

McM Town Hall Minutes 12.3.13

9:00 pm McM Library

Attendance!

- I. Last Town Hall
 - a. Went well!
- II. Public Party Discussion – External Socials!
 - a. Juan isn't here, so we don't have the results, awkward... so we're going to push this back til he gets here!
- III. ADAM Housing Bylaws
 - a. New version of housing bylaws – almost done!
 - b. Sent out over winter break
 - c. Vote on when return
 - d. Big changes
 - i. Per SA legislation → housing for incoming transfer students: language in new bylaws says 'new students' meaning both freshmen and transfers, then up to Coordinators
 - 1. How treated in subsequent years? Will be treated same as their Rice class, based on number of years at Rice not your technical grade/year.
 - ii. EC exemptions – treasurers and secretaries no longer guaranteed/exempt from eligibility jack
 - iii. McCoordinators now guaranteed housing
 - iv. Now 5th year or above not allowed to stay on campus
 - 1. GRETA what if president?
 - a. If president or cj they'd be allowed to stay on campus
 - v. Living OC one year, whether voluntary or involuntary, you will be exempt from eligibility jack the next year
 - 1. There will still be a point bonus if choose to go off
 - vi. Elimination of partner jacking
 - 1. Allowed 2 people going abroad different semesters to jack together
 - 2. But we have no real mechanism of enforcing that, if you choose to stay the whole year instead of just the fall we can't stop you and the other person now doesn't have housing
 - 3. What we're going to do:
 - a. Just try to get housing like normal and then you can get an exemption to
 - b. If you want to go abroad in the fall, though, you can't jack for a room, because H&D won't let us save a bed for someone who's not there
 - c. You could enter your name onto a waiting list and work off that when rooms open up in the fall

4. ALEX how do other colleges do this?
 - a. Varies, everyone has problems though
 - b. McM is unique because things happen more often because there's more people
 - c. DEREETH some have fall jack
5. PETER changes to the contract?
 - a. Really hard for H&D to do
 - b. We could do our own binding agreement though, but enters sort of nasty territory
6. Not a perfect solution, but I think it's the best we can do as a college

e. Parking

- i. Preference given to OC students in each year/group
- ii. CC/pres/seniors/juniors, etc.
 1. Now
- iii. ALEX do we get more spots allocated because we're a bigger college?
 1. No ☹ we could try to raise that with
- iv. NICO where are these spots?
 1. "North college lot" there are spots all over the place, behind servery, by Duncan, by brown, more expensive than west lot
- v. Straw poll! Old bylaws also gave priority parking to VPs; no other college really has that. The only reason we can think of as it is necessary is that people go out to get things for various college functions, but we don't see the purpose really... maybe if president doesn't want their spot they could give it to a vp
 1. 3 4 options
 - a. pres and vp priority
 - i. none
 - b. only pres has priority
 - i. some
 - c. pres can pass along priority to vps?
 - i. Many more
 - d. No one gets priority
 2. ANNIE does the president still pay?
 - a. Yes
 - b. But Mason doesn't. He parks in Greenbriar.
 3. DORIN how many spots do we get?
 - a. 25, so that would be 4 of those

IV. ALEX

- a. Fire alarm
 - i. Fun fact, they go off if you lean on them.
- b. Fire safety
 - i. Someone at Duncan lit their whole room on fire
 - ii. No one is hurt

- iii. But remember that candles are fire and light things on fire, like curtains and beds
 - iv. LISA aren't candles forbidden? Yes.
 - v. MASON
 - 1. Its bad – you broke your housing agreement = fine
 - 2. Student code of conduct breaking = fine
 - 3. Burnt stuff = fine
 - vi. ADAM based on Karim's email, that student is facing damages of ~\$10,000
 - 1. Water damage from sprinklers
 - c. Smoking on the roof
 - i. No no!
 - ii. Guys don't ruin the thousands of dollar couches
 - iii. They're for all of us, don't ruin it for everyone
 - d. Checking out of room over break
 - i. I'll be sending out an email
 - ii. Things you need to NOT have
 - 1. Things covering fire alarm/sprinklers
 - 2. Dishes and cups and utensils, \$1 per item found! So just return them!
 - 3. Lighters, candles, hookahs, etc...
 - 4. Any other large safety violations
 - 5. Remember microwaves are prohibited! Explicitly prohibited things are bad!
 - iii. ADAM
 - 1. They're not looking to fine you, but if things are blatantly visible they will fine you
 - 2. They're just looking for the fire stuff
 - 3. Turn off your fridge, don't leave crap in
 - 4. Bring your bikes up to your room! Don't get them stolen
 - 5. RUPD will be cutting unregistered bikes
- V. SHAAN
- a. Lion's Den committee is collecting items!
 - i. Shirts, oweek books, stuff
 - ii. Check out the google doc
 - iii. You might think you'll want it in 4 years but you probably won't, so consider donating it!
 - iv. DEREETH the Woodson archives also want stuff!
- VI. MASON Saturday Championship Football Game!!!
- a. GRAHAM VSL
 - i. Game against Marshall
 - ii. There will be food from H&D, 9-11am hot food out there
 - iii. We want a big attendance! We can beat Lovett!
 - 1. You've got time!
 - iv. We've got a relatively large remaining budget that we can allocate to things other than food because H&D is feeding us...

if you have any suggestions for like giveaways, MESSAGE ME
OR TALK TO ME AFTER

- b. Generous alums donated 1000+ free tickets! \$5 if you don't get first 1000. Not too bad!
 - i. GRAHAM you can get a non-Rice guest ticket, register with ID at Tudor
- VII. SHAAN Friday in the Quad
 - a. May be in the commons if its wet and rainy
 - b. Maybe turn down lights and watch a movie!
 - c. Beer bike posters done then also
 - d. McSkate!
 - i. Free ice skating 10pm Friday night!
- VIII. MASON Study Breaks!!
 - a. Sunday – Associate's study break 8pm Sunday
 - i. DEREETH piece produced by Evoo at that same time, at Shepherd
 - b. Daniel – soccer world cup draw, coffee and croissant 10am Friday in TV lounge?
- IX. External Socials MARGEAX
 - a. Poll results
 - i. 138 responses
 - 1. Get lucky, millennium, jailhouse party, all black everything, 1950s, dirty south
 - 2. all black everything got most
 - 3. get lucky, millennium, jailhouse party, 1950s all second ~40s
 - 4. dirty south last
 - ii. do we want a lasting theme? Or should we change it from year to year
 - 1. people said lasting theme or that they don't care
 - 2. so we're going to aim to have a lasting theme
 - iii. improvements
 - 1. 1. Attractions 2. Better theme 3...
 - 2. no recommendations of real note
 - a. specific alcohol
 - b. specific themes
 - c. oh actually our round commons we should try to utilize in the best way, like DJ
 - d. ALEX when you say DJ, do you mean DJ duke?
 - iv. NICO so are you comparing to past parties? As a freshman I don't really know
 - 1. KYLE you could
 - v. MUHAMMAD so black everything = anti-whiteout Duncan, so would the music be similar?
 - 1. Probably not

2. MARGEAUX we could do like more formal, like black tie, or something, but that general theme is pretty flexible and that
- vi. DJ DUKE as a person involved in a lot of public parties, I am going to lobby hard for the millennial/90s party because we're nostalgic people, and the songs that always go over the best are from the 2006/2010 songs, people really like the songs and songs make a big difference
- vii. WILL I know it would be nice to have a lasting theme, but we don't have a set good one yet so it'd be good to try different things out
- viii. GABRIEL I think music makes such a big difference, so good music is important
 1. KYLE I think it's also important yeah to have the music match the theme, like Martel party with no country music is kind of sad
- ix. MARGEAUX Duncan did throw a 2000s/90s theme private party... don't want to be that college – oh but they only threw it once.
- x. SHAAN back in the day the 80s were the nostalgic thing, we're starting the new thing
- xi.
- b. SHAAN what makes a good public party? Ideas?
 - i. SEAN open bar lol
 - ii. KYLE the midnight balloon drop last year was kind of fun
 - iii. ALEX do we have extra funds from not having a party this semester? Yes.
 - iv. GRAHAM we could bust open apple cider
 - v. KYLE lights go out, Y2K
 - vi. SHAAN bounce houses inside the yurt on the dance floor! Yessss
 - vii. Sillystring!
- c. Oh it's going to be 2nd Saturday of return from spring break, 2nd party of the semester (Will Rice really wanted to be first...)
- d. Come find us if you want to talk to us!
- X. Powderpuff in 10 minutes! Group leaving in 5 minutes! Come come come! And have a great break!