

# EC HouseComm 2016-09-14

All halls are here.

## **EcoComm**

UA Sustainability only composts food waste on campus now. EC now has composting bins with carbon filters. Fancy.

## **FredFest**

brendaz is the publicity chair for FredFest. IT'S HAPPENING! 23 September at 7:45p. There will be pizza. Feed the Facebook event with your RSVPs.

## **Updates**

Semester Storage - You should get your stuff out of the basement. Probably joeg won't do anything to it if you don't. astanton is one of the DormCon housing chairs, and is working on organizing semester storage, most likely with similar rules re: having insurance and labeling your boxes.

The person at DSL is not entirely prepared to discuss in-dorm storage. Seems receptive, but wants to wrap up summer storage first. Apparently Piece by Piece didn't go super well with regards to putting the right things in the right rooms. HOWEVER - you bought renter's insurance and it lasts for a whole year, so you should be optimistic about semester storage.

Party Registration - The officer in charge of police details for events at MIT PD retired, and has been replaced. Now we're getting charged more for police details than before. Last year, FredFest detail was quoted at \$200, and then weren't charged. This year, we were quoted \$1400 and it has been adjusted to \$900. Heads up to people who might be planning large parties. 2W registered a party reporting 75 guests; the 5 business day advance notice was strictly enforced, but a police detail was not needed. Unclear as to whether criteria is based on someone's discretion or is well-defined.

Baby Dorm - This is something that more underclassmen (read: not 2017s) should get involved in! The Tech says it's going to be like a 700 person dorm. It will not be. They will be adding 700 beds to the entire housing system over the next two years. If you're feeling skeptical, you're not alone.

Is this to increase the class size or to get rid of old dorms? Unclear. Ye olde crowding crisis never dies. The new dorm is set to be about 350-400 people, and it will be next to Simmons, or across the street where the parking garage is now. The committee that decided this formed in August. Suzy Nelson will be accepting applications for the second-stage committee and it will be open to *the entire student body*. This will be for specifics like the architect, the carpet color, and furniture. Piper will update you when the application opens.

Underclassmen, gogogo, keep student culture alive. Also this may be a temporary space for East Campus come The Renovations, so that's extra motivation to get involved in the design.

Good Samaritan Amnesty Policy - Hall chairs should disseminate the new info about this to their halls.

Construction - Talbot slash Sandy's apartment are still very under construction. Dennis will have updates for us "after tomorrow's meeting." Should be done late October. Update for Desk: Piper will also be asking about shelving. **ALSO PICK UP YOUR PACKAGES** this is not a drill.

### **Scheduling**

We will have comm elections at the next HouseComm, and vote on the budget at the HouseComm after that (which may be two weeks of HouseComm in a row, or some other method that keeps budget voting from being really late in the semester).

Hall Chair Elections - Have they happened? Everyone does theirs in the spring except 4W. 4W does them whenever. They already did theirs this semester.

### **Nice Things™**

Hall things mysteriously disappeared or you knew they were thrown away, or you left them and they got thrown away and you want them back. Proposed: \$150 boost to hall budgets for only this semester to make up for losses. This is explicitly for hall things that were lost. Don't spend it on novelty stuff. I'm pretty sure all the halls lost novelty stuff to begin with, but like. Everything bought with this bump would be bought separately from independent hall budget, and tracked by exec. E-mail exec before buying things with this bump.

Have a couple minutes to discuss what halls might buy with this extra money.

Halls unanimously voted for the bump. "Like Congress voting on their own salaries."

### **ALSO**

rcm: VPSL nelsonsm wanted to tour EC at 9am the morning after hall rush, to make sure the building was ready for people to move in and stuff. rcm was "pleasantly surprised" (he seems impressed). Also they didn't meet a single upperclassman, but they did meet a bunch of first-years, one of which told Suzy about craft smashing, which made cleanup more impressive. Thanks to everyone who made hall rush great and then also cleaned up afterwards!

### **Post-Rush Discussion (optional)**

kerriewu has minutes. I guess hit her up for the hot, hot deets if you wanna know what went down ;)