

## HouseComm Meeting in C-Entry 17 September 2003

### *In attendance:*

President: Joe Jacobs  
Vice President/UA Senator: Rose Grabowski  
[Temporary] Treasurer: Laura Yip  
A: Alex Crumlin  
B: Aayesha Siddiqui (secretary proxy)  
C: Ashley Rothenberg & Simon Halpern  
D: Laurie Stach  
E: Merritt Tam  
F: Mike Churchill  
G: Carl Mahler  
H: Sana Ahmad  
J: Peter Stone  
LRMAL: Eddie Kay

### *Also in attendance:*

Yong-Hwa Lee (JudComm Chair)  
Stephanie Lee (Rec Room Chair)  
Swapna Panuganti (Rooming Co-Chair)  
Bryan Davies (D-Entry GRT)

### I. Inter-Entry Study Break Subsidy

- A. Entries have their own money, HouseComm paid for rush
  - 1. Are entries taking advantage of HouseComm funds?
  - 2. Some confusion about the limit to the number of inter-entry study breaks (there was no limit...)
- B. Vote to limit subsidy (i.e. reduce amount and limit number of study breaks)
  - 1. \$450 per term allotted to subsidies
  - 2. Breakdown: \$50 per entry per term (limit of 2 inter-entry study breaks at \$25 each)

### II. IM Teams

- A. Bowling costs money, so no how bowling team. "Let's just dodge that," says Joe.
- B. Laurie will email out teams. **NOTE:** C-Entry was not receiving emails addressed to mac-entrychairs.

### III. Rec Room Business

- A. Proposed budget for term: \$2500 for big screen tv (Carl and Stephanie cooperate re: sale at Best Buy)
- B. What about storage for rec room stuff?
  - 1. Currently all in Steph's room – cannot be in student office because Rec Room Chair has no key
  - 2. There needs to be tracking of who has checked out what
  - 3. Stuff should be stored behind front desk in a locked cabinet – more convenient and multi-purpose

### IV. Vote for Change in By-Laws

- A. Discussion before voting
  - 1. Laurie's case-in-point: If not placed 1<sup>st</sup> on entry preference, an entry should still retain the right to choose someone who has ranked them 2<sup>nd</sup>. Not doing so can lead to the freshman being passed down to one of their lower preferences.
  - 2. Rose: Not likely to happen / Joe: 2 more minutes or table it
- B. Final voting – moderated by Yong-Hwa
  - 1. Roll call votes: 8 approve (President-VP-A-B-C-D-F-H), 1 abstain (LRMAL), 2 disapprove (D-G)
  - 2. Yong-Hwa, Joe: "Approved as written."

### V. Audio Check-Out Policy

- A. Should there be a maintenance/rental fee?
  - 1. Fee only enforced for any *non-Macgregor sponsored* event (i.e. no money from MacGregor accounts goes to fund the event)
  - 2. \$100 rental fee (nominal fee to equipment doesn't get abused) + \$200 refundable deposit = \$300
- B. What equipment are we referring to anyway? Will be specified (online?) what components.

## VI. Elections

- A. Treasurer and Co-Chairs for the dark room and weight room
- B. Elections will be held via email

## VII. Task Force

- A. ~20 people have expressed interest so far (mostly freshmen)
- B. Members of HouseComm who are interested should email Joe
- C. HouseComm votes on the final issues anyway, so no one has to worry about being email-inundated

## VIII. Shirts – deadline to be extended if less than 3 designs are submitted by Friday

## IX. P.O.W.E.R. Series Messages

- A. Did anyone know about them?
- B. Laurie says a lot of people told her they signed up

## X. Agenda for Sunday Retreat

- A. Jinane proposed the following:
  - 1. Dining Committee – their own business
  - 2. Inhouse Rush – we’ve covered it to death so far, not a major focus on Sunday
- B. Joe spoke with Rick Berlin about “Home-Meal Replacement Plant” – should find out what it is!
- C. RSVP to Rose ASAP!

## XI. Convenience

- A. Much better! Though Simon says prices suck.
- B. Joe says Convenience needs a suggestion box. Will talk to GRT Mike Cluff.
- C. Joe also recommends the sub sandwiches.
- D. And how about free samples for HouseComm meetings!?

## XII. Email within MacGregor

- A. Rose’s proposition for a MacGregor-wide discussion list for sensitive issues or just high-traffic. (Reference to East Campus’ discussion list which produced very high traffic after UA minutes were sent out. “Great feedback,” says Rose)
- B. Our lists are currently moderated. And the <macgregor> list can be blanché.
- C. Joe: There’s no marginal cost of adding another list, go ahead.

## XIII. Alcohol Problem

- A. Private space vs. public space?
  - 1. Ambiguous definition. “Public space” ordinance can drive people to drink alone in their rooms.
  - 2. We’re supposedly a private residence.
- B. Party issues
  - 1. Label 21+ with bracelets during party with alcohol. But where should we keep them under the private vs. public space law? Suite lounges?
  - 3. Talk about it this weekend at Retreat

## XIV. Rose and The UA Update

- A. Benedict talked. Issues of importance: dining and convenience.
- B. Go to Dean of Student Life website and respond, feedback, etc.

Until next week, folks...