

DORMCON MEETING MINUTES – October 11, 2012

Dorm	Representative	Absent
Baker	Michael Plasmeier	
Burton-Conner	Janille Maragh	
East Campus	Robert Johnson	
MacGregor	Edward Mugica	
Masseh Hall	Regina Cho	
McCormick	Sheila Lee	proxy: Katherine Silvestre
New House	Benjamin Shaibu	
Next House	Austin Brinson	
Random Hall	Alexandra Westbrook	
Senior Haus	Katy Gero	
Simmons Hall	Eli Ross	proxy: Cosmos Darwin
President	Edward Mugica	
Vice President	Janille Maragh	
Secretary	Phoebe Whitwell	
Treasurer	Yukino Nagai	

1. Cardboard Boat Race funding request (visitor: Alex McCarthy)

- during IAP, hosted by the Z-center
- got \$700 Dormcon funding last year for the materials
- SweetTea: what did you do with the cardboard after? A: Threw it away
- Plaz: how much money did you get from the UA last year? A: about \$2000, we used most of it on T-shirts
- Edward: How much involvement last year? A: 7 teams, with 3 official members on each (plus ancillary members and spectators at event)
- Alina: have you tried to get funding from Course 2? A: No. I tried to get money from the Edgerton Center and didn't get very far.

It was voted to fund the Cardboard Boat Race by \$700, with the suggestion that the group seek other sources of funding in future years.

2. Peer Ears

- Katy: How many other dorms have been approached about a pilot "Peer Ears" program?
A: No one
- Katy: This was started by ActiveMinds, I've been in contact with a girl from McCormick and a guy off-campus. They want to make a program a bit like MedLinks but focused on mental health. The training will take place in this semester and over IAP and the system will be in place in the spring.
- Edward: It's possible that our housemasters took care of it. People should check in with their housemasters.
- Simmons: This sounds like it will have a lot of privacy concerns.
- Michael: We should invite them to the next Dormcon meeting.

3. Campus-wide Events

- Edward: is anyone actively working on anything other than the Halloween event?
- Affi: I'm working on Iron Chef.
- Edward: I think the best idea that came out of last week's discussion was field day. We could do this over Spring Weekend. Is someone interested in being Project Manager for this? A: No one, but Edward and Affi could help.
- Edward: Other events are on hold since people don't really want to work on them. The presidents could send out emails to their dorms soliciting ideas.
- Simmons: This is what the ADs are supposed to do.

4. The Halloween event

- Alina: Yukino and I are working on this. Our idea is that people go trick-treating in groups. Each person gets the number of pieces of candy equivalent to the number of dorms represented in the group.
- Edward: The fact that many people will cheat probably doesn't matter.
- Yukino: The 31st is on a Wednesday, would it be better if this happened on the weekend before, starting at like 5 pm? A: sure
- Yukino: We'd like between 500 and 1000 dollars. We can get 99 lbs of candy/ 1000 pieces. Each dorm will figure out what to do with the candy and staff the event.

Alina and Yukino will have a solid candy plan by next meeting. It was voted to preapprove \$1000.

5. RLAD Update

- Edward: For the dorms without RLADs, reach out to the dean's office or you might end up with an AD when you don't want one.
- Alex: The housemasters are talking with each other and the deans.
- Jonte: Who doesn't have an RLAD now and knows that you're going to get one? Baker and MacGregor. East Campus and Senior House are the only dorms that aren't ready for an RLAD. Random is getting something, and we don't know what's happening with Bexley (it's hard for them to be against or for it without a dorm government structure.)
- Alex: Can someone talk to Bexley, this is important.
- Edward: The UA and Dormcon are talking to Ravi, who lives in Bexley and is Jonte's chief of staff. They do seem to be against it.
- Jonte: For EC and Senior House, as the chancellor said, if you don't think an RLAD would be good for your dorm, you should have a good reason why it won't be good and have a counter solution.
- Austin: It would be better to go to them, rather than wait for them to come to you.

6. Security Changes

- Michael: The consultant has finished their report and is submitting it, Baker will be moving forward on the recommendations of an internal committee.