

**DormCon Meeting
November 19, 2015
Location: New House**

Agenda:

- 1. Discussion about Webmaster**
- 2. Dining Chair Updates**
- 3. Feedback on the MetX Meeting**
- 4. Preparing for the Maseeh Vote**
- 5. Minor Update on DSL Restructuring**
- 6. REX/I3 Chair Availability Discussion**
- 7. Transitioning New Presidents**
- 8. DormCon Logo and Slogan Brainstorming**

Attendance:

Dorm	Representative	Absent
Baker	Mandy Lee	
Burton-Conner	Paul Hager	
East Campus	Sonja Postak	
MacGregor	Arthur Delarue	
McCormick	Mary Delaney	
New House	Trey Watts	
Next House	Haley Horowitz	
Random Hall	Eric Mannes	
Senior House	Adrianna Rodriguez	x
Simmons Hall	Kate Farris	
President	Yonadav Shavit	
Vice President	Caitlin Heber	
Secretary	Sabrina Madera	x
Treasurer	Jacqueline Liu	

Start Time: 19:36

0. Introductions

1. Discussion about Webmaster

- Yo: The website was last remodeled in 2004. There are a lot of things that we could be doing with it, but we can't because it is old. Therefore, we're considering creating a position of Webmaster, considering we have had many people say they are interested in creating a new website, but it never happens. This is a discussion.
- Arthur: What do you want on the website that isn't there?
 - Yo: Information about how to get funding for events, internal structure and transmission for transitions. Knowing what people were talking about three years ago is super helpful.
- Arthur: Stellar was super old, but the new one is even worse. Prettier isn't necessarily better.
- Sadun: I think we can make it better without completely remodeling it.
- Yo: Fair. Does anyone know something who thinks they may know someone interested in doing so (making it more accessible)?
 - Sadun: If you have specific changes, I can help over IAP.
 - Yo: People seem to be mostly ambivalent, so I will get back to you on the ultimate decision.
- Arthur: We should absolutely have those things on the website, but it doesn't necessarily have to be interactive.
- Paul: If the question is if we want someone to specifically update the website, I am a fan of this idea.
- Chloe: Isn't that the role of the secretary?
 - Caitlin: Yes, but it's not really what you sign up for as a secretary.

2. Dining Chair Updates

- Kate: We met with Dean Colombo and Peter, and there is a dining committee being formed, which will start meeting in January. We are meeting with them, IFC, and Panhel again soon in order to finalize who is on the committee.
- Mary: We anticipate collecting feedback in the spring semester, and plan on extending our contract with Bon Appetite for another year.
- Kate: If there are any more comments on the IAP mealplan, let us know. We're meeting with Naomi again next week.

3. Feedback on the MetX Meeting

- Yo: We had a meeting with the Met people, and we gave them the feedback from the walking tour, and they gave us their updates. The administration liked the dialogue we got going. One of the major points we brought up was the fact that the room sizes were smaller than we expected them to be, so our perception of this dorm changed. We discussed this at the UA Council meeting last night, and we decided to publish a resolution sometime tonight, but I want to know about any of your lingering questions or things you want to push.
 - Arthur: What about kitchens?
 - Yo: The stable number of kitchens should be one per floor. We said that kitchen space is often used as lounge space, and that was a point upon which we had a productive discussion.
 - Kate: The dining hall being two floors; what did they say?

- Caitlin: They steered very far away from the dining hall as a point of discussion.
- Arthur: What about bathrooms?
 - Caitlin: There are going to be three per dorm, and they are considering building a single-occupancy bathroom on each floor.
 - Yo: Each bathroom would be catered to 34 people.
 - Kate: I'm just concerned, because floor plans are deceptive.
- Chloe: Back to kitchens. How big would this one-per-floor kitchen be?
 - Yo: About the size of a country kitchen.
 - Arthur: I think that's a good plan.
- Arthur: What about room occupancy, triples and quads over singles and doubles?
 - Yo: So, now there are no singles in the design.
 - Chloe: What about people with special needs?
 - Caitlin: A double would be made into a single.
 - Kate: So everyone knows they have special needs...
- Kate: Laundry rooms?
 - Yo: Yes, they are adding more, on both sides of the building.
- Chloe: How are they adding kitchens and adding laundry rooms without losing something?
 - Yo: We are not sure about the trade-outs.
- Sadun: What about the rooftop?
 - Yo: There is now a sixth and a seventh floor. It seems to still be very much in flux. Its amount of space has decreased because they don't want it to be seen from ground level.
 - Sadun: The rooms they were going to put on the roof sounded useless.
 - Yo: They want it to be more incorporated into the dorm. It is likely the sixth floor would still be public, but the seventh for use of the residents.
 - Mary: McCormick has private penthouses.
 - Caitlin: They think those spaces are underutilized.
- Caitlin: The bottom of the light wells will not be accessible to students or general workers. There will be skylights for the second floor.
- Yo: Also, it sounds like the windows will open.
 - All: Hooray!

4. Preparing for the Maseeh Vote

- Yo: The Maseeh vote will occur from December 7th to the 11th.
- Caitlin: We need the majority of people who vote to vote "yes." There is no quorum.
 - Sadun: I don't think this is an easy vote.
- Yo: It would be great if everyone here could convince their acquaintances in Maseeh to vote. We will be starting an outreach campaign at their study breaks with a manned booth and flyers. Currently the people who are enlisted for this are me and Caitlin. We will be sending an email; let us know if you would like to help.

5. Minor Update on DSL Restructuring

- Yo: Dean Columbo announced to me and Matt Davis that ResLife has moved from being under Dean Humphries to Judy Robinson in Student Outreach and Support. This should

not affect anyone, as the roles of GRTs are not changing and job titles and descriptions are not changing. However, new management may lead to more discussion in the future.

- Mary: How will this change advising?
 - Becky: Housing operations has nothing to do with Residence-Based Advising anymore.
- Sadun: DSL has hired someone to look after FSILGs.

6. REX/i3 Chair Availability Discussion

- Yo: Next meeting, we are electing REX and i3 Chairs. Please advertise this to your dorm.

7. Transitioning New Presidents

- Yo: Most people are probably having elections now or having elections soon. It would be great if, as you transition your presidents, you bring them up-to-speed about what has happened this semester. Of course, we will do what we can at retreat (Feb. 15th), but it's helpful if you do what you can and they come in with an idea of what is happening.

8. DormCon Logo and Slogan Brainstorming

- Yo: I am not letting you guys leave until we design a t-shirt, a logo, and pick a slogan.
 - Paul: Our logo looks terrible.
- Lily: DC Comics logo. Leggo.
- Eric: What was the penis logo that Sonja keeps talking about?
 - *Matt shows penis logo*
 - Everyone: Ohhhhhh.
- Paul: Recently, in mens' fashion, turtlenecks have come back into style.
- Eric: Where would the arrow from 'right here' point?
- Kate: So...slogan?
- Sadun: Currently, our slogan is "We've got your dorm life...right here."
 - Eric: How about "Competent, at least half the time."
 - Paul: "Welcome Home."
 - Kate: It doesn't really capture what we do.
 - Mandy: "Don't let the administration win."
 - Kate: "A shoulder to cry on."
 - Sadun: "DormCon: Sponsored by Baker House."
 - Kate: "Don't be a pawn; join DormCon."
 - Eric: "100 years of respectfully disagreeing with the man."
 - Arthur: "Fostering polite conversation."
 - Kate: "DormCon: we couldn't pick a slogan."
 - Matt: "Meetings every Thursday."
 - Kate: "Trying Our Best," or "We Tried."
 - Yo: "Happiness is Relative."
 - Eric: "DormCon: Enough with the Peer Institutions."
 - Lily: "Articlermative."
- Kate: Scarves instead of shirts.
- Sadun: DormCon hats with our names.
- Yo: What about a mascot?
- Arthur: I'm getting confused as to this conversation.

- Paul: Logo. Do we need a logo? Who wants to design a logo?
 - Rachel: I can mock things up when I'm procrastinating.

End Time: 20:31