

McM Town Hall 11.19.13
10:05 PM

Bili proxy, Andrea, Emily absent, Gustavo late
Dean Hutchinson present! (in a kilt :O)

- I. MASON – discussion!
 - A. Great discussion last time about A-team!
- II. Largeness of our college discussion!
 - A. SHAAN
 - i. University is larger, which is good, but how do we deal with it at the college level? How does it affect our culture?
 - ii. ??What are the pros of having a big college?
 - 1. ALEX we get more money!
 - 2. ANNIE more people so we can meet and know more people, more familiar faces across campus
 - 3. TRISTANNE we have a bigger pool to pull for leadership from
 - 4. ALEX more talent (LIKE MCM ULTIMATE WHICH DOMINATED LAST NIGHT! 3RD YEAR IN A ROW!)
 - 5. BRAD easier to slip into anonymity... (lets do this later when we do the negatives...) but great talent yeah!
 - 6. SHAAN we get more RAs!
 - 7. MYA larger cheer section at beer bike
 - 8. GABRIEL better beer bike
 - 9. WILL more girls lololol
 - 10. FARISH more diversity!
 - 11. DJ DUKE international students will have more connections
 - 12. EMILY more likely to have
 - 13. ADAM clubs dominated by McM people!
 - a. DEREETH is that the same as Duncan? No hahaah.
 - b. SHAAN its cuz we're closer to the bus stop lol
 - iii. ??So what needs improvement??
 - 1. BRAD risk of students slipping into anonymity. Some might want that and are comfortable, but some are intimidated by the size and it is challenging for them
 - a. MASON is that a function of the size? Structure?
 - b. SHAAN a critical mass?
 - 2. EMILY it's good we still have small oweek groups which lets you make some connections
 - 3. TINA we don't have a uniform culture compared to other colleges, but here we seem to split up into cliques and everyone's friendly but I've had to go elsewhere to find that unity
 - a. SHAAN like where?

- b. Hanszen, there's more openness like in the servery
 - c. ADAM I've heard that there are 2 groups, an inner circle and if you're in it it's great but if you're not than it's pretty exclusive
- iv. JUAN questionnaire results poll favorite colleges
 - 1. Top Baker, Will Rice, Wiess
 - 2. Bottom Jones, Lovett, Hanszen least admired
 - 3. Why admired ones most admired?
 - a. EMILY Wiess has so many traditions
 - b. MUHAMMAD Baker social structure more homogeneous, random people everywhere, while McM is more nodal, heterogeneous
 - c. GABRIEL I've heard Baker more musical (everyone confused??), shows a different face of college
 - d. ISABELLA I liked Hanszen, but I think people chose those 3 because those colleges organize events that bring people out of their own colleges and more publicized in that way, good for bonding and meeting new people
 - e. DJ DUKE I think Brown overlooked (because of poorly maintained facilities...) such strong floor culture that we don't really have here, we just have 4 orange and then everyone else... (uproar!) floor culture centered around suites
 - f. NICO I chose Brown because the people really seemed to get to know each other really well and always out and about and the people there really seem to love the floor culture aspect. Each floor is really different and I think that's what causes that
 - g. TRISTANNE how much of this discussion of different colleges is about structure, like building structure? Compared to culture? Because we've talked a lot about floors and quads and buildings and stuff, so
 - h. SHAAN I've heard that shared bathrooms have stronger bonded communities,
 - i. DEREETH stronger attraction and community (uproar haha)
 - i. JENNY I think that the automatic lock doors that are so stuck closed kind of stop
 - j. MYA I second that, it's harder to bond when you can't see anyone in your hall unless they come out

4. TINA we stereotype halls by past years, and suites in the corners really polarize halls too
 5. SHAAN they split up halls into orange and yellow because they're too long
 6. GABRIEL awkward? Could we separate into 3 different halls?
 7. WILLIAM there's not enough people in half-hall to make its own culture/hall
 8. WILL at DUNCAN they don't have color culture, they have like AB, BC, and CD cultures and they like have strong BC culture
 9. NICOLA I feel like we have a lot of closed doors, can't bolt or prop, a lot of interactions have to happen in study rooms and kitchens, closes opportunities for random encounters
 10. ALEX you're technically allowed to keep door open if you're there, you can't use a doorstop or something that goes under the door, but you can do something with hangars = approved by Veronica
 - a. JOHN MICHAEL you can use those useless white double hook things from door to bathroom door
 - b. No wedges
 - c. No trashcans
 - d. White hangar thing is the only thing you can use
 - e. Don't card the door
 - f. Don't bolt the doors
 11. KYLE why do we have to have doors that lock behind us? Why can't they be things we locked?
 - i. ADAM that's how it was originally designed, and making the college less safe is very hard to do. We did it on 5th but it's just a trial and if they do well then maybe maybe it can move to other suites but not doubles, because there has to be another door between stairwell and your stuff
 12. MASON so no college is perfect, we've gone through growing pains,
- v. DEREETH what do you all think of jacking singles in common (BC) suites as singles by themselves and not as entire suites? Become more hall owned instead of suite owned so anyone can go into suite areas
1. ALEX?
 2. NICO if its your suite your obligated to fill it up, and I really like how the suite people make the culture and the people that make the suite make it special

3. JOHN MICHAEL I'm in a double and me and my friends tried to get doubles near each other, and I feel like if you do singles, friend will still try to do it together and might end up with awkward 1 person...
- B. MASON to DH what are some successful community things you've seen with your experience?
- i. You can ask question right now of how/what you did to make your college so cool already?
 1. Part of it I think owed to your awesome A-Team, your awesome student leadership too
 2. So feel good about where you are, you're closer to the well established colleges than you might be
 - ii. Commenting on Wiess
 1. We inherited already very strong community
 - iii. Commenting on Brown
 1. Laissez-faire when we came, and then almost indistinguishable from Wiess by the time we left
 - iv. Community just has to decide it wants to be a strong community, it's a group activity and everyone has to buy into it, how?
 1. Structural things, but even more...
 2. Values – what do you all hold significant to who you are? Like Hanszen people think yeah family college, that value of theirs has just been very well articulated
 - a. Think about the values that you want to express
 3. Then the value of your community becomes more important than the interests of individuals, some colleges may choose to have highest value as letting people do whatever they want to do – which can become antisocial actually, so you should decide where you stand on that issue – is there a stronger value(s) of your college that you all want to stand behind?
 4. If community is very important value then it takes precedent over individual interests, and you all have to decide collectively that that's what you want to do
 - v. Some of that has to do with traditions
 1. You don't have super old ones, obviously
 2. Double edged sword
 - a. Define you,
 - b. But also lock you in
 - i. At Wiess traditions became a burden, obligation, so many exhausting, hard to make new ones
 - c. Need a balance between ones that define you as a community and then maybe some that come and go

3. It doesn't even totally matter what it is if everyone's invested in it
4. I got asked this by Duncan, and I told them they could be the college who's tradition is to do something different each year (innovation says Leah) you can steal that if you want
- vi. Inner circle and periphery
 1. A group of people become embodiment of college in doing all the activities – exhausts some and excludes the others
 2. Need to say that everyone can be involved and has a way to be engaged
 3. If your McMinistry, for example, is doing everything, that's not community, it should only facilitate. Leadership should only facilitate and shouldn't be doing everything, college should be doing work
 4. If like Dereth and Karim are holding something, there should be a group of students taking care of set up, participation, clean up, etc., it's really great bonding time and you get more out of it and it lets them do more things.
- vii. You just have to make the conscious decision as a community to be a more united community
- viii. Thank you Dean Hutch!!!!!!
- C. JUAN poll results – how would you describe
 - i. 121/148 said small friend groups
 - ii. how should it be
 1. 103 said it should be whole college
 2. clearly there's an interest for that
- III. GABRIEL – SA stuff
 - A. Grade Inflation
 - i. Student body/faculty task force looking at grade inflation that we have compared to peer institutions
 - ii. Its bad because med schools, etc. know and dock for that
 - iii. There will be stuff on listservs, check it out and respond!!!
 - B. International Student stuff
 - i. There will/may be a trained international student person in each oweek group
 - ii. TRISTANNE will this be another thing like PAAs or RHAs that are decided extra-collegially
 - iii. EMILY does the person have to be international
 1. Yes. Better able to empathize
 - iv. TRISTANNE might be like other affiliates?
 1. Maybe
 - v. GRAHAM idea from international students?
 1. Yes

- vi. NICO is the grade inflation thing sent out yet?
 - 1. No
 - vii. Who is in favor of some form of international student person for oweek? Straw poll
 - 1. Lots of people in favor
- IV. ALEX
 - A. Smoking
 - i. Please don't smoke
 - ii. Amenities and awesome stuff on 5th , they're thousands of dollars couches,
 - iii. Come to me with any complaints
- V. PAAs REBECCA
 - A. 7:00 seniors
 - B. 7:15 juniors
 - C. 7:30
 - D.
 - E. PIN = last 6 #s of id
 - F. You're not automatically added to waitlist so do it!
- VI. JOHN McM Fundraising
 - A. Me and Tim decided EVP will assume fundraising
 - B. Fundraising = getting sponsorships like for beer bike, etc.
 - C. We won't be imposing a tax
 - D. Mostly through product donation, other assets
 - E. We'll focus on public party and beer bike next semester, different during fall semester because less clearly defined events
 - F. I'll be sending out letter later this week to local businesses for public party
 - G. I'd be more than happy to take down name and contact of people who have contacts/ideas/connections
 - H. FREE CUPCAKES in our future :D
- VII. MURTCHANDISE
 - A. Blankets update! Only 3 spots left! First come with money, first serve with blankets
 - B. Better than before, color in them, not just lame screen-printing!
 - C. \$20
 - D. great Christmas gifts!
- VIII. MASON Go to the show! [Title of Show]!!!! IT's soooooo awesome! At Hanszen Thursday Friday Saturday
- IX. GRAHAM VSL
 - A. Men's bball vs. Princeton
 - B. Free water bottles to first 100
 - C. Willy's pub giveaways to people who show up
 - D. McM good job at tailgate! Good turn out, really fun
 - E. Still some budget left, one more game vs. Tulane but Saturday of thanksgiving, we might still hold a tailgate, interest? Should we spend budget on that? We really could win this tailgate = gift card because

other colleges won't be trying as hard, if there's one big tent then we get to sign in and could win a free TV!

F. Short = maybe tailgate on next Saturday

G. BRAD advantages of having a big college!

H. DORIN rollover money? No we can't.

I. SHAAN could we pool money and do a joint thing? Yes...

X. BEST OUTFITS!

A. Emily pink owl onesie, Graham blue star onesie + sleep mask, Annie in pink bunny onesie, ooooooh tough competition! And Graham is the winner! = proud new owner of REALLY GOOD COOKIES!!! OOOOH I LOVE THOSE!!!!