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