AHEC Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, July 6, 2022, 8:00pm @ East Courtyard

Attendees:

Yanina

Xiaowei

Akhilan

Amogh

Lisa

Shek

Narumi

Haochen

Vishwak

Shomik

Minutes: Shomik

[Discussion] Budget for orientation

* GSC rejected appeal
  + Dessert night got cut in half
    - Can’t make up from house tax probably (unless Xiaowei is 2k off)
  + For dessert night asked for 1800, got 900
  + Can schedule on Thursday – use HoH and call “special coffee hour”. Can get 1500
  + Can make lots of homemade desserts to save money

[Update] Report back from any outside meetings

* No HCA meeting
  + Check emails
* GCM meeting
  + laundry situation?
  + SP submitted appeal for funding situation
  + GSC approved 2 medium events
    - 1 orientation, 1 non-orientation
    - Funding denied for orientation event
    - Reshuffle from non-orientation to orientation
    - Can have more than 1 medium if orientation or collaboration
  + Willing to be flexible in future
  + LEF for orientation funding
    - Can’t have alcohol
    - Dessert night or speed friending
    - Historically haven’t used this. May have changed their policy
  + GSC pushing back on asymptomatic testing

[Discussion] Orientation schedule

* 2022 event planning schedule
* SidPac has their own schedule
  + Dance Party on Fri Sep 2
  + Game Night on Sep 3
  + Coffee on Sep 7
  + BBQ on Sep 9
  + Brunch on Sep 4? 11?
  + Ask if Ashdown can shift brunch to Sep 11
* 2 options
  + SP brunch on Sep 11 – not ideal for them
  + Dance party on Sep 3 – bad idea
  + Resolution
    - Dance Party on Sep 10
    - Brunch on Sep 11
* Speed Friending
  + Move to Sep 4
* Dessert Night
  + Sep 1
* Karaoke Event
  + May move if Sep 2 doesn’t work
* Orientation is over celebration!
  + Smol budget tho
* Too much effort to prevent clashes with department events
* Remind Denise to turn off sprinklers during outdoor events

[Discussion] HoH orientation dinner scheduling

* No HoH at the meeting :(
* 35 new residents to dinner, multiple days
* Ok to have conflict with SP events

[Discussion] GWAMIT 7pm lunch

* Will become clear later

[Update] Hulsizer kitchen

* Denise working on upgrades – will happen after orientation
  + It’s a busy time
  + Is awaiting approvals – after the rush
* Book Hulsizer for events early
* Send schedule to Denise – book the whole week
* Work order for sinks
  + John Gallagher said he checked and no issues
  + How to reproduce issues
  + Take pictures / videos
* Thermostat – John will check
  + Fix Thirsty thermostat too
* Spare Hulsizer keys?
  + Policy is unknown
  + AHEC and front desk have 3
  + Can chairs have keys?
  + Ask HoH next week

[Update] Closing the Thirsty Ear gate

* AHEC + Narumi have access

[Discussion] Inactive officers

* Coffee hour officer not showing up
  + Can only start in Fall
  + Void current term and start next term
* Another officer not showing up
  + Maybe he thought his term ended
  + Will follow up
* Brunch inventory officer not showing up
  + Always makes excuses
  + Removal from continuing status list?

[Update] Check suggestion box for entries

* Nothing

[Update] Guest policy survey

* Did AHEC members fill it out? Deadline has passed
* Do not seem very willing to change things

[Update] Guest policy meeting

* Tomorrow @ 10AM
* No one interested in going
* Watch recording afterwards

[Update] Gym equipment

* Denise replied, working on it

[Update] Joint events with CoSI

* No reply yet. Yanina will follow up

[Update] Website related stuff

* No updates

[Update] Sustainability

* Meeting with Devashish
* Compost bins
  + Special bins with lids, disposable compost bags
  + Individual apartments should have them too
  + Tang Hall has bins. How were they funded?
* Sprinklers
* Lights
* Posters about what to do with waste
  + Garbage disposal in sink
  + How to recycle and dispose of different plastics
* New handouts for doors
* Punch cards
  + Collaborate with GSC sustain for swag
  + Used to be across SP and Ashdown
  + Check if GSC can put money back in
  + There’s lots of candy in the vending machine
* Posters kill trees
  + Screens instead?
  + Seems like expensive alternative to paper
  + Check screens around Ashdown
  + Seems like worse for the environment

[Update] Printer issue

* Ruoxuan refilled paper

[Update] Handling grabbing-and-going at food events

* Posters
* Ignacio is not in town

[Update] Officer of the month for June

* Send out a survey
* Swag for current officers?

[Update] Old links on Ashdown website

* Food fund link out of date
* New form
* Xiaowei will update

[Update] Setting up Ashdown subscriptions to Costco, Instacart, Netflix etc.

* Amogh will follow up again

[Update] Computer room renovation

* Will follow up

[Update] Updating swag inventory

* 3 got 1 of everything

[Update] Mental wellness events

* Akhilan looked into it
  + Many programs / resources
  + Medical – mental health / counseling , community wellness
  + DoingWell
  + Ombuds
  + CareTeam – DSL
  + GradSupport – OGE
  + REFS – Peer resource
  + MindHandHeart – higher level MIT resource
  + Specialized resources
* Invite resources to come advertise / talk in Ashdown
* Medical community wellness has classes
  + Mental fitness event – Ashdown / SP / Warehouse
* MindHandHeart has specific funds
  + Puppy Lab
  + $2000 in funding
  + Informal discussion group
  + Panel with grad students
* No mental wellness officer within communities – vacant position
  + Wait until next hiring position
* Peer Ears and MedLings
  + REFS but within dorms
  + Serve as liaisons
  + Something similar for grad students
  + Doesn’t have to be officer related
  + No incentive – based on interest
* Come up with ideas to discuss next time

[Update] Contraceptives in public restrooms

* Initially no response from inventory officers
* 2 new officers interested
  + Have started contacting MIT medical
  + Referred to MedLings
  + Working on it

[Update] New AHEC closet keys

* Lock hasn’t been changed according to Denise
* Key does not work
* Call FixIt
* New locks/keys - more sets of keys for each AHEC member

[Update] Sending out orientation slides

* Kim has to update slides

Presided by: Akhilan

Meeting adjourned