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