

Meeting Minutes 10-13-2016 at Next House

“/” 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			
Baker	1			
Burton-Conner	1			
East Campus	1			
MacGregor	1			
Maseeh	1			
McCormick	1			
New House	1			
Next	1			
Random	1			
Senior	1			
Simmons	1			

- Meeting Started 7:35
- Susan's announcement
 - A few meetings ago we gave money to a fall formal, hosted by McCormick
 - Happening 10/21, theme Supernova
- New Residents working group
 - Application closes tomorrow, Yuge and Kate will be interviewing people after that.
 - <action> President's bump the email
- Allie and Nonye, Security Committee
 - Allie: Met for the first time, they will be meeting every three weeks because that is Peter Cummings' favorite schedule
 - Brought up desk workers being able to look people up by ID number.
 - Apparently its only during dining hours right now, but Peter and Allie thought this was pretty silly. Keith still is holding out.
 - The fifteen-minute grace period will be reinstated for before dining opens.

- Guest lists are slow currently because security doesn't want to give people that are moving around guest lists. However, this could be mitigated by just delaying freshman's guest list
 - Currently the express guest lists are only updatable by Keith putting people in manually. He also vets those people against a blacklist. This is why he only currently does this twice a semester.
 - We would like to work on being able to get people off express guest lists asap. It probably won't be the most elegant, but as it stands, the procedure is to call Keith and hope for the best, so it could be better.
 - A committee was formed over the summer from admin that is to discuss the process of what happens after someone commits a housing or security violation.
 - Pulling RLAD's out of the loop would be nice, but currently the admins are sticking with that in their policy.
 - We are a bit upset that we weren't notified/included in that committee's inception, but we'll try to work with them as much as possible.
 - Currently the RLAD's and Heads of House have an undefined role in the punitive process, and it would be good for everyone involved to get on the same page.
 - Sarah: Is there a way for DSL to know why people are violating security policy?
 - Becky: DSL is reasonably aware of the reasons of why people are violating.
- Piper and Rachel:
 - Piper:
 - Formed a committee about event registration
 - Suzy comes to us from Harvard, and there their event reg. policy is "one-day advance"
 - It would be important that we disseminate the information of why we should register events because admins get a lot out of it directly, but we don't see that so much.
 - How hard is it to register events?
 - Sarah: I've had a lot of trouble and it typically involves lots of emails and/or some meetings. Live music is a nightmare.
 - Party safe training has now gone to a hybrid approach where there are going to be some in public spaces
 - Where is event registration?

- Apparently it's on Atlas.
 - What about the form itself?
 - Kate: It is pretty annoying that the form changes length as you fill it out.
 - General: anything involving alcohol is hard
 - The lower size limit for a party is now 20 people.
 - RLAD's see events so that they know that they are happening.
 - Sarah: People could be concerned about attaching their name to the event because they feel it could make them liable to anything that happens.
 - There is a guide, but it is vague and outdated.
 - Could we get the form off of Atlas?
 - Suzy might be willing to field this.
 - We want someone else to deal with the Cambridge city ordinance, which would be great.
 - It appears that the MIT police have had personnel change and so that detail costs have changed.
 - We'd like this to be standardized.
 - We also would like to ask about different space options for student activities
 - We could work on just giving Cambridge a heads up for our events instead of the current process.
- Lily
 - Naomi has met with McCormick and Baker, but not the rest of the dining chairs.
 - They have also sent out some inquiries to consultants which will help negotiate the Dining contract
 - Composting: The question is whether composting should be in sight or not.
 - Meeting ended at 8:40