

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

DormCon

MIT DORMITORY COUNCIL MEETING

Feb. 26 2007, 5:30pm -- Simmons Hall

Special Guest: Robin Smedick (Undergraduate Housing)

ON THE AGENDA:

Get Food (5:15)

Welcome & Welfare (5:30)

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

Absent: Bexley

UPDATES (5:35)

- Housing
 - No update
- Dining
 - No update
- JudComm
 - Random JudComm is now operational and working
 - Looking at expanding to other dorms (Baker and Simmons)
 - Still working on starting a DormCon JudComm hopefully before Spring Break
- Risk Management
 - No update
- Student Groups
 - No update
- HSG
 - The report on Cultural House is not quite ready yet so it will be deferred to next month's meeting
- Dormitories
 - Simmons had their retreat last weekend and might be changing its rooming policy
 - New House One will be turned into International House in the Fall - will be about international and public service
 - People in this house will have money to go abroad and work on service projects etc.
- Recyclemania
 - Grad dorms are in 1-4 and Random and EC hold the top two spots for undergrad dorms.
 - Is there a way to get more recycling bins in our dorms?

-Email the Recyclemania team at recyclemania-team@mit.edu with questions

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. DormCon Spring Budget (5:45)

- New addition is to rollover the extra money for events from last term into this term so we have a little bit more to give out
- Almost everything else is the same

VOTE

Baker - Y, Burton Conner - Y, East Campus - Y, McCormick - Y, New - Y, Random - Y, Senior House - Y, Simmons - Y

SPRING BUDGET PASSES

2. Steer Roast Funding Proposal (5:50)

- One of the largest events of the year at MIT and is about 2000 people and is an alumni event
- There are bands and they roast a steer and a half!
- Are asking for \$5000 which is the same amount as they asked for last year
- A large chunk of this will go to bands that they have on Friday and Saturday night and there is also about \$3000 estimated for food
- Senior House will probably put in about \$10,000
- Last year we also gave \$5000
- All of the expenses are based on last year

VOTE

Baker - Y, Burton Conner - Y, East Campus - Y, McCormick - Y, New - Y, Random - Y, Senior House - N =), Simmons - Y

FUNDING PROPOSAL PASSES

3. DTYD Funding Proposal (5:55)

- Burton Third and Burton Conner host this party every year on the Sunday night before the marathon on Patriot's Day
- Is on the same weekend as CPW but the prefrosh will be gone by that time
- Budget is roughly based on last year's
- They received \$3000 from LEF and are asking for \$3000 from us
- They are planning to ask Burton Conner for \$1000 but they might not get that and Burton Third will probably put in around \$1000
- If the dorm has not guaranteed any money maybe we shouldn't give that much yet - maybe we could give an initial allocation and give more if Burton Conner commits the money maybe we could give more
- Propose to offer them \$1500 instead because they aren't financially committed to their own party

VOTE for allocating \$3000

Baker - Y, Burton Conner - Y, East Campus - N, McCormick - N, New - N, Random - N, Senior House - N, Simmons - N

FUNDING PROPOSAL FAILS

VOTE for allocating \$1500

Baker - Y, Burton Conner - Y, East Campus - Y, McCormick - Y, New - Y, Random - Y, Senior House - Y, Simmons - Y

FUNDING PROPOSAL PASSES

4. Agreeing to the Anti-Violence Project and Grant

-Chad Waxman from MIT Medical asks for DormCon's support

VOTE

Baker - Y, Burton Conner - Y, East Campus - Y, McCormick - Y, New - Y,
Random - Y, Senior House - Y, Simmons - Y

SUPPORT OF GRANT PASSES

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. REX Early Returns (6:00)

- Increase the number of DormCon early returns
- Came up with a tiered system where the REX chairs could return earlier than in previous years. Two other waves of people would be allowed to come back after that.
- Burton Conner has had some problems with Interphase and a few other summer programs as upperclassmen would not be able to move into their permanent assignments until interphase students move out.
- Encourage students to move into their Fall assignments on August 12th except for maybe the building where Interphase has been held (this year that will be Next House)
- However, this is the only program that runs into this time
- Could get the REX chairs back as soon as August 14th which is a full week earlier than last year
- Just want to make sure that the last tier of people also get work instead of putting all of the work on the first tier of people
- Having more people in general is usually better
- Also better for the frosh in general just to have upperclassmen to talk to
- If early returns are not doing their part then people can be fined (housing sets this fine at \$25 per day)
- How early should the Rush Chairs be able to come back before the early returns get there?
 - At least 5 days to a week

2. DormCon's Spring Agenda & Summit Debrief (6:15)

- Addressing the House team Mandatory Response Guidelines
 - Meeting probably will be the first week of March
- Freshmen on Campus
 - Student evaluation of the impact
- Student sense for the "master plan" of W1 and other dorm renovations etc.
 - On hold for the moment until we learn a little more about the plan from higher administration
- Inter-dorm interaction
- Restructuring of Dorm-Con
 - Promoting the Senior REX Chair to a "Vice President of New Students"
- Faculty Committee on Student Life will be having a free lunch on Friday at Noon for discussions on community standards
 - Email mlanglie@mit.edu if interested

ADJOURN - 6:37 PM