

East Campus Housecomm

5/15/2013

Everyone is here

RLAD candidates discussion

We discussed the RLAD candidates and reached a consensus on two names which we will forward to Henry Humphreys.

Summer Storage situation

We finally got a chance to talk about summer storage in the west parallel. There should be nothing left in the rooms, including furniture, including closets. If you leave anything there it is at your own risk. Each hall will have one fridge room on the hall that they can decide how to use. We're in the process of cleaning out the basement. All of the basement will be available for storage. We're not sure that will be enough for everyone on the west parallel, so we're working with housing to get a truck that will, for about a week, go between here and Metropolitan storage. The idea is that we will pay for the truck and we will bring someone in to sell us storage there, but the storage space will be personally funded. EC will pay for the transportation.

We want to talk about possibly allocating some amount of money to West parallel to help them pay for storage for the summer. If there's a hall that wants to rent a larger room for its residents. Individual storage units are about \$200 for the summer. The rooms that are going quickly are in the \$300-\$400 range. The price for a hall-sized room is in the thousand dollar range. Someone would need to be responsible for getting it all out.

Should EC pay for West parallel halls to store hall stuff. We should probably get 2 or 3 of the large rooms. They seemed willing to work with us to make this work. The Metropolitan storage workers are willing to come here and let us sign the contracts here, and then later we bring our stuff. If we were going to do that we should do it on Friday.

Do we want to do small rooms and act more immediately, or have bigger rooms and wait a little bit to see what the timetable needs to be based on the basement. Hall chairs on the west side should report back to Leonid by tomorrow to tell him what they want to do in terms of storage.

We go around in circles on this point for a while. People don't think they will pay for small rooms if the basements are available.

Proposal: allocate \$3500 for storage for the west parallel and a truck. We vote, it passes unanimously.

As soon as we figure out when the truck will be here, we will let everyone know.

Bexley report

Each of your halls sent Leonid some idea of how many rooms you can give to Bexley people. This was relayed to Housing. She emailed all the RACs to say that Friday at 4 we will have a grand meeting, with the Bexley folk, to “assign all the rooms” but Leonid suspects that nobody is getting a room on Friday. The idea is that all the Bexley people will be physically there and they will run through a room-wars type thing. But they really only want to go to three dorms: BC, EC, and SH. It sounds like this plan for a meeting is going to be a nightmare and the person organizing this has never run a rooming meeting. At some point after Friday Leonid will know the names of the people in EC, but probably not on which halls

Leonid: What are they going to do if I don't send them the rooming assignments on time? YOLO I guess.

More broadly: Bexley is very unhappy about this, and so are the rest of the dorms. Bexley got together and wrote a letter to a bunch of admins. At the same time, Kellynid and other dorm reps wrote a letter to the same administrators in support of Bexley, and the plan they have right now is detrimental to Bexley's culture and also detrimental to all the other dorms as well. It was signed by a rep from all of the dorms. We got a non-response. “We understand your concerns” – they wanted to share it with the housemasters and the public. We asked them to hold off sharing it with the public until they actually address our concerns. We got another letter from Grimson today that still didn't address our concerns. The best way to deal with this is not to continue to have a back-and-forth letter campaign, so the letters will be in the tech whenever the next Tech is. They haven't responded to our concerns at all. They think they've responded to Bexley's concerns. Kellynid will keep us updated.

Several of the dorms on West Campus now have 24/7 security guards (the dining dorms plus MacGregor) – for us, it simply doesn't make sense the way our building is laid out.

On Saturday, Rief is coming for a barbecue. We want to give him an adventure tour.

Round of applause for Kelly and Leonid for being awesome and handling the Bexley semester.

This is the last housecomm of the semester. It has been a very strange one, but we have an awesome house team, awesome dorm government, and we'll get through it.