

AHEC Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, March 12th, 2025, 8:00pm

Attendees:

Hyein

Victor

Katie

Yanina

Luke

Yuki

Stamatis

Mary

Adam

Kenneth (late, excused)

Ryan (late, excused)

Minutes: Xin

Absentees:

Kanika (excused)

Suggestion box

- Rooms getting hot
 - Katie suggested that each person talk to the house manager Julie who would arrange individual solutions.
 - Adam explained that the situation is due to Ashdown's 2-pipe heating/cooling system, so either heat is on or cool is on. Some rooms get hot while others still need heating. Switching to cooling is not practical yet since the temperatures are still fluctuating.
- Bike room
 - Yanina updated that Julie had responded to her email saying residents who cannot hang the bikes can use bike racks close to SidPac.
 - Unable to increase the capacity using only hybrid and horizontal hooks, so vertical is for the best capacity and generally accepted based on the survey.
 - Katie would ask Julie if Ashdown residents can use the indoor bike room in SidPac.

Loneliness and solitude group discussion

- Katie said that one of the deans is starting a group about loneliness and solitude in students. The meeting is weekly, but participants do not have to join every week.
- The dean hopes to get input from undergrad & grad to decrease loneliness and solitude to understand the problem. The first meeting last week had no graduate students, and Katie would like the publicity committee to help publicize the events
- Katie would email David for publicity work.

- Ryan would communicate the event to potentially interested people.

Yanina will announce the election results to all Ashdown residents after the roles are allocated.

Ashdown website

- Victor forwarded information about the 4th floor to Honghao and the work is still in progress.
- To update the new website with the functionality for room reservations, Victor received a prototype based on Google Calendar, which he had forwarded to the ahec-five mailing list. People could join the Google Group and add their room reservations with their Kerberos to the calendar.
- Victor would acquire the necessary information for managing the seniority points before the old website can be safely unplugged.
- Hyein suggested assigning one officer to manage the calendar.
- Victor was still working on the floor officer mailing list.

Pool table replacement: Wentao said it would be in April, with inventory money.

Officer hiring

- Victor sent out the announcement and when2meet.
- Katie suggested that the new AHEC should be involved in the officer hiring.
- Adam mentioned that the new AHEC could tweak the existing officer structure to allocate manpower for different tasks.
- Bike officer
 - Tasks: help with the bike room issues e.g. many people are unwilling to store the bikes vertically, but storing the bikes horizontally would block the passageway; bike trips; bike legislation advocacy; bike safety education.
 - Yanina suggested allocating the parking lot for people who cannot put their bikes up vertically.
 - Katie said it might be helpful to educate people on the method to hang up their bikes with less effort.
 - Inform Naomi if a new combined bike/traffic-safety officer position would be assigned.
- Thirsty Ears Pub officer
 - Opening hours are very irregular and not posted anywhere, which discourages people from attending.
 - Hoping to find someone who cares about the space to help schedule events and keep it lively.
 - Ideally, they could do part-time work at Thirsty Ears pub.

Renovations

- Bike room: Katie said the setup would likely remain unchanged.
- Kitchens: 2nd- and 3rd-floor kitchen renovations had been scheduled for the summer.

- Exercise room: had a meeting and coming up with lists of core equipment to include.
- Katie suggested gathering information to see if people want to use the relaxation room for the weight room.

AHEC Retreat

- A series of meetings in Ashdown: covering the AHEC transition materials, talking about goals, conversation with former AHEC members, brainstorming, good food.
- Adam proposed March 30th for the retreat and have the dinner in Boston on March 29th. A few people could not make it to the March 29th dinner. Decided to keep the retreat on March 30th but reschedule the dinner.

Piano: Katie suggested getting the piano tuned before the Alumni concert.

Officer lease: Previously, officers could submit the renewal rather than the termination form. This year, HRS told officers to submit the termination form first. Victor will discuss this issue on Friday.

Distribute merchandise policy: to be discussed in the next meeting.

Hyein has a conference during the Spring break, so there will be no meeting on March 26th.