

AHEC Meeting Minutes

Date: Sunday, May 31th, 2026, 7:00pm

Attendees:

Katie

Admir

Rudiba

Stam

Minutes: Yan

Roles of the new AHEC members:

- Mary remains the chair and Luke remains the treasurer.
- Yuki has graduated. So we need an officer coordinator: Tracking who is coming and stepping down. Also handle the twice-per-year officer recruitment.
 - Stam suggested merging the recruitment into AHEC's individual meetings with committees. Admir also seconds the idea of one committee, one AHEC member, since being the coordinator is pretty time-consuming. It would be easier to maintain a shared document across AHEC members.
 - Katie mentioned the recruitment is an issue: Usually someone signs up without a concrete idea of which committee to join. Katie will email and see who's interested in being the officer coordinator. Stam also suggests a workaround: When meeting with each committee, collect which roles are vacant, and maintain a shared document for that.
- Related to this: We need a new chair for the Tech, Inventory, and Publicity committee (Wentao is leaving).
- Also, we need another AHEC member! Stam is suggesting seeing whether incoming students will be interested in being that (and, e.g., also being the officer coordinator).

AHEC meeting with committees:

- Katie has met with the Tech, Inventory, and Publicity committee twice.

- Rudiba is going to meet with the Communities committee (floor officers and wellness). Katie suggests Rudiba to touch base with them so that they know who to discuss with if they need some help. Rudiba will first schedule an 1-1 with Luke to understand the funding available for the summer, and then discuss with the committee. If some floor officer is away during the summer, Rudiba can take over that floor's event.
 - Also Katie reminded it's important to let the officers know that funding limitations (e.g., \$7 per RSVP) is not super strict.
- Mary is meeting with the Events committee; she's quite busy these upcoming weeks and Katie will email Events to see whether they want to join next AHEC meeting to touch base.
- Katie also reminds AHEC members that it's possible to transit officers to other responsibilities/committees, for example, if someone is willing to take charge of more responsibilities but doesn't have a chance.

Orientation:

- Ashdown is going to hold orientation events in August!
- Some events that used to be fun are no longer attractive (e.g., the dance party, even with alcohol), so we need to find something more interesting.
- Last year's "speed friending" caused some misunderstanding, but it was fun; so we can change a name.
- The scavenger hunt is very helpful, and maybe we can do it again; maybe consider some small prizes?
- Admir suggested making use of the Thirsty Ear; but many people are not drinking.
- About welcome newsletter: Aside from the "welcome from HoH, Julie, AHEC" on the homepage of the website, some residents think it helpful (and important!) to also have a list of things to bring or buy (e.g., sheets, pillows, plungers, food containers, MIT IDs, Slack, ...) AHEC is going to draft a list of essential things (Stam is going to take the lead), pass to Publicity to make it nicer, and give Tech to add it onto the website (can also leave physical copies at the lobby).

Alcohol policy:

- Katie sent an email reminding all the residents about the MIT alcohol policy (e.g., no alcohol for events with 10+ members, etc.). To clarify about alcohol usage in events, Katie briefly explained the policies: There must be 1 person sober per 15 attendees; the bartender must come from a licensed organization (out of three); for large events, the police needs to review it; IDs checked; etc. Overall, the conclusion is basically "no alcohol at any events" except for Thirsty Ear.
 - Naomi is still trying to have more people able to open the Thirsty Ear for events, e.g., HoH or officers.
 - Also the bartender needs to be trained. There are many residents interested, but currently nobody is able to train them (until at least mid July). Stam suggested trying to find someone who is already trained for bartending?

- There should be a new MIT alcohol policy coming out. Katie will clarify when it's actually out.
- Admir also suggested organizing events when some important World Cup games are being played. Admir will check with Mike (from Thirsty Ear) for the concrete availability; if we cannot have alcohol due to time conflicts, Rudiba can help organize a mocktail-with-food event in the Hulsizer Room.