

## MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

# DormCon

MIT DORMITORY COUNCIL MEETING

Nov. 29 2006, 5:30pm -- MacGregor

SPECIAL GUEST: Divya Kumar (Health Educator, MIT Medical)

ON THE AGENDA:

Get Food (5:15)

Welcome & Welfare (5:30)

Present: Baker, Burton Conner, East Campus, MacGregor, McCormick, New, Next, Random, Senior House, Simmons

Absent: Bexley

UPDATES (5:35)

- Housing
  - No update
- Dining
  - Next Wednesday most of the dining locations will be donating 5% to charities
  - Buffet night in other dorms besides McCormick? Allie will look into it
- JudComm
  - Random and MacGregor will have JudComm trainings on Saturday from 7-10
  - More training sessions will be held during IAP
  - Random and MacGregor's bylaws are also being reviewed
- Risk Management
  - No update
- Student Groups
  - Senate two weeks from now will be talking about the cultural houses and will have guest speaker Julie Norman
- W1 Committee
  - Steering committee meeting yesterday to talk about timeline for things to get done
  - Subcommittee meetings are open to everyone
  - Email David if you want to be on the mailing list for info about meetings which he is setting up
  - Transitions - Will be considering how and when to populate the building
  - Programs - dining hall and associate housemaster?

- Feasibility - how to preserve the historical aspects and possibly looking into solar power to be environmentally friendly
- Interviewed Professor Flynn for housemaster position
- REX
  - Looking for people who are interested in helping to get on the SLOPE list for next year

#### ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Health Education @ MIT -- Welcome Divya! (5:45)
  - Divya is the new sexual health educator (replacing Laura Stuart)
  - Divya's job is to handle anything related to sexuality, relationships and violence etc
  - Department of Justice grant - will fund violence and sexual assault workshops etc at dorms and fraternities and sororities
  - Are looking to use this money to have workshops with people from BARCC (Boston Area Rape Crisis Center) to give talks etc.
  - Are looking to reapply to this grant
  - Weren't able to do a lot of the programs in dorms that we wanted to but we have the money so if you and your dorm are interested contact Divya and they can come!
  - Stop by and talk to Divya or email her at kumar@med.mit.edu
  
2. Comments on, and discussion of the HSG Cultural House Subcommittee Report (5:50)
  - Good Things:
    - No evidence that the cultural houses are more isolated from New House compared to numbered houses
  - Other Comments:
    - 3 Problems:
      - Some factual errors
      - Doesn't adequately represent all of the cultural houses
      - Increased administrative control and oversight on the houses
        - Freshmen are unaware of the extra responsibilities that are requirements to live there like cooking and cleaning etc.
    - Thoughts on phasing in new cultural houses?
      - Very open ended in how this will be done
    - Expansion on Residential Scholars to other dorms
      - Visiting faculty to participate in dorm events
      - They live in the dorm but their only requirement is to have some dorm events
      - Humphrey Scholar in New House is going well
      - Dorms would have to have apartment sized rooms for the Visiting Scholars
      - House Fellows?
        - EC, Baker and BC have hall fellows / floor fellows
        - McCormick and Next also have house fellows
  
3. DormCon IAP Leadership Summit (Fri/Sat, Jan 26-27) -- tell your dorms' officers! (6:00)
  - between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> weeks of IAP
  - let current officers and people who are running for officers know

- group size of 20-30 but try to represent all the dorms
- Where should we go?
  - Endicott or Warren Conference Center?
  - At Warren there are cabins with 16 to a cabin
  - At Endicott there are 2 people hotel-like rooms
  - At Warren there are more athletic facilities
  - Endicott is \$30 cheaper per person
  - Food is good at both places!
  - Consensus is Endicott
- Guest speakers like Karen Nilsson or maybe Marilee Jones?
  - One of the meals have a speaker
  - Someone with leadership but not necessarily residential related
  - 2 people could maybe come
  - Let David know if you have ideas
- Invite housemasters?
  - Just to eat dinner with us for the last meal
  - Sounds fine
- When should we leave?
  - Is it possible to have bus at 3 and bus at 6?
  - Probably shouldn't leave before 5 PM
- When should we come back?
  - 9 PM on Saturday is fine

Next DormCon Meeting: Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup> at Simmons

ADJOURN - 6:30 PM!