AHEC Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, October 6, 2020, 8:00pm @Zoom

Attendees:
Adam
Allison
Amanda
Andrew
Haosheng
Katie
Kruthika

Minutes: Jacqueline

[Update] Outside meetings
● GSC: meets tomorrow
● HCA: nothing
● Sustainability: meets on Thursday
● Activities: nothing

[Update] Upcoming events and budgets
● Coffee Hour: planning to hold Coffee Hour on Oct 15\textsuperscript{th}; also discussing having a Halloween-themed one on Oct 29\textsuperscript{th}
  ○ Could team up with other committees & officers for planning and helping with delivery
● Weekly Saturday game night
● RISE event coming up on Oct 17\textsuperscript{th}
● Brunch: transitory period – Charlene is moving out and will step down as co-chair
  ○ Christina may take over position
● Communities: Wellness Officer figuring out activities; Floor Officers are having events
● Events: has stuff planned; lost one officer, down to 4
● Wine night upcoming
  ○ Adam to send out another email to check in

[Update] Guest policy & roommate agreement discussions
● Housing no longer removing guests for pods, but trying to merge guests & pods/bubbles
  ○ Designate guests in COVID Pass, 1 per day
  ○ AHEC would collect list of who wants to form a bubble with whom, but won’t be in charge of enforcing them
  ○ Logistics on roommates in bubbles still haven’t been fleshed out
  ○ Will be a lot of uncompensated work to implement
● Most HoH’s dislike the bubble idea and will be meeting tomorrow morning to discuss position on guest & position on bubbles
○ Bubbles: general consensus against bubbles but in favor of expanding guest policy
○ Guests: Housing has marked a difference between COVID-compliant on-campus vs COVID-compliant off-campus guests and may not allow the latter
  ■ HoH could push to allow the later (COVID-compliant off-campus residents) as guests, or wait to see how starting small (inter-dorm guests) pans out first since currently we have no guest policy
  ■ General consensus for phased approach (seeing how inter-dorm guest policy pans out)
○ Guests: 1 designated guest vs 1 guest at a time on a set list; still 1 per day?
  ■ No strong preference, just whatever would be easier to push through at this point
○ Adam and Katie to advocate for guests not bubbles; phased approach with set timetable
  ■ Will still be time after this meeting before guest policy gets implemented; will be a meeting with grad students on Tuesday, then will get passed around a few more times after that

[Discussion] Internal lottery logistics
● Allison to get in touch with Housing about pushing lottery back a week
● Housing can send AHEC a list of empty rooms
● Moves are effective by end of the month
● Triples without kitchens won’t get filled
● Can only guarantee people end up by themselves if they get an efficiency
● Don’t worry about density for now; Housing will take care of it in January
  ○ Instead, go by algorithm and give people the most points by ranking
  ○ For lottery, people list all the rooms they’re willing to take, ranked by preference
  ○ Lottery may not need to be final; in past years, AHEC has run it monthly
● Deirdre and Adam will take care of roommate troubles
● If we wait too long we might not be able to have lottery as rooms will be reallocated
● Check with Mohit about logistics
● Email residents about lottery

[Update] Debrief from alumni meeting
● General friendly chat, onboard with mailing list issue
● Meeting with Alumni association to sort out mailing list
● Will let Tech officer know about adding future alumni to new mailing list

[Update] Back-of-door flyers
● Should be in most mailboxes by now
● Let Allison know if you don’t get a flyer

[Update] New door nametags
● Involved a lot of people, should be good to go now
• Front desk will arrange nametags into 5 different piles to be assembled (tag + magnet) and picked up by 5 different volunteers and stuck to doors

[Discussion] Installation of WiFi devices
• Haven’t heard back
  ○ Adam to re-forward Amanda’s email

[Update] Intersection Albany and Mass Ave
• Katie will send another email and call if she doesn’t hear back

[Discussion] Outline presentation to CRS
• Amanda will present to new compliance officers on Friday about Ashdown usual culture
  ○ CRS asked execs to make 2 slides
• Could mention service animals, Puzzle Lounge, distributing/delivering items for events by table or to door

[Discussion] Officer of the Month
• Just 1 troll submission so far
  ○ Haosheng to send another reminder this week
  ○ If no submissions, AHEC could submit own nominations

[Discussion] Schedule of impending fire drill
• Meant to be tomorrow, but will be bumped to later this month
  ○ Legally, need to have a drill
• Could affect people in classes and exams since we don’t have anywhere else to go
• Adam to push back on timing, maybe having it later in the evening

[Update] Suggestion box
• Shall we have internal lottery earlier to buy some time to work out logistics of moving during a pandemic? (left contact email)
  ○ Amanda to ask them to clarify their question, refer them to Housing
  ○ All communication about rooms after lottery doesn’t come to AHEC

[Discussion] Stolen bike
• Bike stolen from dorm, concerning that it happened during pandemic (within the last few days) but may be caught on camera somewhere
  ○ Can’t find out who it is, hoping that whoever did it is convinced to give it back from ashdown-talk thread
  ○ MIT Police has access to security footage, are currently reviewing it
• First time a bike’s been stolen at Ashdown in years, very unusual and disappointing
• Could send out a PSA about locking bikes by the frame

[Update] Heat
• System is back on A/C, doesn’t look like heat’s been turned on
• Seems to be automatically switching; if it stays at a certain temp for three consecutive
days that triggers heat or AC to switch modes

[Update] Building space questions
• Recently opened quiet spaces to work on campus
• How would you get building access through COVID Pass if you can’t access labs now?
  ○ Amanda to ask David about access

Presided by Amanda
Meeting adjourned