

## Minutes

Dormitory Council Meeting  
February 27th, 2008  
Burton-Conner

Agenda:

Get Food (4:50)

Welcome (5:00)

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

Absent: Bexley, Next

Updates (5:05):

- Housing
  - HSG meeting last week, heard presentations from the Cultural Houses, more detail below
  - Dining
    - CDAB
  - Food trucks will be moving to Carleton Street near Medical on April 1st
  - Future Dining Options Include: Cancer Research Facility replacing the Bio Café (space comparable to Stata), Sloan Dining Facility will probably serve breakfast and lunch and limited dinner
  - Papa John's contract has been approved by MIT Legal and we are now waiting for Papa John's to sign it themselves ? Should be available for TechCash use in the next month or 2 (Can use everyday for delivery)
  - Shaws has updated its Shuttle Schedule and it is now posted on the MIT Dining Website
  - John MacDonald (Director of Enterprise Services), Martin, and Chris will be meeting with Pour House next week to begin discussion of TechCash
  - Blue Ribbon survey will be going out soon ? encourage people to fill it out!
  - JudComms
  - Dave (director of OSCMS) is asking all of the dorms to look for 1 or 2 people to attend a meeting to discuss how the DormCon JudComm will work (would become like a DormCon rep for JudComm)
  - Try to get these volunteers by next week and put them in touch with Sarah or Chris (need them for a meeting on March 19th)
  - Risk Management
  - Pilot with EC for online registration will start very soon
  - Student Groups
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- UA Senate
- REX
  - SLOPE
- Talked about who would be in charge of certain events (Tuesday night and Friday night etc.)
- Dormitories
- MacGregor Study Space
- Plan to turn the TFL into a study space with a renovation

### Items for Consideration (5:20)

- 2 REX VPs?
  - Let's see the candidates first
  - REX VP(s) Election
  - Candidates: Sandhya Ramakrishnan (McCormick 2010), Anthony Rindone (EC 2010), James Ostrowski (EC 2010), Maggie Delano (EC 2010)
  - Sandhya was McCormick REX Chair last year and really wanted to get involved with other things not in McCormick
  - Anthony has a lot of experience working with admins and will be here for the summer
  - James was CPW Chair of EC, and has been involved with DormCon for a year, has ideas for extra night of REX
  - Maggie will be here for summer, Junior REX Chair last year, EC RAC and UA Senator
  - All will be here for the summer ? UROPs/jobs
  - Event experience?
  - Anthony was a hall chair for EC, James was CPW for EC last year, Sandhya was McCormick REX Chair, Maggie was hall chair and associate housemaster organizer
  - Things to change/Vision?
  - Maggie would like to maximize time spent by the students thinking about REX instead of advanced standing exams
  - Sandhya thinks that REX last year and her freshman year went well ? similar concerns about advanced standing exams
  - Anthony hasn't thought about a day-by-day plan yet but also has concerns about exams
  - Thoughts on different dorms having different levels of enthusiastic REX Chairs?
  - Anthony wants to make sure that all dorms are represented and you need to do more than email if a dorm isn't working on events
  - James thinks that you can't make events for them but you can strongly encourage them to organize them
  - Sandhya thinks that communication between dorm REX chairs is key, also facilitate communication between REX chairs themselves to avoid replication of events/times
  - Maggie thinks that you should encourage dorms that are less enthusiastic and assist dorms who aren't exactly sure what to do
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- One way to use electronic communication to make REX better?
  - Anthony thinks an IRC with all of the Dorm REX Chairs on it to increase communication
  - Maggie thinks that a wiki would be useful for other dorms to check events
  - Sandhya thinks a wiki and email because they are the most commonly used
    - James thinks a wiki (echo other people)
  - Can you start this Spring semester (CPW and meet incoming REX Chairs)?
    - Anthony has 4 classes and course 14 (he said this!)
    - James said he will make time
  - Maggie wants to make sure to meet them before the very end of the semester
  - Sandhya would meet with each REX Chair from each dorm and see what phase of planning they are in and their schedules for the summer
- Sandhya Ramakrishnan is the new DormCon REX VP.

## -REX Chair(s) Election

Anthony Rindone, James Ostrowski, Maggie Delano, Jacky Chang, and Gloria Yang are the new REX Chairs.

## Items for Discussion (5:40)

- Cultural House Reports and HSG meeting
  - How about all the Dorms do this?
- Write about the events, community leadership, dining, how you can help etc.
  - Setting Deadlines
- Get these together by the end of March
- W1 Founder's group selection
- Red Fire Farm produce co-op program
  - Parts of dorm to sign up for produce to make it easier to get
  - \$475 for June-Oct and \$575 for June-Dec
  - Make sure that your dorm knows!
- IRC Channel
- Next Meeting Host
- McCormick

Adjourn ? 6:17PM

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