

## AHEC Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, June 30, 2020, 8:00pm @Zoom

### Attendees:

Adam

Katie

Allison

Amanda

Andrew

Haosheng

Kruthika

Minutes: Jacqueline

### [Update] Mask distribution

- First wave: 142 responses to survey, requested front desk fill out 129 requests
- Send out reminder that masks are in mailboxes? Yes
- Amanda to send out emails to front desk to deliver remaining masks, to Ashdown community to continue signing up

### [Update] Contact tracing

- Town hall yesterday; supplies will come to Amanda
- Adam to send out Julie's email again about volunteers
- Amanda to email Denise about accessing room to store supplies in

### [Discussion] Changes to Ashdown communications

- Anno and 3AM run by Comms, Facebook by Publicity
  - Anno and 3AM target current residents, Facebook targets prospective students & broader MIT community (mostly to document events)
  - Clarify which committee manages which channel
- MIT policy that Facebook can't be used to publicize events that have yet to occur
  - Would fall on Anno and 3AM
- 3AM compiled by Comms team, but needs content generated by other committees
  - Use incentives (prizes) to attract resident participation
  - Wait to New Officer Orientation to talk about generating content
- Propose AHEC get MIT-storage-level Dropbox account for ease of transfer between and longevity of committees
  - Allison to email IS&T to ask about storing photos on Dropbox

### [Update] Budgeting timeline for committees

- Each committee figures out budget for each item, different timeline than for GSC
- Events too uncertain for now, push budgeting to later when more is known

[Update] Outside meetings

- Activities Committee: scheduled to meet next Monday
- GSC: meets tomorrow
  - Wellness subcommittee: can connect Ashdown's officer to GSC
- HCA: regulations for COVID and health allocation between Housing & individual dorms
  - Request for Housing to release more concrete information to reduce uncertainty
  - Discussion that gym availability should be institute-wide decision, not Housing
  - Sustainability subcommittee: Ashdown's officer is attending meetings
- iREFS: reach out for 1 person from each dorm to join committee to work on various programs

[Update] Anti-racism events

- Aditi sent out email with poems for discussion
- Policy on sending out food items for book club?
  - Best to hold off on food stuff for now
  - Mailed should be fine, but don't distribute individually packaged things
- Kruthika to follow up at end of week with Events Committee

[Update] Number of residents back

- Same trickle of returns

[Update] Guest policy and quarantine requirements for protesters

- Each resident can have one guest who must be part of MIT community
  - Must have permission from roommates
  - Can't be in dorm-wide common spaces
  - Can't stay overnight
  - Common kitchens currently open, group dinners held there not allowed
- Policies for people leaving MIT and coming back (protesters)
  - No need for quarantine upon return
  - Ask that people stay safe

[Update] Mask policy

- MIT policy: must always have mask both in and outside of building, even in courtyard
  - Applies to front desk staff too
- Cambridge policy: people who are outside and able to maintain a 6ft distance can go without a mask until September 30<sup>th</sup> (summer months)
  - MIT considering revising mask policy to match Cambridge
- Considering spike in coronavirus cases across country, could be more prudent to have more stringent mask policies

[Discussion] Survey to Ashdown residents on guest policy impact on desire to leave

- Edgerton House did survey of resident opinions on guest policy (would they stay under current policy, how should a revised policy look), suggested other dorms do same

- Results: 50% of responses said they were considering moving out of Edgerton if guest policy remains as is
- Housing unlikely to hold community vote on guest policy
  - Would likely welcome data on resident experience including and beyond guest policy (what their concerns & priorities are for the fall, about guests, etc)
  - Housing contract stipulates that admin can change policies as needed
- Do we know how many residents will be cancelling fall housing? (deadline: July 10<sup>th</sup>)
  - No, but we know housing was granted to only 15% of those who applied for it
  - Edgerton survey showed a number of residents willing to pay early lease termination fees to leave if policies stay as is
- Big housing decision will come after July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend
  - May pertain mostly to undergraduate housing
- Amanda to draft survey about general worries of Ashdown residents (common spaces [gyms, kitchens, laundry], guests, social isolation, mental health, lack of dorm activities, food, hygiene)
  - Must be clear about what power AHEC has to address concerns
  - Also ask how people feel about masks (why they don't wear them, would they help enforce mask wearing)

[Update] Website

- Mohit is making progress on reverse engineering existing code

[Update] Suggestion box

- Nothing

[Update] Ashdown officer's orientation

- Better to do this sooner rather than later to get people excited
- Typically, 1-2 hour long meeting
  - PowerPoint presentation given by chair
  - Breakout sessions to talk with committee
- Put a date out now to officers: late July
  - Haosheng to send out when2meet for July 25<sup>th</sup> to July 31<sup>st</sup>, 9 AM to 9 PM
  - Amanda to work on updating PowerPoint slides

[Update] New students' orientation

- No standard orientation this year
  - Go ahead and think about planning but nothing else
- GSC orientation committee sent out email on June 24<sup>th</sup> to housing groups
  - Requesting more student leaders for July 4<sup>th</sup> event
  - Everyone: go to orientation session if possible
- Ashdown should have some speed-friending events to make up for socializing difficulties for new students

[Update] Beginning virtual events

- Bring up in officer orientation to get people brainstorming events to help new students make friends and feel less isolated
- Consider making a spreadsheet for all officers to contribute to

[Update] Reopening AHEC meetings to public

- Consider after getting more information about semester
- Would be first public meeting with this AHEC
  - Give option for residents to come
  - Send whole agenda
  - Have public portion at end? Have guests start at beginning if they don't have a long action item?
  - Set expectations that AHEC doesn't have all the answers
  - Have intros at beginning of meeting
  - Invite guests for 8 PM (start of meeting)

Presided by: Amanda

Meeting adjourned