AHEC Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, April 21, 2021, 9:00pm @Zoom

Attendees:

Allison

Amanda

Andrew

Haosheng

Katie

Kruthika

Charvi Gopal

Ignacio Garcia

Tejas Jayashankar

Michael Durso

Xiaowei Ou

Amogh Sood

Minutes: Jacqueline

[Discussion] Present on AHEC 2020-2021

* Discussed policy changes, events, and surveys overseen by this year’s AHEC
* Amanda to send out presentation

[Update] Outside meetings

* GSC: nothing
* Sustainability: nothing
* HCA: nothing
* Activities: nothing
* Orientation: nothing

[Update] Suggestion box

* Resident asked for scale outside the weight room to be returned to the room to avoid triggers for weight-related eating disorders or anxiety about their weight
  + Scale was originally placed outside room due to a resident’s suggestion to keep it accessible without having to make a reservation
* Could address accessibility and visibility issues by buying another scale (under operations budget) and keeping a scale in each bathroom; need to put a sign in the weight room directing residents to bathrooms
* Ignacio to contact Denise about concern and proposed solution

[Discussion] What to do with whiteboard in lobby

* Naomi gave AHEC a whiteboard to write a prompt for residents to respond to for AHEC to moderate, then collect the responses and send back to Housing
  + May be motivated by Housing feeling people needed to express themselves after the Chauvin trial results came out today; if so, a dialogue event might be better
  + If we can keep the white board, Ashdown could use it for happier prompts
* Could do a web-based whiteboard, but may have issues with access to non-residents
* Could bring someone in like Title IX or DEI officers to moderate as they have training in uncomfortable conversations
  + Would make a good Cherry Pi topic if there’s a lot og activity on the whiteboard
* Katie to put up prompt for a few days, will take down if harmful

[Update] Ashdown-Sidney Pacific event planning

* Sent out emails matching residents across dorms, now it’s up to them to set up meetings
* Got a lot of sign-ups so now budget is $10 per person, got around 34 Ashdown residents
* Will be May 1st, planning for competition between resident groups

[Update] Cost-sharing food event plan

* Food kits are inexpensive, but Blaze doesn’t seem to have them anymore so thinking of just ordering food from local restaurants; also plan on ordering plants so residents can plant them together in the courtyard and have a picnic

[Update] Laundry machine signage and issues

* Still haven’t heard back, but reaching out directly to contractor and put in facilities request to manually reset power on machines as the out-of-order ones seem bolted to the ground
* Michael to email Denise again

[Discussion] Run through action items email

* Tabled for next week

[Update] Officer hiring

* No more responses since last reminder, so Haosheng to wrap up this week and send final list to Housing
* Still need new Coffee Hour and Brunch chairs

[Discussion] Community service

* Cambridge School Volunteers requesting volunteers for tutoring; also hosting a charity fundraising event and asked if Ashdown can help with food event
* Kru to ask Henry if he’s interested in organizing CSV people, sending info from Deirdre’s email, or ideas to approach volunteer track record

[Update] Website updates

* Tabled for next week, but need to give new AHEC editing access soon

Presided by: Amanda

Meeting adjourned