

AHEC Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, September 14th, 2026

Attendees:

Mary

Katie

Admir

Ethan

Rubida

Minutes: Yan

Suggestion box:

- A resident living in a no-kitchen apartment reports that there's no hand sanitizers in the common kitchen. They suggest adding more cleansing supplies to Ashdown. (Dish soaps would also be a plus, but it's also reasonable to ask residents to bring their own when using the kitchen.)
- Julie replies that MIT Housing does not provide such supplies, and thus replenishment cannot be done by the Ashdown staff.
- Katie asks Mary to reach out to the leaders of other residence halls and see whether they already have a solution. Katie also wants to reach out to Richard and see whether Housing can do that.
- AHEC thinks it's nice and is willing to cover the expenses, but would have to understand other residence halls' practice and see how replenishment logistics can work.
- Another related note in the suggestion box: In the Ashdown gym there're also cleansing wipes, but they usually run out. In Z-Center gyms they are replenished quite quickly. Katie will email Julie to check the situation of Ashdown.

New officers and AHEC:

- Mary made an officer interest form and sent a poster request to Publicity. Hopefully they can make a poster by the end of this week, after which Mary will send out an announcement email.
 - Other AHEC members mention they don't receive Mary's email. So it'd be better to cc ahec-five in the emails (or use some other methods TBD).
 - Last year sometimes the QR code in the poster runs out/expires, so Katie mentions it'd be better to include the AHEC emails as well.
- Incentives?
 - Priority housing should someone be willing to switch their rooms. We currently have this, but last year only 3 officers took advantage of it (and they were able to choose from 300+ rooms).
 - Merch? But they are really hard to get (according to Katie – when she tried to design swags for Ashdown running club, many legal departments must be involved).
- Rubida is willing to step down from the AHEC role due to time constraints. And there's currently also a vacancy in AHEC. We can see whether someone is interested in joining AHEC as well.

AHEC meeting involvement:

- Katie suggests that we can better advertise the AHEC meeting to attract more Ashdown residents to attend the meeting. This boosts better discussion of more issues.
- Rubida mentions that the current meeting announcement looks quite boring and sounds irrelevant to most residents.
- Maybe we can have some food or beverages or AHEC dinner? This can also be a perk for officers (though officers are currently quite good at emailing ahec-five should anything happen).

Ashdown mailing lists / announcements:

- Some residents report that they didn't receive AHEC meeting notifications / other Ashdown events emails. We probably need to update the mailing list.
- Rubida also mentioned that floor mailing lists are inaccurate / outdated. Many residents don't receive any emails from those mailing lists.
 - Katie mentions that there're two different mailing lists: One is ashdown-house-residents, which is maintained by Housing, but only Julie and HOH can send to this mailing list. Another is ashdown, to which every resident can send, but need to be maintained by the Mailing List Officer. Mary will reach out to ensure it is updated.
- Katie also mentioned the Ashdown Slack channel. Theoretically everyone should be included, but many people never signed onto their MIT Slack.
- Maybe we can make some new flyers: Slack channel, Facebook, Instagram, etc.

Bike disposal:

- There're many outdated bikes in the bike room. AHEC thinks if we need to remove bikes, we should at least put out posters (both in and out the bike room) and give sufficient notice like 2 weeks. Somewhere near the mailbox also looks good.
- Will discuss with the Inventory committee next week.