

COUNCIL MINUTES:

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Catalog of motions

1. **Motion to reorder the agenda:** Fails 13-21-3
2. **Motion to extend time on food discussion by 8 minutes:** passes 18-11-4
3. **\$30 per member for communal food for summer with an opt-out option:** passes 31-7-3
4. **Motion to revisit food discussion in 20 minutes with Matt's new motion with better numbers?:** fails 15-15-3
5. **\$50 for dodge balls:** passes with ayes
6. **Social fees \$10 if you're here whole summer, \$7 if just second half, \$5 first half with opt-out option:** Passes 33-0-5
7. **Jingyi Use of space:** Passes by ayes
8. **Lily's mom as a guest:** passes by ayes
9. **Addictive Tendencies Meeting on Tuesday 7-9 pm in Recovery Dungeon:** Passes by ayes
10. **9 hours of workshift per week (3 people at 3/hrs per week) to get a better workshift website.:** Passes by ayes
11. **\$200 for dinner at next council:** passes 35-0-0
12. **\$4000 from HAPS to refinish floors:** Passes 34-0-0
13. **\$100 for Health Budget:** Passes with ayes
14. **Motion to table rice cooker discussion:** Passes with ayes
15. **\$1000 for academic theme budget:** Passes 30-0-1
16. **Bylaws change to make kitchen manager be 120% comp and required to be held by two people starting in FA15:** Passes 23-3-1

[James speaks in front of the assembled miscreants, approving by their consent the agenda, its order, my true minutes, and then calls for Kudos]

Sage: Kudos to people for cooking dinner

Mitar: Kudos to everyone who was elected

[thunderous applause]

Kyle: Vibes have been killer, I've been having wonderful wet dreams about no dishes in the dish pit

James: Any more member announcements?

Bryan: I just have a question. So we'll be sending agenda items to both you and Tyri correct?

James: We'll email to clarify. Manager announcements?

Perth: If you want to get to the gates of Valhalla, need to fill out emergency contacts form, I've sent 3 or 4 emails. Come to somethingsomething at somethingsomething [hopefully details are in the emails, I couldn't hear]

Kyle: This summer we're going to include housemates more in lectures, this summer I'd like to involve you all in giving a talk, and in donating any art for study rooms. Talk to workshift managers about maybe getting workshift, hadn't thought of that yet.

Matthew: Send me emails about dates of your absence so I can keep track of that

Vince: Sup homeboys, we harvested radishes, don't know where they went but I'll find out

Grace: For Health we need about 5 people to work on emergency stuff. Anybody CPR certified? Lily, Noah, alright thank you. Consent workshops 2 weeks from now

Mitar: If you want you can write blogpost about whatever you want. Email or talk to me

Noah: Room2Room this Friday, let me know if you want to do something fun in your room

Person: If room next you is vacant, can we use that instead of your own?

Perth: That's fine, just don't take out and damage furniture, clean up when you're done

Graham: Next week I'm selling your ice and vending machines on Craigslist, goes to house account. CP3, choicer singles up for bidding, MasterBlaster Perth is bidding into that one, his also choice single will then be up for bid, read emails you'll find out. Everybody's great, yeah, you're great.

Mitar: Bids only for summer?

Graham: Correct

James: Other manager announcements? Onto election speeches

Matthew: Respond to food survey email if you want us to buy food over summer

ELECTION SPEECHES

James: Emily, Wendy, come up please

Noah: I'm Emily because she's not here

Wendy: Been great meeting all y'all this week. I'm excited for what could be hackerspace/makerspace. I'm really into design, art, I'm a painter, I draw, I have experience with somethingsomething, I ran a DeCal on art stuff, print-making. Want to make space a place where people want to go and be creative, have organization. Not familiar with time constraints, want to set up good way for next manager to set things up and push things through if I don't have time. Ask for feedback if you need things, it's for everyone, this is the place you want to go to ask your housemates for validation. In terms of workshops, I had a couple ideas in terms of making things, not too familiar with hacking. Furniture, reupholster ugly chairs [snaps arise from the crowd], hammer out details, open source thoughts for things that are difficult to do, have a doc on to work on with your friends. I have a lot of ideas, want to make myself available so others can hold workshops. I have facilitated the decal and managed workspaces, I like helping people come up with ideas, I could brainstorm with you. I think having an exhibit down there at the end of the summer, show and sell some art, get new stuff, would be great. Those are my ideas

[thunderdome-ous applause]

Noah: Hey, my name is Emily Nathan, junior in Civil Engineering, dank at construction, worked in the metal shop. I will be MakerSpacer for Cloyne in Fall with the dope Becca. I like helping people to make things, love Cloyne and cannot wait to meet all you council-attending Cloacas.

James: Any questions for people in general or specifically?

Jingyi: How do you feel about getting each member their own personal arduino?

Spencer: What the hell is that?

Jingyi: Microprocessors, hacky things like the lights that flash with vibration in this room

Aron: What is hacking?

Wendy: I'm not the best person, I'm more of a maker than hacker, it's computer sciencey things and microchips, I don't understand it, but I want to learn and facilitate other people in this area.

Noah: Hacking is multiple things: CS thing with loopholes in software to gain access to info, but also broader definition of kind of just like building things and doing cool nifty things; that could be hardware or even just carpentry

BRYAN'S QUALMS

Tyri: James has more experience, so I just want to get a feel for this, don't want to look stupid. Break into small group discussions, say about 4, with more contentious topics, to then be able to bring main ideas to group discussion.

Bryan: Can we motion to revisit the order of the agenda?

[seconded]

Bryan: Some confusion as who to president was going to be, one request all the way of top of the agenda, other is all the way at the bottom, I want to understand justification for order, why if I sent them at the same time why they're in different orders, feel like I reserved spot by sending it in early.

James: We wanted short things that are likely to pass breaking up long possibly contentious things, so it's not super-dense and then super-light. Food budget, took long time last time and probably would again, have it alternating with shorter easier things

Mitar: Why is your item more important?

Bryan: I asked to be part of the agenda, I sent them in at the same time and I feel it's not democratic.

Tyri: How about we bring it to a vote and let council decide?

Bryan: My motion is to bring item 7.12 to 7.6

James: You should have brought this up earlier when we were approving the order of the agenda, this wastes time. Reiterating a point, they're all important, they're all there, all our items are important, seems like preferential treatment to change order without any circumstance coming up. Just my opinion, can still change it if you want.

[Bryan's motion is seconded]

James: All those in favor---

Gary: I request a heads-down vote

James: Heads-down vote to move thing. **Motion fails 13-21-3.** Moving on, Matthew want to come up and discuss your thing

Tyri: Reason why that was done, second one was more contentious, that's why we set the order we did.

ACTUAL AGENDA

Matthew: I sent email to clones with responses to survey so far. Budget is 2451.70, \$400 more than we'd predicted, includes eggs, dairy, potatoes, onions, beans

Efe: Does it include [gestures to "Kale" printed on his shirt]? Long shelf-life, nutritious

Matthew: Doing this in member-capacity, not as manager, just interested in eating as I'm sure are you. Limited to dry-goods and things with long-shelf-life, as well as dairy and eggs because large interest and good to buy in bulk. Sorted for use throughout entire summer, eggs most expensive. Bought some spices and teas, but not coffee because we have 50 pounds of unroasted coffee and a coffee roaster, so put in the work to make roasted coffee if you want.

Aric: Roasted coffee is most expensive item, so decided against it.

(Matthew presents some lovely pie-charts breaking down the food survey responses that should be in his email)

Matthew: Hummus is really expensive, but cheap in the form of garbanzo beans, tomato paste is more expensive than ketchup/mustard

Efe: We could save money by making our own almond milk, I think we have grinder thing. Could also make ketchup.

Spencer: Ketchup's super difficult to make, ask Alex Griffith.

Matthew: Nuts by themselves are also really expensive, might not save much money. Bacon more expensive than lunchmeat, to which people said no, so assumed no to bacon as well, cream cheese and chocolate chips also expensive. We bought shit-tons of canola oil.

Collin: Would this be an online vote? Is it possible for council to decide?

Perth: Needs to be passed tonight.

Matthew: No, there's nothing official here, could do it online, but no vote, it's whoever wants to be a part of it. Not a mandatory fee, it's opt-in.

Anahid: When I first got the email you had broken it down into the money people'd have to pay, it was \$25 per person there but things have been removed, is that price still there?

Matthew: Actually added more things, more like \$30 per person now.

Anahid: Could we raise it to \$50 for more stuff?

Matthew: We could, but \$30 is just what I've budgeted for here

Mitar: Because he's just doing this as a member, if you want \$20 more of stuff you should volunteer to organize it because otherwise it's much more of his personal time.

Aron: Because it's opt-in, is there anything beyond trust to make sure people who didn't pay don't eat the stuff?

James: We're at the half-way point for this item, let's move onto discussion after Noah's question

Noah: Why not make it mandatory?

Matthew: Because not everyone wants to be a part of it, if you don't you shouldn't be made to pay. This isn't voting-based, just something I'm doing to make it easier for people.

James: Motion on the floor to discuss?

Vince: Motion to discuss

[seconded]

Mitar: I have a motion: I'd just like to thank you for doing that, that's not a motion, just thanks.

Efe: Would you be open to have different sorts of stuff? Perfectly understandable if you're not

Matthew: Open to people working on this with me, but I don't want people to ask me for more stuff.

Noah: Motion to make it mandatory unless you're boarding at another house

[seconded]

Tyri: Alright let's break into groups of three or four to discuss these things

[smaller conversations are born, screaming and kicking, covered in dusty blood, into this cruel unthinking temporarily foodless wasteland]

James: Now discussion on table for specific motion of making paying \$30 to Matthew mandatory unless you're boarding at another co-op

Efe: I want to propose a motion that might make difference in voting. I'd like to set up a produce-getting thing. Friendly amendment.

Noah: What I didn't hear

Efe: Set up a produce budget as part of this motion

James: Motion to extend time by 5 mins?

[Kyle starts to speak, wasting time]

Spencer: Extend the time first, you're wasting time

[time extension motion proposed and seconded]

Kyle: Little bit of a fiasco last year with someone we elected and was accountable for a similar thing, I'd like someone to be accountable for this.

Aron: I think there should be a mandatory fee

Carlos: I chose to live here aware that there was no food, adjusted my budget accordingly, would like to not be penalized for this.

Graham: In the past in summers, very similar discussion, everyone's automatically in it but there's an opt-out, with a sunset deadline for opting out, email me the finance manager to opt out. So that people don't say they don't want to pay after eating it all summer, but also getting a fair chance to opt out.

James: Running out of time again

Sage: Motion to extend by 8 minutes

[seconded]

[ayes and nays ambiguous]

James: Raising hands now. **Motion to extend time passes by 18-11-4**, passes, 8 more minutes. Wait who was speaking?

Gary: Noah was amending motion

Noah: Want to amend motion to have opt-out with sunset one week from today

Aron: If it's mandatory, with opt-out, Matthew how would adjust your budget?

Matthew If there's less money then I'd order less. Refund system would be hard, be like five bucks, wouldn't make sense, bring it to council if we have excess money.

Lily: Adding produce is complicated, maybe add that at a different time.

Efe: Yeah my thing didn't have much substance, I'll come back with something more later. Also how do we differentiate between those opting in and opting out?

Matthew That's why I was hoping everyone participates so I don't have to police people, don't have a good answer.

Person: Maybe be able to opt-out of just produce aspect?

Efe: Might be achievable

Noah: Keep in mind with this motion to kind of let the policing go, just, well, certain items can be labeled as bought through Matthew's system, maybe be friendly to things like spice and salt being used by everyone as they're cheap

Roman: Right now people do have access to personal food and supposedly not eating it, so no policing is fine. Maybe have three-way opt-out system, of eggs/milk, produce, and then the other staples (spices, oils).

Sage: I feel this discussion is getting beyond the point, Matthew put in a lot of work, other food options are good, but should talk about outside of council so we can bring it forth later. Let's focus on what's up on the screen.

Efe: Might be good idea to have different lettering system than "CLO" on things to make it clearer

Emily: If we do pass it, maybe keep it all on one shelf in each area to keep it separate and clear it's for those who opt in.

James: I believe the current motion is \$30 for this, and figure out more details later. Everyone will be fined \$30, if you want to opt-out email Graham before next council.

Matthew: I want to make a second motion to, in 20 minutes, just have spices/oils be mandatory/no opt-out, eggs/milk have an opt-out

[seconded]

James: Raise hands for **Noah's amended motion. Passes 31-7-3.** In the meantime, cookies!

[Graham prances out with a mountain of cookies, which are promptly consumed]

James: Motion to revisit this in 20 minutes with Matt's new motion with better numbers?

Graham: Like to point out that we are 80 minutes in and only passed one motion.

Tyri: Need the hands straight up in the air.

James: **15-15-3, motion fails,** moving on.

Noah: I want to purchase little foam dodgeballs for a dodgeball tournament later. \$30. Sorry, \$40. Fine, \$45.

Mitar: Motion for it to be \$50

Noah: Alright fine, \$50 then.

Lily: Can we get rubber instead?

Spencer: God no that's painful

Noah: They're much much more expensive than the foam ones.

James: All in favor of \$50, say aye.

[all mouths make ayes, it **passes**]

Tyri: Alright Noah, time for your social event.

Noah: Right now?

Tyri: Yih, yih

Noah: Okay, so, um, I was, so I was, so me and Graham were talking and thinking about social fees for the summer, want temperature check for social fees.

Graham: \$10 if you're here whole summer, \$7 if just second half, \$5 first half.

Noah: It'd be for root beer, a folk band, miscellaneous items for things like Room2Room, kombucha, juice, other possible bands, oh yeah also yoga teachers. These are the dates [pointing to tremendous excel sheet] that events might be on, and how much they'd cost. Also need to request use of space for these events, but start with the mandatory social fees.

Vince: Lot of the money seems to be for beverages, I mean I like bevs, but could probably buy other things

Noah: Yeah that's just what came to mind. Motion for this?

[Donya proposes social fees motion, seconded]

Matthew: I'd like to amend to make opt-out

Donya: Agreed

Noah: Sunset in a week, does that sound good?

Tim: Does that mean you can't participate in social events?

James: Yes, that's how it generally works at other co-ops. All in favor of this raise hands.

[arms ascend all around]

James: All opposed? Any abstentions? **Motion passes 33-0-5**

Noah: Wait, I have a motion for use-of-space request!

[seconded by Jingyi]

James: If no questions or discussion, all in favor say aye [one enormous aye is let loose by every throat, **passes**]

Lily: I'm getting surgery next week and want to request my Mom come over to help me with stuff for a couple weeks.

Mitar: Motion to let Lily's mom live here for two weeks

[again one enormous aye **passes** the motion]

Vince: I'm Bryan right now, this is our use of space request for meetings for Addictive Tendencies Meeting on Tuesday 7-9 pm in Recovery Dungeon, and one is specifically for drugs and alcohol use.

[motion for this proposed, seconded, and **passed**]

Mitar: Have you noticed that our workshift site is not the best thing in the world? Group of students developed a new one. We would install, deploy, and try it out during the summer. Proposal is try this site, see if it works well or not, you can give feedback to its makers to fix glitches. Are you willing to try out the system? Also is the house comfortable to giving 3 hours per week in workshift to each of the three French programmers (9 hours total per week)?

Tim: But what if the glitch makes it so that I can't log my hours? How do we address that?

Matthew: I suggest running both simultaneously

Mitar: So would have to enter in both?

Matthew But hopefully we can fix the glitches sooner that way

Kyle: If this is made for the whole BSC, why isn't it Central hours and not Cloyne's?

Matthew: We're the only ones who would be using it this summer, because it's not ready yet, we're putting in the hours so that we, and then everyone else, can use it. Also we're one of the only houses with the conditions for it to be tried out.

Lidia: Is 3 hrs/week a realistic amount of time?

Mitar: Even if there aren't that many bugs, they'll be adding more features and using up the time.

Kyle I still think 9 hours is a lot

Mitar: Team of people working on similar codebases. If there will be bugs that need more time to fix will need more time to fix them, you don't really do much in 9 hours of programming.

Charlie: We're starting IKC, if you're signed up, please come [a third of the room vacates to the kitchen]

Tyri: All for, say aye, all opposed say nay

[majority of ayes, **Mitar's motion passes**]

Tyri: This is our first day, please realize it's a lot to handle and doing best we can

[claps claps claps claps claps]

James: \$200 and 6 hours of workshift to make dinner again next council?

[Sage makes such a motion, seconded by Gary]

[passes 35-0-0]

Graham: 92 residents living here, quorum is about 28, we're good. We have a few vacancies, not surprisingly the worst ones, partially because they have bad floors. In the past people have refinished floors, Bryan is a trained carpenter. Have people do this and pay them at the workshift rate (\$13/hr). C3B C1A, budget I've set is \$4000, probably won't cost that much but might get tools to make future projects easier as well.

Sage: So is Bryan main one doing it, or can others do it, who would be training them?

Graham: Easiest person to put in charge is James as the maintenance manager, paid if he does the labor but not if he's just organizing it.

Mitar: Motion to pass as proposed

[seconded by Donya]

James: \$4000 from HAPS to refinish floors while rooms still empty. **Passes 34-0-0.**

Grace: \$100 for Health Budget because Central not funding us.

Spencer: Motion to raise it for ibuprofen aspirin and acetaminophen?

Grace: House Budget can't buy ingestibles, pay \$2 to me for that, this would be for gauze, bandages, condoms [those don't count as ingestibles?].

[all ayes]

James: **Motion passes**

Matthew: Temperature check on \$30 thing? [most raise hands] How about the split spices-eggs things?

Mitar: Can't really talk about it because that motion was shot down

Matthew: Alright, I'll talk about mural next time

Aric: Charlie and I thinking about buying a big rice cooker, 40 cups of rice per use, current one is 15 cups and broken.

Perth: Is this NSF-certified? Might not seem important right now, but for Fall and the future, having only one big rice cooker is really important for speed and quality of large meals.

Donya: Does this have batteries or is it plug-in?

Aric: It's plug-in

Sage: Coming out of House Account?

Aric: Out of Furniture, and if not there Kitchen Supplies

Roman: We could and should find a bigger one, because the one I bought said it was 20, turned out to be only 15, 40 still isn't much bigger, let's go way bigger, five to six times as big

Donya: Motion to table and discuss next week

[seconded, **passes**]

Tyri: Okay we gonna talk about it later, we tryna move on. Okay, work-out gym

Vince: Bryan says to table til next wee—

Tyri: Okay! Moving on, Kyle has some things to talk about

Kyle: Motioning \$1000 for academic theme budget for study room supplies, events we may have, study nights maybe something different than pizza and donuts but probably similar. Perfect amount last semester, that's all.

Tyri: Questions or discussion?

Vince: Did we pay the speakers who came?

Kyel: No

Perth: Did we use the full budget?

Kyle: Yep

Lily: Motion for \$1000 for academic theme budget?

[seconded by Donya]

Tyri: Motion to pass it? Everybody raise hands?

James: **30-0-1, passes**

Tyri: Thank you for y'all patience, and thank you for being here to the end! Takes some focus.

Matthew: Proposing changing bylaws to raising kitchen managers' comp to 120% from 100% and require it to be two instead of one manager. About \$700 more. \$200 from Compensation Budget, \$500 from House Account. Don't have Kitchen Managers yet.

Roman: Reasoning is to incentivize someone to run for this, I was Kitchen Manager in Fall, hard to have projects, didn't have enough time to do everything we'd promised to do.

Mitar: Why require it to be two managers?

Matthew: Shouldn't have to do 3 IKCs a week and be overworked

Roman: For their own safety and allow them to still focus on school, otherwise you're biting off more than you can chew.

Matthew: Most other managers are under-comped and it was raised because it was more work than it was compensated for.

Kyle: Elsewhere I've always seen partner managers fail because of failed communication. Increasing compensation tends to not yield better results over time, doesn't necessarily mean they'll work harder. Just from my experience from what I've seen.

Mitar: Graham, can you speak to that?

Graham: [brandishing a buttery knife] The Marshmallow Man is dead. Also, in a rough measurement, if you pay them more, people expect them to do more. In the past Kitchen Manager has been under-compensated on the whole, assuming they do all IKCs, 100% isn't much compensation if they're also doing other work in there besides. \$700 is not that much, nationally minimum wage is hopefully on the rise so this is very reasonable. More money, more duties, all I have to say.

Tim: Too much work for the Kitchen Manager, but also a lot of friction within a team. I'd like to put forward for discussion in the future, making this into two separate positions splitting up the Kitchen Manager's duties?

Roman: In favor of melding instead of splitting up duties, Kitchen Manager forced to work with Workshift Manager, forced to work with Maintenance Manager.

Tim: I think the cooperative overhead is going to exist either way.

[I blanked out and missed some talking points]

Sage: So thinking about adjusting in the Spring 2016?

Matthew: Nothing going to change until the Fall, putting this in the bylaws.

Vince: Motion to pass the bylaw amendment

Mitar: Bylaw change, not amendment. Also seconded.

James: Moving on to hands-vote. If you are in favor of the aforementioned changes to the bylaws, raise hand. **Passes 23-3-1**. Will be added to next council's agenda for a second vote.

Gary: Motion to adjourn

[seconded by Kyle]

[the ayes have it]

Tyri: A'ight, adjourned.

James: Sorry it went 30 minutes past what it was supposed to, we'll have anonymous forum for suggestions, thank you all so much.

[Graham proffers yet more baked sweets, cakes chocolate and cheese, O! the tasty wonders]