

DormCon Minutes 11/9/17

| Dorm | Attendance |
|---------------|------------|
| Baker | ✓ |
| Burton-Conner | ✓ |
| East Campus | ✓ |
| MacGregor | ✓ |
| Maseeh | ✓ |
| McCormick | ✓ |
| New | ✓ |
| Next | ✓ |
| Random | ✓ |
| Simmons | ✓ |

Rep: Bill for Next, MJ for Random

Releasing the Dorm Life (House Team) Survey!

... is slowly happening!

Has happened! Wow!

Officer Updates

Dining

- On-campus interviews
- Haven't gotten an update on RFP

Housing

- "Right-sizing" happening
 - Housing is re-evaluating capacity to see if can increase from historical capacity
 - If presidents haven't been involved, should reach out to house teams
 - (not relevant to New House and MacGregor)
 - They are taking into account other factors (dining capacity, facilities capacity, etc)

Risk Management

- Party registration still on hold, hopefully will be able to make more progress early Dec
- Impending committee on implementation of good samaritan policy

Judcomm

- In process of poking COD to see if can get more involved

Committee on Future of Housing

- Will begin sometime in the spring
- Will go over relocation and principles for relocation
- Dormcon reps will probably include two freshmen from affected dorms, one from a dining dorm, another two from the affected dorms
- Considering having focus group to go talk to dorms possibly going to be renovated, get opinions, and then go to meetings

REX

- Suzy suggested desk workers be more welcoming to frosh over REX
- Create a more formalized welcome over REX?
 - Formal 'how to get around the building' every day of REX
 - Or explanatory pamphlets for dorm
 - Or a map of the dorm with important things marked
 - Upperclassmen greeters for when moving in
 - Other suggestion: more upperclassmen here for REX
 - Upperclassmen on each floor/wing tasked with helping frosh figure out things, being welcoming?
 - Dorms that have peer mentors - have them greet freshmen/check in on them?
 - Difficult because not great to make upperclassmen camp out on floor to meet freshmen
 - Is this important on the level of the dorm or on the level of the floor?
 - Or only solvable on level of dorm?
 - Encourage desk workers to be more welcoming
 - They're working long hours, dealing with a massive amount of traffic, so can't just place burden on desk workers. Would be good to have other people tasked with this as well

Murals

- Suggestion by Suzy that if a room is going to be a freshman room and has a mural, to mandatory paint it white
- Don't want a freshman to have to deal with an offensive mural first thing
- If only keep flat colors/patterns, what about inoffensive murals?
 - What if drew line at landscapes?
- Concern that would be easy step to mandating whitewashing more things
 - Also designated freshmen rooms change, so slow progression to whitewashing all rooms
- Instead, could have easier process for getting whitewashed?
 - Explicit in rooming process that can get room whitewashed?
- Have option on rooming survey?
 - Would be massive burden on RACs
 - Might not be possible in some dorms

- Who would decide?
 - If just solid colors, house management
 - If mural acceptability, would be house exec?
- Allow a pass for house managers to paint over anything obviously offensive, and leaving everything else?
- EC sort of implements whitewashing rooms already
- Why only freshmen rooms?
 - Upperclassmen have larger choice in general, whereas freshmen generally don't
- What about just painting over text?
 - That doesn't cover everything
- What if have standard be to whitewash, and then students can apply or ask for their murals to be preserved

The Tech

- We're writing for a joke issue for them!!
- And they're doing one every semester! Send suggestions!

Alumni Association/Involvement

- Discussion about what other dorms do to encourage alumni involvement
- Suggestion from Next: connecting with alum through student projects/clubs they've done
 - Alumni dinners