

**DormCon Meeting Minutes
14 March 2013 (π Day!)**

Agenda

1. Voting in new secretary (Anna, Edward)
2. DTYD funding request (Edward)
3. Steer Roast funding (Alina)
4. Discuss inter-dorm events (Alina)
5. RBA binding discussion (Edward)
6. Optional tour of Senior Haus) (Sara)

Attendance

| Dorm | Representative | Absent |
|----------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Baker | Andrea Marty | |
| Burton-Conner | Akhil Raju | |
| East Campus | Kelly Snyder | Proxy: Phoebe Whitwell |
| MacGregor | Walter Menendez | |
| Maseeh Hall | Clay Goggil | None |
| McCormick | Henna Jethani | |
| New House | Anna Ho | Proxy: Matt Davis |
| Next House | Linda Seymour | |
| Random Hall | Jacob Hurwitz | |
| Senior Haus | Sara Falcone | |
| Simmons Hall | Cosmos Darwin | None |
| President | Edward Mugica | |
| Vice President | Janille Maragh | |
| Secretary | Anna Ho | |
| Treasurer | Phoebe Whitwell | |

1) Voting in new secretary

- Nominations: Jacobi, Walter
- Jacobi: Hi, I'm Jacobi! I was on DormCon briefly, and I would like to stay on it. I can type, therefore I can take minutes. I'm on the ASA, and good at poking people to get them to reply to e-mails. I'm also on FinBoard, and I've never missed any of my allocations on that as well. I only have a class at 7 on Mondays. E-mail response time: if I'm not in class about an hour, if it's something I have to think about, maybe a day.
- Walter: To restate what I said last time – former REX chair of MacGregor, so used to managing people over e-mails, compile the agenda for the weekly meeting at MacGregor anyway, involved with Technique which involves a lot of e-mailing. I have this addiction to my phone, so check my e-mail constantly. Lately I've been having an e-mail response time of a minute.

Jacobi is elected the new secretary.

2) Steer Roast funding

- We hope everyone knows how awesome Steer Roast is, which would not be possible without the generosity of DormCon.
- Steer Roast is a two-day party (“art festival”) – we have a pit-lighting, and then we have mud-wrestling in the courtyard, which is fun (and sexy). They roast an entire steer (hence the name). This is a fun event, open to anyone. Both nights have a live band (Friday and Saturday night). Entry with MIT ID, until we get to capacity.
- Where would the DormCon funding fit?
 - a. Total cost is about \$22,000.
 - i. \$5,000 for police detail (safety)
 - ii. \$8,000-\$9,000 for all the bands and lighting
 - iii. \$1,500 for art, working on a grant for that
 - iv. \$2,000 for food minus the meat
 - v. the steer is \$1,000 (food is \$3,000 total)
 - vi. also a few other expenses.
 - b. DormCon funding would go towards the band.
- What other funding do you have?
 - a. \$4,500 from LEF, thinking about applying to another source.
- How much else is covered for sure? What is Senior Haus’ input?
 - a. Senior Haus at this point is covering everything except what LEF is putting in – about \$18,000 which is almost our entire bank account. This event is open to all MIT students and staff so we would like DormCon to support it.
- Can you talk about your advertising?
 - a. In the past, we’ve advertised in with the Infinite Display, with an ad in the tech, with posters, and with e-mails.
- Can you estimate of how many people attend?
 - a. For pit-lighting, the courtyard usually fills up (about 300), and then it kind of filters in and out and varies a lot. Overall, people (even if they only come for an hour) there’s probably at least 600. In the past, we’ve had lower turnout for the bands; because of safety issues we’ve had to have people register beforehand. This year, we’re getting an ID scanner so it’ll just be open without pre-registration. We’re hoping for a higher turnout this year.

- What is this population made of?
 - a. Predominantly students. Not sure what dorms people are from, although this could be determined because we have the names. Each resident gets to invite 4 people from dorms other than Senior Haus. Most people run out of invites and have to get them from other people, so theoretically there are 4x the number of Senior Haus residents. We do get some Senior Haus alums too.
- Do you have a budget with you?
 - a. Yes, here it is.
 - b. (e-mailed to dorms-prez@mit.edu)
- What is the final amount you're asking for?
 - a. \$5,000
- What is a fascist?
 - a. Internal student security, they make sure everyone is okay.

DormCon pledges \$5000 to Senior Haus for Steer Roast.

3) DTYD Funding Request

- This is Burton Third (Bombers') annual party. It features live bands, food. It was expanded this year with more food and more recognizable bands.
- (It stands for Dance 'Til You Drop)
- What is the amount requested from DormCon?
 - a. \$2000
- What other sources of funding have you received?
 - a. \$2000 from Burton-Connor
 - b. \$2110 from LEF
 - c. Remainder from floor and alums
- What is the total budget? Can you give a breakdown?
 - a. Total: \$6824
 - b. (copies of budget circulated to those present)
 - c. This is increased from the internal BC budget, but it is the same budget which was given to LEF. It includes repairs to the stage and mailing invitations to alums.
- What is the expected attendance? How many are BC residents versus other MIT students versus alums?
 - a. Total attendance is 500, unsure of breakdown.

DormCon will fund the request, minus stage improvements, bartender, liquor license, and mailings, which comes to \$1050. Funding is contingent on DormCon oversight, which will involve the Risk Manager attending planning meetings and giving suggestions. He will have the option of recommending to DormCon to pull this funding if the party will be unsafe.

Discuss Inter-Dorm events

- Edward: This was talked about at retreat. We are moving away from the VC idea (to fund smaller, new events) towards funding events which bring dorms together. There are two classes of such events: those which have wide campus appeal (eg. Steer Roast, DTYD, Piano Drop), and those which are explicitly run by multiple dorms (eg. the upcoming McCormick-Next Picnic). I encourage dorm presidents to come up with events, as we are willing to fund them.
- Jhurwitz: You mention a lot that “we talked about this at the retreat”. I didn’t go, so what happened at the retreat?
- Edward: We didn’t take explicit minutes. Feel free to read through the agenda and ask anyone who went about it.
- Jhurwitz: Hey Secretary: Bug people to give more detailed agenda items, such as complete budgets and or 1-2 sentences describing it. This will allow me to ask my constituents what they think about it before the meeting.
- Jacobi: *Nods*

RBA binding discussion

- (Most members of DormCon have left).
- Chris Columbo’s Argument: Freshmen deserve to know what they are getting into, and whether or not they will have a room before freshmen change dorms (if they choose to do so). But, he thinks that FYRE is the same thing as in house rush.
- Edward: Rooms do not need to be up for grabs. People who want to stay in their rooms should be able to. FYRE is also distinct from in-house rush, and useful for the freshmen. Forcing freshmen to stay in a dorm if it is not the right fit for them is not helpful.
- Suggestion: meet with the McCormick housemaster and Dean Columbo. About RBA being binding on freshmen.

Tour of Senior Haus

- Occurred.

The next DormCon meeting will occur on April 4th, at 6 pm, in Simmons Hall