

DormCon Minutes 9/28/17

Dorm	Attendance	FREDfest
Baker	1	1
Burton-Conner	1	1
East Campus	1	1
MacGregor	1	1
Maseeh	1	1
McCormick	x	x
New	1	1
Next	1	1
Random	1	1
Simmons	1	x

Officer Updates

Judcomm

- Meeting with Ayo from Panhel about REX next week
- Would like opinions and grievances
- What is REX agreement?
 - Agreement that events wouldn't overlap, no dirty-rushing
 - IFC: no guarantee that dorms would follow so hard to come to agreement
 - With Panhel, can at least coordinate events, early returns
- Plans for panhel
 - Not have events during floor/hall rush that are fined

Dining

- Got president feedback, which is good
 - Recap:
 - Moderately opposed to closing a breakfast dining location
 - Option 2-ish seems to be most popular but fairly mixed
 - Dining dollars unclear, will try to get more details but will depend a lot on the bid

- Director of campus dining
 - Committee for choosing a new one
- Bon appetite is being really nice rn, so suggest events to them if you want to see things happen!
 - le recipes from home - they'll actually do that!

Budget Proposal

- Fredfest!
- Three bands this year
 - Total \$8385, police unknown rn
 - Asking for \$1000 from dormcon, most comes from elsewhere
- Completely free, has dominos and ice cream
 - Had good non-EC turn-out last year!
 - Pubbed over email, also had posters in infinite
 - Q: no publicity charges?
 - Maybe black and white posters?
 - Emails will definitely happen, posters likely
 - Will encourage to poster and to bring to dormcon so presidents can have
 - Q: what left in events if approve?
 - A: ~\$9000 left
- Passes!!

Special Elections

Housing

- Nonye:
 - Deal with security, storage, new dorm, renovations, etc
 - Meet with admins about every two to three weeks
- Two people are on the way possibly
 - Do allow proxies!
- Nominations:
 - Blair, next, 2021
 - Declined: Keira, Rob, Cynthia, Nina, Ryuga, Yuge,
 - Lizbeth
- Questioning:
 - Blair: would like to be housing chair bc loves next, has already experienced housing issues, would like to help resolve overpopulation, make sure everybody comfortable within house
 - Lizbeth (proxy: Nonye)
 - Course 4 junior, works desk at Burton-Connor, knows Keith, Jenkins, B5 floor chair, has lots of experience with overcrowding (Desmond is on her floor)
 - Aiyedun - house 4 exec, did a lot with trying to figure out where house 4 would be displaced to, Senior house, etc, now settled in Tang

- Q: to Blair: you're new, how are you going to get to know what housing is like?
 - Put foot forward, establishing contacts with the dorms, being open so people can contact me, working with other housing chair
- Q: if elected, top two priorities?
 - Blair: assessment of overpopulation, send out survey to freshmen, have dorms interact between each other more
 - Blair: taking 4 classes, design for america, intervarsity sport, Camp Kesem
- Aiyedun showed up!
 - Q: why want to be HC?
 - Aiyedun: sophomore in course 9, new house 4, currently in Tang (as new house 4!), a person's living space is really important, has been in new house 4 exec for past year, has gotten to work with admin, also see what admins response would be if community is displaced and is shook by this. Current housing department has not been treating communities by MIT standards. Has seen something as little as furniture moving not being handled currently. Knows the picture is bigger than that - wants to use his time to make sure that living community stays a home and is advocated for.
 - Aiyedun: 2020, 4 classes, member of premed society, medlink, intramural flag football, BSU
- Sent them out
 - Lizbeth: has time, is passionate, Nonye would work well with her, is a great person, is pretty on top of things, course 4 so lots of studio time, is basically BC desk captain

Aiyedun is elected house chair!

Risk Management

Darius:

- Currently working on redoing event registration, make sure things are less risky and manage them, make sure people are safe
- Declines: Keira, Antares, everyone else in the room
- Marlo - 2019, president of makerlodge, has worked with EHS in the past, ran deli haus in the past and made sure that was safe, *makerlodge eats up a lot of her time*
- Sarah - 2021, new house, wants to be here and be involved, this meeting has been interesting
- Blair - 2021, next house - wants to help out, make sure people are safe and following rules
- Q: experience writing emails
 - Sarah: I write a bunch, last year was captain of track team, got a urop
 - Marlo: was writing an email as got nominated

- Blair: have received and sent many emails
- Q: year, live?
 - Sarah: 2021, new
 - Marlo: 2019, BC, previously SH
 - Blair: 2021, next
- Q: commitments
 - Sarah: urop, crew
 - Marlo: urop, makerlodge

Blair is elected!

blairaw

Presentation on the Future of Dorm Renewal

- Volpe
 - 14 acres in Kendall that MIT bought to develop
 - Volpe belongs to DOT
 - Gonna turn it into buildings, stores, residential space
 - Going to bring jobs to Cambridge, but bad for housing
 - Cambridge has very low capacity housing! :(
 - Also a lot of industrial, commercial space
 - Kendall median rent: \$3500
 - This is large!!
 - Grads have not enough housing and nothing affordable
 - Only $\frac{1}{3}$ can fit in MIT housing
 - Grad student numbers increasing without cap
- GSAN - Graduate Student Apartments Now
 - Drafted a petition that sent to Cambridge city council
 - If passed, legally binds MIT to building 1800 new grad beds as prereq for building volpe site
 - Hasn't passed yet but predicting it will
- Senior House
 - Has added 133 beds to grad system
 - Allows DSL to say committed to grad housing
 - Means we're not getting it back for probably next two or three years
- Cindy and Suzy are starting a renovation planning committee!!!!
 - Renovation schedule:
 - BC by 2020
 - Will swing through vassar street dorm along with a founder's group probably
 - 1 to 2 years
 - EC next 10 years
 - Not urgent - just facades and pipes, structurally okay
 - 1 year, by parallel?
 - Random next 5 to 50 years

- Will be too expensive to fix and so will just be taken offline
- Fun fact from Ryuga: Random used to be a brothel (a 'motel')
- The fire was a brief moment of panic a few years back
- Question: Nina & Larry (MacGregor housemaster) are course 4 peeps, can network with them to get your dorm assessed!
- To consider: (next time probably)
 - Who should serve on committee?
 - Senior House long term?
 - How swing CFY communities through dining dorm?
 - Random??????
 - Contingency plan?
- Aside: MacGregor in talks about what's going to happen with their dining real estate, may relate
- Timeline:
 - Nonye will be poking David to make sure it happens
 - Most discussed at next meeting, will probably stay after to discuss SH
- Q: seen a lot of 'gonna form this committee!' that never happens, can see nothing happening within next two years. Can we set our own timeline?
 - C: loop in heads of houses
 - A: can make this one of David's priorities. Suzy wanted this done by end of semester. Want Nonye to get info and then get this going.

UA Committee on Student Admin Collaboration

- Allie is chair!
- Writing a report on SH and recommendations for future - prevent from happening again, figure out a process that's not horribly unethical
- One recommendation:
 - Dormcon becoming more robust in an advisory capacity
 - Internal visiting committees
 - On a rotating but regular basis, dorms would be visited by reps from Dormcons to try to understand processes and give recommendations on how to make things less concerning/alleviate problems
 - Remove 'echo chambers' within dorms
- C: can have component where visit other people's dorms to figure out how other dorms do things.
 - A: Do a presidents exchange!
- C: sounds good, useful! Hard to see what questions should be asking to reassess
- C: getting new people to work on a problem can be really refreshing and helpful

Meeting is officially over!