

DormCon Minutes 11-10-2016

Dorm	Attendance
Baker	0
BC	1
EC	0
Maseeh	1
McCormick	1
MacGregor	1
New House	1
Next House	0
Senior Haus	1
Random	1
Simmons	1

About The Election

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Event Reg

- Meeting Fridays except tomorrow until the end of the semester
- Currently talking about benchmarking against peer institutions
- Also trying to define what is an event
- Inform students why registering your event is important
- Working on the process, potentially two parallel processes for big

and small events.

Security

- Have a policy document done, written by Keith
 - Unfortunately it's not very accessible, but we are working on making that better.
- Cleared up about having no ID during dining hours, you can get into the dining hall as long as someone with an ID escorts you.
- Express guestlist
 - They have more software to work on this, but aren't using it yet.
 - Getting people off your express guest list is something Keith cares about, but if its the middle of the night or something, we'll have to talk to our house team and the Allied Barton / night watch
- It's also possible to use your driver's license to get into dorms, but that isn't publicized so much because its much more inconvenient for them.
- Getting in via the Allied Barton worker looking you up has moved up the totem poll because Suzy thinks its silly that they can look you up but not let you in.

New House Update

- New House will be renovated instead of rebuilt.
- It will be staged so that some people can continuously live there.
- Houses 1 and 2 will not be staying where they are currently
 - So cultural houses will be kept in New House proper except Spanish House which will be living elsewhere.
 - This poses a problem for the numbered houses because it

cramps them substantially (and would potentially force them out of New House proper)

- Some people moved to dining dorms will still have to pay the respective tier rates and potentially have to pay the meal plans too.
- So Houses 1 & 2 were pretty much gutted during the Great Flood of 2015, thus admin thinks it's okay to keep people in there for another year.
- Various dorms are willing to take New House people in various quantities.
- Dorms are supposed to figure out how to accommodate New House by Thanksgiving

Elections Procedure

- Elections will be on Dec. 1 for i3 and REX chairs.
- Submitting votes
 - Simultaneous votes, everyone votes before anyone knows each other votes. Probably will use white boards or something along those lines.
- Order of Spring Elections will be moved to the Judcomm chair's discretion instead of spelled out in the constitution.
- Voting procedure
 - Will go to runoff elections where if no one gets a majority, the lowest vote-getter will be eliminated.
 - There will be a 'nobody' option.
 - There is also a new approval system for narrowing a large field.
 - The approval system will allow for multi person positions as well.
 - The idea is to get to someone having a majority as quickly as possible.
 - President and Vice President will have to submit platforms

before the meeting so that we can get feedback from people before the meeting.

- There will be several constitutional amendments involved in this change.

New Resident's Working Group

- New Resident's Working Group is still meeting in light of the New House announcement, but its focus is changing to the new new dorm.
- Another group will be formed and appropriately staffed with New House students for the New House renovation.
- There was a cool bow-tie design presented at the latest meeting.
- There were no suite style designs presented, but Kate will ask
- Joe: What's the timeline on this dorm? Kate: I wish I knew.
- Joe: So it won't be open for the 2019's to see? Kate: Most likely not.
- Gyms and study spaces shouldn't be in the basement
- Meditation room was proposed, but didn't get very far.
- Susan: Rooftop gardens would be really cool.
- Sarah: What about large multipurpose spaces?
- Either talking about sites or sustainability next time.
- Suzy was talking about a flex office which could be used for S³ office hours.
- Kate: What's it important to walk past when you enter the dorm before the elevator?
 - Yuge: It would be really cool to walk past the RLAD's office (with a window) every time you walk in the building.
- Public space in the entry is really nice sometimes.
- Lily: It would be really helpful to walk your house manager's office.
- Susan: A water fountain would be really nice.

- Sarah W: They have the RLAD office right near the door, but a lot of people still don't know their RLAD
- Susan: Couches near the door would be nice
- A printer near the door would be really nice.
- Issac: Head of House near the door would be nice because they are someone that residents should get to know.
- Sarah W: An announcement space would be nice.
- Billy: A water fountain can change the route people take to their room, and putting them in a central location gets people to come out more.
- Floor by floor variation
 - Billy: variety is good, but he would like to know how to get around all of the floors if you know one floor.
- Yuge's not so sure about doors opening onto lounges because of noise concerns.
- Sarah: Having bathrooms right off the lounge would be nice because if you are having people from outside the dorm, it's most convenient that way.
- Rachel: Kitchens and lounge space should near each other for best results.

House Team Review Process

- A long time ago we thought it would be good to have a process to review our house teams.
- There would be a working group formed on doing this.
- Sarah: Is this for potentially removing people or for self-improvement?
 - Yuge: This was mainly for self-improvement, but Suzy said if there were going to be people removed then that would have to

be grounded in some sort of existing system.

- Kate: So what questions would we want to asking?
 - Susan: How much do you see these people?
 - Issac: Which house team members do you interact with most?
 - Flora: Do you feel supported by these people?
 - Flora: If there are going to be scales, then people should have space to explain.
 - Lily: Can we get a better title for RLAD's?
 - Becky: Currently it doesn't mean much. I think it came from a different system than what is currently implemented. A better title would be like House Dean or House Director or Assistant Head of House.
 - Issac: Our hiring process isn't going so well, we have had one candidate, but he couldn't do it.
 - Flora: Clear job descriptions would be good for feedback because people don't necessarily know what they are giving feedback on.

Tech Twinkles - UA Events

- An attempt to get more holiday lights on campus
- They would like to get lights for the dorms as well
 - They would like to coordinate the dorms lighting up their lights with the rest of campus's lights.
- Peter is currently getting a meeting together of house managers to coordinate actually having lights.
- Billy: Can we program the lights across the dorms?