

## Meeting Minutes 09/08/2016 at Maseeh Hall

“//” Indicates comments heard quickly in response to another comment, usually too fast to see who said it

“(name)” Indicates the speaker of a subcomment (aka not the presenter)

Meeting started ~7:35

Dorm	Attend	Budget Amendm ent	Fall Carnival	FredFest
Baker	1	1	1	1
Burton-Conner	1	1	1	1
East Campus	1	1	1	1
MacGregor	1	1	1	1
Maseeh	1	1	1	1
McCormick	1	1	1	1
New House	1	1	1	1
Next	0	0	0	0
Random	1	1	1	1
Senior	1	1	1	1
Simmons	1	1	1	1

- REX-Rush Agreement: Issac
  - Nothing really happened because they couldn't come to a compromise on a provisional agreement
  - Billy: Frat presidents seemed disinclined because DormCon couldn't impose the same consequences for violations of the agreement
- Dining: Lily
  - Late night is now open to those on the “any” and “full” plans for any daytime meal replacement. Basic didn't lose any privileges.
  - Bon Appetit changed their procedures so that the menus are the same across the dorm.
  - Naomi assures us that the diversity of the dorms' dining halls.
  - Brandon: They use focus groups and feedback cards to guesstimate the popularity
  - McCormick: Disappointed in the change because they have a smaller dining hall and appreciate the encouragement to go to other dining halls
- Kester: SAO Retreats
  - September 16-17: Emerging Leaders conference, 5pm to 5pm
  - Diversity Leadership Retreat (Dates Coming Soon)
- REX Booklet Story
  - Initial quotes from Kendall Press implied that it would cost about \$1000, but they found that the booklets were planned in way too small of font. They changed to a larger font, but it cost much more money.
- Funding Requests:

- Fall Carnival:
  - Plans for fall themed events incl. bouncy houses and food etc.
  - Hosted by Baker, McCormick, and Maseeh
  - Requesting \$975.89
- FredFest:
  - Gets local bands to come and play at East Campus, has food and things as well
  - Usually gets more from LEF, but they only gave half as much this year
  - 7:45-11:00 on the day of Career Fair (Sept 25?)
  - Requesting \$1000
- Entertainment License:
  - The specific city code was targeted at specifically MIT, Harvard, and BU. There is still some confusion about why this is happening
- REX:
  - Just before the REX booklets were printed, DSL contacted the Heads of House about the booklet. Initially the story was that DSL sent an email encouraging the Heads of House to have a discussion with their REX chairs. Instead of asking the Heads of House to review the events with their REX chairs, it appears that DSL sent an email with a list of issues DSL wanted to address so that they could convey that message to the REX chairs. Plans for the future: Continue to discuss this with DSL, encourage REX chairs to get their Heads of House involved earlier in the process.
  - \*General discussion of how this applied to each dorm\*
  - The next steps are to help the REX chairs of next year educate everyone involved on the process so that we can continue to negotiate terms amenable to everyone.
  - Various words are reasonably difficult to put in the booklet. The particular words are potentially not suitable for the minutes.
  - We would like to try to get a meeting with DSL and the Heads of House earlier in the cycle next time.
  - Issac: Random Heads of House missed an event, potentially should make sure everyone is on the same page next time
- Sarah (New House):
  - We spend a lot of money on CPW that really is probably MIT admin's job. They should reimburse us or something.
  - BC: agrees
  - Issac: We need to separate the money from the time and effort required.
  - Yuge: Upperclassman like running the event, and apparently right now we like spending money and time to entertain the pre-frosh.
- Summer Storage/In Term Storage:
  - Jen was the point contact on storage.
  - Went well, there was one small issue of something getting wet in Senior Haus.
  - The Met will not be used for storage in the foreseeable future.

- Piece by piece was overall unsuccessful due to the high rates, low participation.
- East Campus had a few random couches that disappeared.
- Jen didn't want to talk very much about ITS until we got summer storage wrapped up.
- Security:
  - Pinging Peter Cummings to get more security committee meetings so that.
  - There were substantial issues with card access in the beginning of the term.
  - Sarah: A few nights in a row there was no night watch at Senior Haus, just Allied Barton.
  - We would like to see more autonomy from Allied Barton workers and have them able to use the lookup system for non-residents
- Risk Management chairs:
  - Reactions to the Good Samaritan Policy
    - Suzy's email was sent to every undergrad with a link that is still alive.
    - The wording was changed to remove the enabling and possession clause
    - Should work on clarification to residents so that there is more awareness
- Architectural principles:
  - Why singles and doubles? (Nonye) Issac: They tend to lead to bad group dynamics
  - Billy: Emphasize the common space for every 30-40 people
  - Entryways:
    - moving in and out will be common, multiple entry ways?(Joe), Freight elevator?
  - Large rooms:
    - Don't go to waste as often as thought. (East Campus) about half the dorm would be okay. (Random) We can fit 2/3 of the dorm and they have only ever gone over once.
  - Outdoor spaces:
    - (New) One big courtyard is better than two smaller ones. (BC) Their smaller courtyard is used reasonably frequently. (Simmons) Their roof deck isn't usable most of the year
  - Dining/Kitchens:
    - (Nonye) Kitchens are important to everyone including dining dorms. The closer the kitchen the better. (Sabrina) Kitchens are nice to facilitate social interactions. (Billy) Kitchens are nice to be separated, but having more than one per 500 people is also nice. (Sarah) Night watch has to come through the suites because BC has kitchens in their suites. (Lily) If you are going to have one kitchen, it should be good.
  - Laundry:

- (Nonye) Likes the option of partial cycles. (Joe) Put the laundry as close to the elevators as possible.
- Furniture: (Nonye) a time limit on the usage of furniture. (Issac) Ability put the unwanted furniture somewhere. // The wheels are nice.
- Maker Space: (Kim Dauber) Who will be in charge of the maker space and how will it be run?
- Sustainability: (Kate) No compromises on usability for sustainability (Issac) Things like efficient temp control is good for both usability and sustainability. (Kate) Trash cans vs. trash chutes, no clear answer
- Lighting: (Lily) No timers or sensors, just switches (Yuge) Walls? // Consensus was that paintable walls would be good.
- Meeting ended ~9:35