

## AHEC Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, March 19th, 2025, 8:30pm

No meeting next week due to spring break.

Minutes: Yan

Nothing in the suggestion box.

Housing Renewal: This year officers are unable to renew their license but have to terminate and then sign again (Victor talked to Housing). Hyein got the info that if the AHEC sent officers' lists earlier (early March instead of this year's April 4th?), they might be able to do something. Next AHEC should reach out to Naomi earlier to avoid this.

Concord Market opens: Maybe later this semester we can try to get catering there. It also makes students' dining more affordable :D Related: Lots of ppl don't know Costco bus. We can put a poster on the poster board to advertise affordable grocery / dining choices.

AHEC Retreat: Finalized date on Apr 26. Maybe also do a dinner on Apr 30 to formally handover.

Spring concert: Reserved H Room for Apr 27 4pm - 8pm.

New AHEC positions:

- Treasurer: Catch 3 funding deadlines, make budgets for events & approve reimbursements.
- Officer coordinators: hiring, coordinating & supporting officers. Can get to know lots of people.
- External fairs: Deal with GSC, housing, committee meetings, ... Basically just incorporating Ashdown into the Housing lottery. Can also learn what policies affect the residents & escalate issues to MIT.
- New members expressed interest in multiple positions. Haven't finalized.

Internal lottery: Ashdown is using an internal lottery for switching rooms. Other dorms are using vacancy systems (once a room is empty, one can apply & move in). The con of the current system is that the lottery is only run once a couple of months; so it's hard to get rid of roommate conflicts (esp. ppl who are shy about talking about private conflicts). Must ask residents about

their interests before proceeding (Ryan receives emails regarding this constantly; so it's a popular issue).

Ashdown website: No update. Victor will follow-up next week.

Floor officer mailing list: Victor believes it's already done. He'll double-check.

New pool table: Almost done; thanks Wentao!

New officers: Victor has done  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the interviews. Will do the remaining by this weekend. Will also send a reminder later this week to see if there're still other residents interested in applying.

- Idea by Yanina: To save some officer slots (submitted to Housing for renewable licenses), we can remove those >2 yrs from the submitted list.

New bike officer: Hyein proposed to add a new bike officer. Naomi says we can add +3 officer positions this year.

Thirsty Ear liaison & more opening hours: Needs to discuss with a lot of ppl. Hyein can schedule the meeting if the AHEC wants.

Bike room renovation: Done with posters also set!

Exercise room renovation: Haven't finalized the equipment. The workflow is complicated (we cannot simply decide whatever we want). There's a committee specifically working on that. Will get back to the residents again once we hear back from the committee.

Merchandise policy: The current policy is restrictive to those who volunteer a lot. The most generous policy is to give one to every officer – we now have 100 shirts + 100 beanies + 400 jar opener, 80 officers with a 15~20 turnover. So we can sustain it for a couple of years.

- Related idea: Can hold a welcome event for the new officers and let them pick their merchandise.
- Can also order some more and put into the Welcome Package to new residents.

Dartboard: Might be dangerous to put near the vending machine? Some AHEC members are against it. To discuss more next week.