking campuses, which makes the argument against no-smoking dorms a difficult one to win.

JudComm

- New voting procedure in the process of becoming a thing.
- The key thing is that we want everyone's votes to be private until they are cast, after which time they are public. That way decisions aren't influenced by the dorms before them.
- Voting Procedure
  - Having the option of "we don't like anyone" was something that was worthwhile
  - Voting for tickets instead of individuals

- First round of voting could be an approval vote, which then populates the options for an election.
- Proposing non-instant run-off
- Kate + Yuge: Concerned about the ticket system
- The really important part is that we don't have rounds of discussion between rounds of voting.
- Having an N-choose-K approval vote would grow quickly as the number of candidates increased.
  - We can do the voting procedure just as a policy, but the ordering will have to go to an amendment to the Constitution.
  - The length of the voting is difficult, but there are strong arguments for keeping it on Thursday nights.
    - But we could do it on a weekend afternoon.
  - Some platforms could be locked in before the meeting (i.e. those for President and Vice President) so that dorms can consult their residencies beforehand.
  - There will be a constitutional amendment vote coming up, so to mitigate the stress of that on the presidents, we should have a meeting or two of warmup discussion before it.

Meeting ended at 8:48