AHEC Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, June 8, 2022, 8:00pm @ Courtyard

Attendees:

Akhilan

Kim

Shomik

Yanina

Amogh

Katie

Michael

1 unknown

Minutes: Shomik

[Updates] Outside Meetings - None

[Updates] Suggestion Box - None

[Updates] Seed packets and small plants

* Kim will reach out to coffee hour for next week
* Buy2pay caused delays

[Updates] New furniture for courtyards

* Akhilan and Yanina will test out cushions
* Could order chairs? But expensive, as discussed last week

[Discussion] Funding

* House tax, $5 per month, will increase to $7
* Fun fund events, events committee events
* GSC funding for larger events, orientation or coffee hours
* Head of house funds

[Updates] Website

* Yanina to talk to webmasters
* Transfer from old to new website

[Updates] Graduate guest policy meeting

* 10AM tomorrow. For Yanina

[Updates] Budget

* All committees submitted
* Some went over budget – not enough money to fulfill
* Events, Communities, Coffee Hour (ok bc of HoH funding)
* Events scaling back events
* Communities unclear but also trying
* Unclear if will event out once house tax increases
* Coordinate chairs

[Updates] Swag

* Xiaowei sending out designs
* Yanina had some suggestions for changes
* AHEC will take a look at design and approve
* Xiaowei will place order

[Updates] Hockey table poster

* Xiaowei contact Ignacio about that

[Updates] Website access for Comm officer

* Yanina will ask webmaster

[Updates] Conflict resolution resources

* Akhilan reached out to REFS
  + OGE provides training twice a year to REFS
  + Training is 30 hours total
* Reach out to OGE for educational material or shortened session
* ATLAS training or relevant course
  + Unfortunately may not be engaging or information
  + But some are good quality
  + Should vet the course first
* Akhilan will follow up with OGE

[Updates] Thirsty Ear Access

* All AHEC + Narumi have TE access
* Gate is up

[Updates] Thirsty Ear Reopening

* Not under AHEC control
* Redirect inquires to TE committee

[Updates] Ashdown subscriptions

* In progress (amogh)
* Difficulty with p-card access
  + Slow responses

[Updates] Printers

* Amogh asked Dennis about printers. Progress unknown
* Will check after meeting

[Updates] Contraceptives in public restrooms

* Denise said could place plastic containers and fill with contraceptives
* Need someone to set up and replace stock
* MIT Medical offers for free
  + Will they ship a box instead?
* Someone needs to pick up from MIT Med and drop at Ashdown
* Inventory officer responsibility
  + May be annoying to replace every week
  + Maybe someone who works in Media Lab
* Check if facilities can do this

[Discussion] Officer Orientation

* TE since Hulsizer closed
* Activity - Egg drop?
  + Messy to clean up though
  + Also waste of food
  + Maybe drop into box to contain mess
  + Drop water balloon instead to prevent food waste
    - Water balloons are strong though
    - Another alternative?
  + Google will tell us which activity to do
* Presentation from each AHEC officer
  + Slides from last year
    - Couple edits to make
    - Focused on COVID precautions and events
  + Slides from 2 years ago
    - Check
  + Akhilan has assigned section to each AHEC member
* AHEC will draft slides by next meeting
* Slides will be sent out afterwards if people can’t make it
* Food?
  + Saloniki
  + Naco Taco
  + Amogh will take care of this
  + Café Luna catering is bad
* RSVPs – 20 to 25

[Discussion] Laundry

* Publicity to make sticker to remind people to clean filter and leave washer door open
* Need bigger stickers for extra dirty washers
* Yanina will contact Ignacio
* Laminated stickers – ask copytech
* Or put them in plastic sleeves and tape

[Discussion] AHEC / officer sign

* Denise will put the names up
* Ignacio will follow up with publicity about head shots

[Discussion] Open Forum

* Bird feeder
  + Can hang from tree
  + Squirrel-proof feeder
  + Chonky squirrels eat pizza

[Discussion] Garden

* Lots of weeds
* Fence/gate is broken
  + Need zip ties and tighten
  + Or metal wire / inconel
* Hose needs to be replaced
* Check with Kota, John
* Previous HoH used to weed gardens
* John will separate plots
* Maybe weed during garden meeting – 10 people take 1 hour
* Tomatoes grow well. Gather and make salsa

[Discussion] Officer of the Month

* Yanina has picked, will confirm and send emails
* From Coffee Hour and Events!

[Discussion] Officers are Inactive

* Especially on Coffee Hour
* Yanina will take care of them
  + Send email to chairs – chairs will follow up with officers and remind them about responsibilities as officers.
  + Dock points or remove as officers

[Discussion] New academic events

* Once new semester starts, set up study groups for classes

[Discussion] new name for AHEC

* CEHA?
* AHEC?
* A HECK
* AAKXY
* KAYAX
* Will keep thinking

Presided by: Akhilan

Meeting adjourned