AHEC Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, January 24th, 2023, 8:15pm

Attendees:

Zheng

Katie

Yanina

Adam

Tzu-An

Minutes: Yun-Sheng

Suggestion Box/Open forum

* Many of the piano strings are broken, the paddles also need to be maintained
  + 6-month check period might not be enough?
  + Have both of them checked
* Do we know why are the housing rates increasing quite significantly next year? ~4%
  + Just inflation, not much we can do about it
  + For reference in some HCA document, Harvard raises by 8%

Outside meetings

[Discussion] Dorm postering policies

* Posters on the public space are permitted to residents only; in particular, MIT people but non-residents are prohibited from posting a posters
* The policy seems a bit too restrictive; should allow the housing executives to make the final call as long as it’s not conflict with the general policies
  + Bring this issue up tomorrow

[Discussion] Funding, restructuring

* Lowest post-COVID funding since summer 2021
* Post-COVID (sicne 2021) funding is higher than pre-COVID (since 2016), but now it’s closer to pre-COVID
* Might be good to ask the authority about the general directions
  + E.g., Undergraduate dorms changed their policy and pretty much only do events for its own internal residents
* Brunch for internal residents since the budget is going down? Would be good to know brunch people’s opinions on this
  + If people are opposed to this idea, HoHs would try to push for more funding, but since the brunch budget is much higher than others, it might be challenging

[Discussion] Elections

* A good time to start the publicity for AHEC elections
* Tzu-An would reach out to the communication team to let them know about the election publicity (e.g., making posters)

[Discussion] Election and Hiring timeline

* Since many potential AHEC members are also current officers, we might need to re-hire new officers for the missing spots
* Only do a publicity before the hiring

[Discussion] Front Desk Closure

[Discussion] Fire alarm

* Zheng got a suggestion from a resident: part of the reason for triggering the alarm might be the poor quality of the stove in communal kitchen
  + Adam will talk to Julie about the stove
  + Although most of the alarms seem to be triggered by individual rooms

[Update] House manager emails

* What is the system to report error in the gym?
  + Some instructions on the website, but now people might just report it to the front desk
* Katie’s suggestion: a better system for reporting broken gym equipment
  + Number the machines and have something physical (e.g., a whiteboard) for people to write down which one is broken might be helpful
* Katie will talk to Julie about the plan
* Adam will buy two whiteboards and put it in the gym with a sign

[Discussion] Room posters

* The housing does not like particular wording about fire alarms in the first design
* Since lock changing does not require opening the room, it might not be the best chance to do so

[Discussion] Lottery system

[Work] Todo list cleanup/triage

* Gym repairing
* No updates on the bike room
  + Katie will check in with Julie about the above two
* Hulsizer will get a new lock after all individual rooms got renewed
* Julie says yes about the pat
* New item: piano repairing

[Discussion] Wishlist

Anything else