

AHEC Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2020, 8:00pm @Zoom

Attendees:

Adam

Katie

Allison

Amanda

Andrew

Haosheng

Kruthika

Minutes: Jacqueline

[Update] Officer hiring

- Checked with Amir; Michael volunteered to serve as temporary Inventory officer for fall & summer; should know timetable for orientation by early July
- Haosheng to send out welcome emails to Coffee Hour and Brunch

[Planning] Fall semester calendar

- Administration proposes eliminating fall breaks to minimize movement around campus

[Update] New committee chairs and floor officer assignments

- Email sent about finding co-chair; Amogh will be one of Brunch chairs
- Emails sent to floor officers, waiting on replies to bring up events and floor assignments/allocations
- New Inventory officer interested in becoming Inventory and Operations chair
- No co-chair for Coffee Hour yet, but on the way
- Amanda to email Events candidates in order of recommendation
- Andrew to ask new Brunch chair to share co-chair email with new officers

[Update] Ashdown mask ordering

- May arrive or be shipped on June 12th (unclear, leaning towards former)
- 500 masks to be delivered; expect to fill 85% Ashdown beds out of 530 total capacity
- Distribution plan:
 - Give masks out once they arrive, order more as needed
 - Put in mailboxes and send out emails

[Update] Promote mask-wearing and social distancing guidelines

- Prepare for external public health campaign in grad residence dorms
- Amanda to send email reminder to wear masks in public spaces once masks arrive
- Haosheng to ask Publicity team make colorful posters on ways to look out for self and others through hygiene, masks, social distancing

[Update] Outside meetings

- Orientation: no news
- GSC: approved budget - working on how to use money when unable to hold usual events due to COVID-19; committees looking for new members
- Activities: may have meeting tomorrow (may not because of #ShutDownSTEM)
- Return to grad housing: meeting will be Friday or next Tuesday

[Update] Officer of the Month Publicity poster

- Poster should be up

[Update] Website

- Mohit will be updating areas of website relevant to code; Peng finished what he intended to do
- Who in housing can verify requirements for internal lotteries? Nicole
 - Haosheng to contact Nicole on lottery requirements through Slack

[Update] Anti-racism event brainstorming

- Highlight activities of people of color (POC): personal narratives; historical and political discussions; literature & poetry read-outs; legacies in science, engineering, art, and music
 - Kru to meet with Aditi tomorrow to discuss
- Better to leave #ShutDownSTEM activities or non-activities up to departments; individuals may be unable to reschedule on short notice and/or participate without departmental support

[Update] Returning residents

- Adam yet to receive final numbers on returning residents
- Virtual dance party planning ongoing

[Update] Suggestion box

- Nothing new

[Update] Access to grad-dorm-officers Slack channel

- Everyone has access

[Suggestion] Compost area

- No onsite compost bin (rat problem); MIT has contracted compost bin in every floor kitchen (dormwide)
- Chronic problem: non-compostable waste being discarded in compost bin
- Potential task for Publicity or new Sustainability officer

[Update] Contact tracing

- Meeting to be held Thursday, 11 June at 7:30 PM

[Update] Ashdown appreciation survey

- 67 responses so far; no strict deadline
- Should it be sent out again or be compiled now? Compile now, update later if more responses come in
 - Amanda to compile results and send to Naomi

[Update] Ethernet access for residents with poor Wifi

- Denise sent out email with info on requesting Wifi adapters from IS&T, person-by-person basis
- Resend out info through email and Slack to raise awareness on solution

[Update] Ashdown Gmail recovery phone number

- Should be changed from previous officer's number to more stable number
- Allison to change recovery method to recovery email ahec-five instead

[Potential concern] Quarantine requirements for people protesting

- Adam to bring this up with other Heads of House to discuss as group

[Last call] Other topics

- Guest policy: AHEC feedback on revising guest policy
 - Require permission from roommates before bringing guests
 - Keep guests from common areas
 - Resolve gaps in current policy, including restrictions against non-MIT students though MIT and non-MIT students can still meet in person
 - Consider loss in Ashdown density from residents who choose not to return if guest policy remains as-is
 - Limit residents to 1 guest (significant other), provided SO shares proof of testing
 - Must be universal and apply to those without SO's as well
 - Guests must pay for own testing
- Return policy: everyone gets tested when returning to Ashdown
 - Can opt for 14-days self-quarantine instead of getting second test
 - Test is now nasal swab (less invasive), no longer deep nasal cavity

Meeting adjourned