AHEC Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, October 12th, 2022, 8:00pm @ Crafts lounge

Attendees:

Akhilan

Dierdre

Henry

Tommy

Xiaowei

Savika

Shomik

Minutes: Shomik

[Update] Report back from any outside meetings

* GSC Funding Board info session
  + ASA give money through LEF (additional funding)
  + More submissions but same funding so cut funding
  + GSC funding board allocation is same or less than last year
  + Encourage more groups to submit more applications
  + Can use the larger demand to ask MIT for more allocation
  + Funding prioritization for newer groups, instead of historically recurring events
  + Credit card (CVC card)
    - Give them few more weeks (has 10s of applications)

[Update] Check suggestion box for entries

* Heating is too high room is 75 at night, 79 during day
  + What can they do about that?
  + Call FixIt
    - Can be called for non-emergency issues too
  + Is heating in building fixed?
    - Keep reporting issues
    - Atlas form or FixIt

[Update] Open forum items

* Kitchen on 2nd floor
  + Insinkerator not working
  + Put in repair request on Atlas
  + Garbage disposals might be hitting end of life
* Building signage falling off
  + Email Denise about it
  + Housekeeping / maintenance can help with this

[Update] Gift card alternatives

* Ignacio photo contest
  + Incentives to submitters / winners?
  + Reimbursement or TechCash
    - Can purchase things on their behalf
  + Direct payment through direct deposit – will be taxed

[Update] Budget

* All deadlines have passed
* Request that no one goes over budget
* Next round is end of December – OGE
* HoH meeting with grad school funding resources

[Update] GSC funding rejection for Halloween event

* Vincent (ASA treasurer) said can apply additional LEF funding
  + Dosabel (SPEC) will apply for more LEF funding

[Update] Ongoing items

* Front desk system
  + Xiaowei will ask webmasters
* Ashdown clubs
  + Will send email about clubs and funding available
  + Anime watching club already had events, organized through Slack
  + Choir is another club lalala
  + Other clubs can also be created and get money
* Adaptable officer board
  + Wait until officers are hired
* Infrastructure issues
* Publicity items
* Sustainability
* Room posters
  + Ignacio started process of update
* Updating signage around Ashdown
  + Ignacio started process
* Setting up Ashdown subscriptions to Costco, Instacart, Netflix etc.
  + Ongoing
* Computer room renovation
* Courtyard hammocks
* Officer attendance expectations
* Expanding role of Operations chair
* Website content
* Ashdown wiki updating
* Food safety training watch party
* Virtual Ashdown tour
  + Xiaowei will check with webmaster
* Trick or Treat initiative
  + Door tags on room if participating
  + Design for door tag, will be printed
  + Will distribute soon

[Update] New officer hiring

* Yanina officially opened officer hiring
* Schedule first round of interviews
  + Yanina will do that soon

[Update] Lottery system on website

* Touchstone login

[Update] Febreeze for gym

* Xiaowei already installed

[Update] Ashdown-themed board game

* Amogh emailed John about it
* John brought a game he previously made to coffee hour
  + Creating a board game is hard
* Card game is easier and cheaper

[Update] Card for Denise

* Cardboard paper or posterboard available at Target
  + Big greeting cards
* 28th afternoon goodbye party planned
* Could put card in Crafts or Fabian room for people to sign

[Update] Meeting with Julie and Denise

* Check if AHEC and chairs are available
  + When2meet
* Schedule before Denise finishes (MWF)

[Discussion] Ashdown events survey

* 6 responses so far
  + Long and detailed survey
  + Or people already happy with events!
* Liked: Coffee Hour, Brunch, Fitness lessons, puzzle event
* 6/6 felt comfortable attending events
  + No response bias at all
* Better reflected interests:
  + Arts and crafts
  + Parties / free food
  + Fitness variety (only kickboxing)
  + Initiatives for new residents to interact with each other / officers
* Don’t come to meet people or making friends
  + What’s the point of events then
* 2/6 people said they had “maybe” taken food and left
  + Ya sure maybe ok
* How to improve events
  + Actively encourage meeting new people – competitions
  + e.g. field day
  + Floor olympics!
* Coffee Hour
  + Not enough food. Most is gone by 8:15. Maybe leave some % for 8:30
  + How to better ration food so all people in line can get food
  + Pre-apportion / individually package food
* Will share with Chairs

[Discussion] AHEC member performance feedback

* Akhilan created form template and sent to AHEC
* Xiaowei has not opened it, what a slacker
  + He should downgrade to SPEC
  + Jk we love u Xiaowei

[Discussion] Project prioritization

* Inventory cleanout
  + Check when new Operations chair is hired
  + Cot?
    - Check with maruoane
    - Replace cot if it does not exist
* Events are going great so far, totally unbiased opinion
* How to get people to talk to each other
  + Ashdown pen pal program?

[Discussion] New name for AHEC 2022-23

* rename to Better SPEC

Presided by: Akhilan

Meeting adjourned