AHEC Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, June 1, 2021, 6:00pm @Zoom

Attendees:

Adam

Amogh

Charvi

Deirdre

Ignacio

Katie

Michael

Tejas

Xiaowei

Yuriy

Minutes: Jacqueline

[Update] Outside meetings

* Activities: discussed having events for the summer, still scheduling
* GSC General: will be tomorrow
* HCA: nothing
* Sustainability: nothing

[Update] [Suggestion box](https://forms.gle/Bsgb64vTRSf48zwp7)

* Resident complaint about Washlava app, want to return to old-fashioned way with card readers

[Update] Washlava app complaints

* It’s a facilities decision not directly under AHEC, so not much they can do about it

[Discussion] Summer lottery

* Tejas and Amogh sent out emails for officers, have until last week of June

[Update] Checking out items from front desk

* Ready to reopen system, Xiaowei uploaded item names on website, just needs to give front desk reopening timeline aligned to when MIT policy
* Mariwan has experience checking out items, but more people might have experience by now from checking out carts

[Update] Reopening common spaces

* Common spaces set to reopen at full capacity next Monday with social distancing, policy still requires people wear masks; need information from housing to make any changes, expect an announcement June 7th but mask policy probably won’t be on the table
* Plan to keep reservation system for weight, aerobics, music, and TV rooms
  + Old reservation system for TV room might not work, Amogh to set things up and see if we still need reservations since Xfinity on Campus & other streaming services might mean fewer people reserve space

[Update] Meeting new chairs

* Planning meeting with all the chairs mid-June to figure out summer plans, will start with Communities this Saturday and follow with orientation and officer socials
* All new chairs have been added to mailing list but haven’t been receiving responses
  + Amogh to try emailing them directly

[Update] Meeting incoming summer officer

* After meeting chairs

[Update] Meeting Communities committee

* Meeting this Saturday

[Update] Cost-sharing food event plan

* 45 people signed up and have budgeted the plants to buy
* Xiaowei to send Tejas reimbursement forms

[Update] Garden

* 10 entries to Google form reserving garden plots, Charvi contacted John for next steps
* Need to figure out how to animal-proof garden against birds, rabbits, and rats

[Discussion] Cleaning up Hulsizer kitchen

* Amogh to send follow-up email

[Discussion] AHEC closet inventory

* Work with Operations chair, inventory officer, past AHEC to get a sense of what’s there

[Discussion] Cookbook

* On front page of new website, need link for people to submit new recipes
* Amogh to set up new form for recipe submission and see if an officer is willing to take up reviewing form periodically and updating cookbook

[Update] Reusing fish tanks

* Sent through Reuse mailing list and has been claimed, will be picked up Thursday

[Update] Serve safe training

* People who serve food for barbecues or other food-related events will have to be trained, costs $25 per person and takes 3 hours, working with dining to get course set up and currently getting headcount of house officers interested in getting certified
* Amogh to ask more about this in time to organize July 4th barbecue

[Update] Peer instructors/lessons

* Ashdown used to have social groups/clubs where people did things like dancing and martial arts together
* Could have people list lessons/group activities on white board since it’s been popular
* Could have Communities take on organizing and managing orgs, used to have a Communities officer do this; would help with initial matchmaking

[Update] Officer and AHEC poster in 1st floor corridor

* Photographers and publicity take care of this, usually update during summer when new residents arrive

[Discussion] Officer of the month

* Hold off on this until we hold a big event

[Update] Ashdown flea market

* Spreadsheet hasn’t been pretty popular, would need a cultural shift to encourage people to use it
* Could promote spreadsheet and other important links and website by including them in weekly email announcements for AHEC meetings
* Tejas to look into changing header & footer for ashdown-talk mailing list to include links to flea market spreadsheet & other important things

[Discussion] Communities committee meeting agenda

* Mix of getting to know each other and going over action items for topics discussed today like interest in being chair, managing cookbook, matchmaking for social clubs, and planning agenda
* Charvi to prepare agenda for Saturday and talk to current Communities chair to get a sense of their typical duties

[Discussion] Reusing in Ashdown

* People tend to leave things they no longer want on table by mailboxes, floor kitchens, or in corridors outside their room and leave a sign or email announcing it; usually don’t have an issue with things being left behind by the time the cleaning staff comes by
* Should announce book exchange, used to do this through orientation scavenger hunt
  + Should announce other spaces like quiet study room (soon to be Athena cluster)

Presided by: Ignacio

Meeting adjourned