

EAST CAMPUS HOUSECOMM MINUTES - 02/16/2011

Attendance:

Hall	Present
1W	X
2W	X
3W	X
4W	X
5W	(absent)
1E	X
2E	X
3E	X
4E	X
5E	X

Topics Discussed:

1. JoeG Says: **Keep your kitchens clean**, or else they will be taken away. This is actually a serious issue, so get your kitchens clean by Monday.

2. Comm Budget Allocations

- SewingComm, DarkroomComm and CameraComm didn't request anything, and there were no representatives present, so none of them will receive funding this term.
- Many comms had to receive less funding than they asked for, because our target budget was about \$13000.
- Interesting discussions:
 - We want a pool table. Unfortunately, we don't have enough money for one now.
 - There was a vote (5 to 4) to cut all funding to MovieComm for this term.
 - CPW asked for more money because it was recommended (by Abby and Dave Barber) that EC get a building permit, which would cost more money.
 - PianoComm agreed to tune only one of EC's two pianos.
 - It was discussed EC shouldn't subsidize the whole cost of the cooking class and that participants should be asked to pay for some of it.
- *The final budget allocations were approved by a unanimous vote (9 out of 9 halls present)*

Comm	Last Term	Amount Requested	Amount Allocated
Exec	600	500	300
Rush	4000	6000	5000
CPW	500	1500	1000
Soc	4800	5700	5000
Movie	450	600	0
Web	0	50	35
Darkroom	100	0	0
Game	0	650	0
Pet	30	65	65
Jock	60	50	50
Dining	200	700	200
AV	20	300	225
Alumni	0	0	0
WeightRoom	100	600	300
Camera	0	0	0
Tool	455	905	805
Piano	375	300	150
Com	100	150	0
Bike	63	100	100
Sewing	75	0	0
Concert	500	1000	500
Bad Ideas	500	0	0
Total	12,928	19,170	13,730

2. Possible Creations of TechComm and LaundryComm

- *Betsy*: We should create a LaundryComm to maintain the lists in the laundry room and call MacGrey weekly if machines need to be fixed. We are also getting a printer, and should create a TechComm that would act as someone to interface with IS&T to maintain the printer and our computers.
- *James*: The creation of Comms isn't in our constitution, so we will take a vote.
- *There was a unanimous (9 out of 9 halls present) vote to create LaundryComm and TechComm*
- At the next HouseComm, we will elect people to serve on LaundryComm and TechComm.

3. Elections of new ConcertComm

We need 4 or 5 people (preferably on campus over the summer) to help out.

Nominated: Rob, Karen, Leonid, Laura

Question: Will you be here over the summer, and what will you do to ensure that EC is involved in the decision making process for FredFest?

- *Karen*: No, but I will be working on a software engineering project, so I will be on my computer 24/7. Last year, I was annoyed by FredFest, and this year I want to

be involved to fix the things that I didn't like, and I would try to get more people engaged.

- Rob: I'll probably be here. I have done lights and prep for FredFest in the past, and like Karen said, I'd like to get more people involved.
- Leonid: No, but I'll be with Karen over the summer and also will be on my computer all the time. I like organizing and would also try to get lots of input from different people about the bands that play at FredFest.
- Laura: I will be here over the summer, and I don't know what I would do to make FredFest better.

The 4 candidates that were nominated were white balloted.

4. HouseTax

- The EC constitution says we should vote at the 1st HouseComm of semester, but this hasn't been done in the past.
- Currently, our House Tax is \$65 per semester. \$5 goes to DormCon, and of the remaining \$60, \$30 goes to EC and each hall gets \$30 per resident.
- If we were to change the House Tax, we could change these amounts/ratios.
- Arguments in favor of raising the House Tax for the Fall semester:
 - We are currently among the cheapest dorms on campus. Raising the tax by \$20 would make us more expensive than Random Hall.
 - We currently spend a lot of our money fixing things, and it would be nice to have more money to buy new/better things.

There was a unanimous (9 out of 9 halls present) vote to increase next term's House Tax by \$20

5. Other Announcements/Updates

- REX/Orientation: Progress is being made, talk to Big James if you have specific questions
- Please contact jagat@mit.edu if you have anything to say about how changing library hours might affect you.
- UA update - talk to your senators about student engagement
- JockComm: Everyone should sign up for IM sports, especially if you're good at water polo, we could have an octathon team.
- Constitution: We have some serious documentation issues, and in the future we will be working to fix the constitution and by-laws. Talk to James if you want to be involved.