

Dormitory Council: Roles and Responsibilities

Introduction

The Dormitory Council (DormCon) is MIT's student government body that represents all undergraduate dormitory residents. Representatives from each dormitory (usually the dorms' presidents) comprise DormCon and meet every two weeks to discuss and propose policies and programs that effect and benefit the entire dormitory system. Meetings are open to the general public; relevant student and administrative guests are invited regularly to discuss pertinent issues.

DormCon exists to preserve and develop dormitory culture both individually and as a system. DormCon is the unified voice of opinions and concerns of dormitory residences; moreover, it works and strives to create a community where all undergraduate dormitory residents are comfortable and feel welcome.

Roles and Responsibilities

Liaison and Advocate:

DormCon seeks to be a representative body of dormitory residents that operates in a proactive manner to address undergraduate dormitory issues. DormCon serves as a liaison between students living in the dormitories and MIT administration. Specifically, DormCon is an active stakeholder in many community-wide events/programs, such as Freshmen Orientation, Residence Exploration (REX), Campus Preview Weekend (CPW), the "Guide to Residences," and the "Interactive Introduction to the Institute (i3)." DormCon shall advocate the views of the dormitory system to MIT and other student organizations, such as the Undergraduate Association and the Graduate Student Council.

Resource:

DormCon is also a resource for all dorm residents. DormCon encourages inter-dorm relations and supports event programming that fosters community within the dormitory system and with the MIT community at large.

Through its Judicial Committee, DormCon also serves as a resource for individuals wishing to file a formal complaint or informal grievance against a dormitory, group from a dormitory, or resident of a dormitory.

Communication and Education:

DormCon considers communication and education core to its mission. Dormitory residents should be informed of the issues pertinent to their lives, and DormCon representatives should be knowledgeable of their constituents' opinions and willing to initiate change in accordance with such opinions.