DormCon Minutes 11/9/17

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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