AHEC Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, June 15, 2022, 8:00pm @ Courtyard

Attendees:

Akhilan

Kim

Shomik

Yanina

Xiaowei

Henry

Will

Katy

Dierdre

Yuriy

Minutes: Shomik

[Updates] Outside Meetings

* Yanina – guest policy meeting
	+ 3 days for overnight stays
	+ Discussing extending the limit
	+ Update the checkin process
	+ Sharing of keys – current policy of no sharing can be annoying
	+ No actual updates or decisions yet
	+ Meetings are still ongoing
	+ Keith Moser
	+ Need to remember any inconvenience caused by guests
	+ Approval of roommates + person residing

[Updates] Suggestion Box – None

* Hammock in courtyard broken
	+ Someone may have fixed it
	+ Not sure if it will hold up
	+ Get another one if falls apart
	+ Will keep an eye on it
* Special speaker series (like SidPac)
	+ Events committee had an ET event with experts
	+ Want more of these types of events
	+ Easiest to start with MIT or Harvard professors
	+ Ashdown residents have diverse research interests
	+ Need to be more general talks than specific
	+ Ashdown could combine with SidPac for bigger audience
	+ Yanina will reach out to SidPac to get more information
	+ House Fellows
		- Faculty member for relationship with building but not live here
		- i.e. advisors

[Updates] Seed packets and plants

* Tax free issues
* Xiaowei will buy through buying.mit.edu
* Kim reached out to coffee hour, no reply, will stop by coffee hour tomorrow

[Updates] New furniture for courtyard

* Do the new cushions work on old chairs?
	+ No
* Options:
	+ Return cushions
		- Could get tables instead
		- Xiaowei will check with Naomi and Dennis about return date
	+ Keep cushions and buy chairs
		- Chairs are expensive
		- Are there alternative chairs of the same size?
		- Cushions are not waterproof
		- Chairs are ~$450 each
		- Could keep cushions at front desk for checkout

[Updates] Garden event

* Kota organized, they cleaned the garden, removed weeds
* Lots of garden waste left
	+ Someone moved the garbage bags back to garden and put compost bags there
	+ Kota and other inventory officers can work on cleaning it up again
	+ Yanina will follow up
	+ Maintenance will come take it, don’t block paths with it

[Update] Broken vending machine

* Call a number. Third party people maintain it
* Yanina will call the number

[Updates] Website – no update from Yanina

[Update] Budget

* Xiaowei has revised budget from all committees
	+ Committees were asked to reduce budget
	+ Not going broke, but still huge negative
	+ Will keep close eye on spending
	+ Every committee increasing their budget
* Expected revenue from house tax during summer is lower
* Impossible to go with original budget proposal – will hit negative
* Depends on GSC funding

[Update] Additional GSC funding

* Extended to June 22
* Almost all committees already submitted application
* Brunch: 20-30% increase from before covid
	+ $1700 from OGE
	+ Past few expenses somewhat lower

[Update] Ashdown swag

* Xiaowei placed order and It got through
	+ Can opener already shipped
* Latest by June 29

[Update] Website access for comm officer - no update yet

[Update] Conflict resolution resources

* Meeting with Naomi next week (Weds at 10AM)

[Update] Contraceptives in public restrooms

* Inventory officer will take care of it

[Update] Water issue

* Few residents have noticed slight discoloration
* Run the water, takes a while to clear

[Discussion] Officer Orientation

* Amogh ordered food $500
* 25 said yes or probably
* Decide on an activity
	+ Sorting hat
	+ Scavenger hunt – Narumi organized
		- Could be useful to explore common spaces
	+ Egg drop
* Sorting hat + scavenger hunt
* TE on June 19
* What to say? Look at slides from previous years
* Officer headshots before orientation from 5-6 by photography officer

[Discussion] Pictures of staff

* Denise will figure something out
* Staff doesn’t always like getting pictures
* Katy will ask Denise

[Discussion] Inactive officers

* Yanina reached out to chairs
	+ Brunch and Events and Operations
	+ Most are fine
	+ A few brunch officers were inactive
	+ What happens to their lease?

[Discussion] Posters

* Ignacio may delegate person to regularly check

[Discussion] Hulsizer issues

* Outlets often break – trips the circuit breaker
	+ Not really a way around this. Ask electrician to increase capacity?
	+ Circuit breaker may be locked
	+ Pay attention to how FixIt fixes it
* Kitchen space
	+ Small dishwasher, Sinks clogging/leaking, Limited workspace, Dripping surfaces
	+ Barrier near edge of table to prevent water going on floor
	+ Meet with Denise to ask if Dennis can come by
	+ Sink filter to prevent clogging
* Key card access to the locked stairwell outside Hulsizer

[Discussion] Officer perks

* Rent reduction is difficult
* More officer socials for all
	+ Events and Communities have been luxurious so far
	+ Update budget

[Discussion] Printer for publicity

* Replace ink cartridge
* What are logistics of buying new one

[Discussion] Brunch food

* Some people take too much food
* For Brunch, people serving can be more careful about portions
* Put up a sign again. Can set norms with new residents

Presided by: Akhilan

Meeting adjourned