

## DormCon Minutes 02-16-2017

| Dorm          | Attendance | Budget (6k/10k option) |
|---------------|------------|------------------------|
| Baker         | 1          | 1                      |
| Burton-Conner | 1          | 1                      |
| East Campus   | 1          | 1                      |
| MacGregor     | 1          | 1                      |
| Maseeh        | 1          | 1                      |
| McCormick     | 1          | 1                      |
| New           | 1          | 1                      |
| Next          | 1          | 1                      |
| Random        | Proxy      | 1                      |
| Senior        | 1          | 1                      |
| Simmons       | Proxy      | 1                      |

Meeting Started at 7:39

- MIT Water Club
  - Works on conservation of water resources
  - Working with a startup in SF to get more efficient shower heads
  - They already are planning on installing some in the Z center
  - They would like to see some installed in dorms to spread awareness, but they are pretty expensive, so we would only be seeing them in limited quantities.
  - The shower head isn't generally available yet, so general rollout is a ways away.
  - There are compatibility requirements that might prevent these from working in some dorms.
  - There are temperature problems in Next which may make them more conducive to a different shower, provided it's hot.
  - Burton-Conner is suite style, so that could interfere with getting a large number of people to use a single shower.
  - Suggested to talk with UA sustainability
  - The company is apparently willing to provide as many as we are willing to pay for, plus two free.
- DormCon Retreat
  - Happening at Sid-Pac multipurpose room, which is apparently "across the tracks from Simmons"

- Event Reg
    - There is a draft of the new event registration policy
    - Draft doesn't have as much student voice as we would prefer, but we are working on it.
    - Few questions they really want answered
      - How should they deal with numeric cutoffs since dorms vary wildly in size, culture, etc.
      - What is an event?
        - BC - small gathering generally a room or a couple, event considered something that spreads bigger
        - Next - Event is generally funded by the dorm as opposed to private individuals funding it
        - Yuge - What sort of event are we talking about
          - Event like registered? Or event as in anything a dorm plans?
        - Piper - I suggested that they make it a fraction of the dorm's capacity so that it was a bit more fair to dorm size.
        - Kate - 25 seems to be a really low number for non-alcoholic events
        - BC - The floor lounges are generally smaller fire capacity than the floor population.
        - Nonye - measure the impact of an event to others not going to the event?
      - Student bartenders can be liable for alcohol poisoning, and currently we are not insured/covered in the same way like frats
        - The general undergrad population did not like a plan of having a small number of people trained to bartend for everyone.
        - A proposed compromise is to make students more aware of the risks associated with bartending
- REX/i3
  - I3 Chairs Update
  - There is a meeting next week that is going over the important things of i3
  - Guide to Residence is being updated, so admin asked for feedback / a wishlist of features.
    - One thing that's already been put into motion was a new version of the "Housing Grid" that would include cultural information.
  - DormCon's welcome letter got stuffed into a back corner of the website
  - The link structure isn't great
  - There are RAC trainings that are coming up, including Hazing Prevention, Gender Inclusive Housing etc. Please send feedback on useful things for RAC's to be trained
- Summer Storage / Housing
  - Summer Storage chair

- If you are a summer storage dorm, please get summer storage chairs appointed so that ball can get rolling
      - Had a meeting with Keith, Peter, and Graham
        - Allied Universal had a personnel shakeup
        - Allied got dropped from TD Garden because there was an incident, but admin looked into it, and our policies protect us from a similar incident being likely.
        - It would be great if we could get a booklet together for Freshman so that they are more informed about security rules.
        - There is going to be culture training for Allied, and that will be happening soon.
        - Going to meet the new Allied security supervisor. Admin asked us to brief him on the security culture of MIT, so if dorms can put in feedback about what to tell him about MIT security culture, that would be nice.
- JudComm
  - REX/Rush Agreement
    - There are ongoing negotiations with the IFC about that agreement, please send feedback
- CPW
  - CPW is going well so far
  - CPW chairs are answering questoins
  - Senior House - \*Sarah\* wait - that was a misunderstanding - \*Kim\* there is no current problem.
- Budget
  - DormCon does events, so we make a budget every year
  - There are two budgets currently, one has slightly rounder numbers than the other.
- General Feedback
  - New House
    - Still going through the renovation process, thanks all of the dorms who have been hosting open houses etc.
  - MacGregor
    - More floor culture than dorm culture
    - Getting some renovations at some point
  - Random
    - Close knit
    - Trying to figure out the current fire situation
  - BC
    - Very floor culture centered, not much going on right now
  - Baker
    - Looking to reinstate piano drop, more dorm culture than floor culture
  - Simmons
    - Like a playground, they have a ball pit and don't like being told no

- McCormick
  - Currently feels defined as an all female dorm, and they would like to change that image to reflect the community that also happens to be all female
  - Working to house NH refugees
- Next
  - The exec is very new and their rep is also new
  - Currently working on some long term projects
- Maseeh
  - Varies floor to floor
  - Currently working on resident engagement with the rest of the dorm
- EC
  - Many tight knit communities
  - Currently dealing with admin about their smoking halls
  - Started on their rush planning, another roller coaster is in the works
- Senior House
  - Also dealing with smoking
  - They don't have freshman right now, but they are hoping to get freshman again next year.