

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

DormCon

MIT DORMITORY COUNCIL MEETING

Feb. 13 2006, 5:30pm -- Random Hall

ON THE AGENDA:

Get Food (5:15)

Welcome & Welfare (5:30)

Present: Burton-Conner, EC, MacGregor, McCormick, Random, Senior House, Simmons

Absent: Baker, Bexley, New, Next

UPDATES (5:35)

- Housing
 - Working with UA to increase early REX returns for dorms
- Dining
 - Working with Rich Berlin to make sure that we are better informed about different initiatives
- JudComm
 - MacGregor needs to be trained but then both Random and McGregor will be ready
- Risk Management
 - Danny Trujillo is looking to restart a sub-group to CAAB to look at policies relating to alcohol including looking at the Minimum Response Standards
 - Meetings will start soon and occur around once a week
- Student Groups
 - Senate last night
 - Neutral about Professor Shirley
- i3
 - Meeting tomorrow at 7 PM
 - Sticking with DVD format but adding a little more to be more interactive
 - More than a page and a video - more like a website
 - Maybe some other small videos (flash animations) as well
 - Campus Life/DormCon/REX related video - see Tim if you want to be involved
- W1 Committee
 - Committees are not meeting at the moment because we are waiting for feedback on how much money we are actually going to have
 - 4 possible scenarios:
 - Either a cosmetic touch-up which would open Fall 2008

- Full renovation not opens until 2009
- Use W1 as swing building for dorms that are going to have to be renovated
- Building a separate building for swing space and do a full renovation of W1

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Election of DormCon REX Chairs (5:45)

- Anikia Tucker <anikia_t>
 - Enjoys planning events and really enjoyed her own orientation
 - Employment has been administrative and is very organized
 - Worked at civil engineering company and medical facility
 - Freshman
 - No unification - main thing is differences between dorms
 - Also wants water war
 - Enjoyed most of the events but would want to plan less events contingent on how many people come and wants to focus on events where students are directly involved
 - West/East side parties are a good idea but also always good to ask for ideas
- Preeya Phadnis <preeya>
 - Was junior REX chair last summer
 - On Random Exec and on W1 committee
 - Really cares about dorms and REX
 - Thinks she can handle the work because of her junior REX chair experience
 - Sophomore
 - Interface with the administrative and oversees dorms REX
 - Thinks there should be a water war
 - Freshmen don't know about smaller REX events easily so Preeya would like to get something into the folders that are given at check-in that lists smaller events from each dorm
 - Big parties have traditionally been a success - last year tried to have 4 instead of 2 - impression was that West Side didn't get as much as the East Side, general idea of Stata party was good

VOTE

Burton-Conner - Preeya, EC - Preeya, MacGregor - Preeya, McCormick - Preeya, Random - Preeya, Senior House - Preeya, Simmons - Preeya
 ***Preeya is the new Senior REX Chair

- Anikia Tucker <anikia_t>
 - wants to be here for the summer
 - open for anything - campus wide
- James Ostrowski <ostro>
 - really enjoyed EC rush
 - is the CPW chair for EC
 - pretty much visited every dorm
 - wants to come back around August 1st
 - wants to do stuff for the East Side but is open to entire campus events
- Maggie Delano <maggied>
 - was involved in high school but not as much now
 - lives at EC

- 90% chance here for June and July and nearly 100% August
- Wants to help out dorms that haven't been as strong in REX
- How many people should we elect for Junior REX Chair?
 - Preeya - "As many as you can get me"
 - The more dependable people the better and these people have already put themselves out there that they want to help

VOTE (for all 3 of them)

Burton-Conner - Yes, EC - Yes, MacGregor - Yes, McCormick - Yes, Random - Yes, Senior House - Yes, Simmons - Yes

***Aneekiah, James, and Maggie are our new Junior REX Chairs

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Campus Preview Weekend (5:50)

- CPW is coming April 12th-15th Patriot's Day Weekend
- Go to <http://web.mit.edu/admissions/mitcpw> to sign up to host
- Let us know as much as possible so we can match you with a prefrosh that you will probably get along with
- Deadline to do so is right around Spring Break
- We have had increasing numbers of prefrosh coming (around 900 out of 1500 last year)
- Had an over capacity of hosts last year
- Also can sign up to put events in the CPW catalogue at that website
- Right now there are not that many events up on the website so try to post them now so they are more noticeable
- Thursday night is the CPW Festival from around 9-Midnight
 - First "fun" thing of CPW
 - Also, most hosts can have some time to do psets while the prefrosh are there
 - If your dorm wants to do an event there you can sign-up for that at the website as well
- Deadline for putting things in the CPW booklet - Friday March 16th
- Deadline to host - Friday March 24th
- Deadline to volunteer - Friday April 6th
- Deadline to submit an event for the carnival - Friday April 13th
- Last year Admissions gave money for Hospitality Lounges but now have a reduced budget so will not automatically be giving money for that, instead will be using that funding for events on Saturday
- Maybe next year ask something about space on the form
- Email Matt McGann (mcgann@mit.edu) with thoughts and ideas!

2. RecycleMania (6:00)

- Have dorm coordinator for each of the undergraduate dorms
- Competition runs from January 28th until April 7th
- National and internal results for week one and the internal results for week two are posted online
- Winner of the inter-dorm competition (one for single dorm and one for family dorm) will receive \$200 to be presented at the Earth Day Festival on April 26th
- Information can be found at <http://mit.edu/recyclemania> or by emailing recyclemania-team@mit.edu

3. College Bellhop (6:10)

- Jason founded and started College Bellhop
- Came last year wanting assistance and some of the dorms did provide assistance
- 20 students signed up for the package last semester
- \$299 per student
- \$6000 total revenue
- Had agreed to give DormCon 5% of the revenue for the dorms that were involved to each dorm depending on how many students ordered the service
- No issues with service last year
- Slight confusion during finals week but nothing other than that
- No complaints heard from students
- All 20 students that ordered renewed for next semester
- Next semester there will be a one-time service option so you can order this for only during finals week etc.
- Campus Manager for College Bellhop - 1 or 2 students from MIT will be hired so they can be contacted for information and questions
- Will have a brochure in the freshman orientation booklet and will be able to order this service before knowing which dorm they are in
 - So what happens if the dorm they move to doesn't offer the service?
 - They will either refund 100% or hoping to get approval from all of these dorms
 - Very student friendly
- If you want to change the status of your College Bellhop mat get in touch with Jason

4. DormCon's Spring Agenda & Summit Debrief (6:20)

- Postponed until next meeting

ADJOURN - 6:36 PM