

DORMCON MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 11, 2011

Dorm	Representative	Absent
Baker	Brian Luque	
Burton-Conner	Alexander Penn	
East Campus	Patrick Hulin (proxy)	
MacGregor	Mariya Samoylova	
Masseh Hall	Virginia Nicholson	
McCormick	Krithika Shanmugasundaram	
New House	TyShaun Wynter	
Next House	Alec Lai	
Random Hall	Rebecca Cox	
Senior Haus	Paula Countouris	
Simmons Hall	Zachary Hynes	
President	Ellen McIsaac	
Vice President	Virginia Nicholson	
Secretary	Deena Wang	
Treasurer	Leonid Grinberg	

Topics Discussed

- Ellen – Concerning the meeting schedule, thanksgiving is next week. We've been alternating DormCon meetings with DormCon executive meetings. Is it okay for the next DormCon meeting to be in in 3 weeks?
- Alicia – What about restructuring?

It was decided to have the next DormCon meeting the week after Thanksgiving.

- Paula – When should dorm president elections be?
- Ellen – Before the end of the semester, because transitions are going to happen over IAP.
- Alicia – We should elect the VP for REX soon, before or after the last meeting of the semester. I get yelled at by Liz Young.
- Ellen – Dorm presidents should advertise this to their constituents.

1. Restructuring.

- Allan – Last Monday we announced a restructuring proposal for the UA. It would replace the senate with a council that meets regularly and decides student life issues by consensus, so that a majority of members can't overrule a minority. It makes it so that the administration can see a granularized viewpoint of who is harmed by a policy. Executive committee would be gone but there would still be officers and such. There are no changes to the judicial board.
- There will be 2 committees: funding and affairs. Last meeting, most groups said that it was okay to structure and dissolve DormCon but there still needs to be representation of students and money splitting. The committees were split in two because Bexley did not want to be on the funding committee. The affairs committee would deal with non

financial aspects like culture building, ex. The committee would self-elect a Facilitator and a Treasurer as heads of the committee. The proposal will be published tomorrow in the Tech.

- The committees will be governed by bylaws which I sent to Virginia. The rough outlines are that the constitution mandates two committees governed by bylaws. I've drafted a minimum of bylaws, but I haven't defined powers yet because I want to meet with the dorm presidents over IAP and draft laws. The first spring meeting can put in place full bylaws. The committees don't report to the UA president or council and are autonomous.
- Krithika – Is it an annual decision for a dorm to choose being on the funding committee?
- Allan – It will probably be yearly.
- Paula – I feel like if it happens annually, a dorm president might decide not to be on a committee.
- Allan – I think it is well balanced and liked. We're trying to unify the student voice. I've been in a lot of meetings in which I was told that the organizations were too fragmented. We could be as strong as we were in the 50's and 60's.
- Paula – The main problem I think is not our self image but our image to the campus. How do we gain respect from reorganizing?
- Alicia – One complaint of the restructuring process last spring was that it was too fast. Allan was speaking to the chancellor. One concern from the administration is that we are not the people most in touch with dorms. Having dorm presidents serve will bring a better image, but we need to do publicity.
- Paula – When we launch the new UA, we could fix one thing for publicity.
- Allan – The Orientation Committee's announcement will be around the time we start the new UA. We can react to that. How does the body stand?
- Patrick – Should we vote on this the next meeting?

It was decided to vote on restructuring next meeting.

- Alex Penn – Who supports the plan?
- Allan – A lot of people like the new IFC president. I'm working on senate support. One new thing would be to have the UA review its mission statement and revise it. John Reed and others tell me we need a mission statement. We have a pretext in constitution that is kind of like mission statement, but not really. In essence, we represent students, get them things, and get them money.
- Alex Penn – What about ratification?
- Allan – I'm not sure what ratification would look like. DormCon and senate would vote on it. LGC on board, but it's not urgent. Panhel is not as strongly for it. My plan was to have everyone signoff at first council meeting.
- Ellen – Can you create it without all signing off first? I think everyone should sign first. UA and DormCon both vote on this.
- Allan – I will talk about the other organization's meetings at next meeting.

2. Adam's Sendoff Party