

AHEC Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, June 16, 2020, 8:00pm @Zoom

Attendees:

Adam

Katie

Allison

Amanda

Andrew

Haosheng

Kruthika

Minutes: Jacqueline

[Update] New committee chairs and floor officer assignments

- Waiting on responses from Ziwei and potential Events chair
 - Amanda to email Events Committee chair candidate again
- Floor officers have assignments
- New Inventory chair
- New Brunch co-chair: Charlene

[Update] Mask distribution

- Send out Google Form requesting room numbers, then have front desk place masks in those mailboxes regularly (bimonthly or so)
- Link Google Form to QR code, then have Publicity place QR codes on posters
- Amanda to make Google Form

[Discussion] Mask policy

- Adam to talk to Denise about front desk staff wearing masks
- Take down old posters on 6-ft exception if you see them (new posters have beaver, old posters don't)
- Include reminder to wear masks in Google Form

[Update] Outside meetings

- Contact tracing meeting: will have beacons ready soon, still need to assign testing teams for app
 - Idea - mobile app that uses Bluetooth to broadcast voluntary information (residents can opt-in to reveal positive results) as you physically near beacons
 - Will start in Eastgate and Ashdown
 - Results will be used in an external study
- Orientation: nothing
- Activities: nothing
- Sustainability: no news

- HCA: nothing new
- GSC: nothing (monthly meetings)

[Update] Website

- Haosheng to check in with Mohit to make sure code accounts for following
 - Room swap: circumvent same-day cleaning issue by having residents acknowledge cleaning waiver
 - Room sort: assignments must obey gender preferences
 - Room swap: must occur before people leave for summer commitments
- Waiting on public spaces to open for Inventory officer to update Inventory section of website

[Brainstorm] Anti-racism events

- Cherry Pie Society
 - (Aditi) Art design and music showcase for collective works from black community
 - Anti-racism book club; someone organizes and distributes book
- Contact Community Service chair to ask about outreach
 - Black Girls Code group - virtual fundraiser or other work with local chapter
 - Currently don't have Community Service chair
 - Kru to email Events Committee about interest
- Juneteenth (this Friday)
 - Concern over social distancing in celebrations that may turn into protests
 - Could announce first book in book club on this day
 - Harvard and Tufts have declared Juneteenth a paid holiday
 - Museum of Fine Arts (MFA) is hosting series of livestream events from 4 - 7 PM
 - Kru to contact Aditi about picking and announcing book as well as other events by Friday

[Update] Number of residents back

- Still trickling back: about 10-12 back, approval for 20 through end of June

[Update] Suggestion box

- Nothing new

[Update] Contact tracing

- Gearing up to start testing mobile app
 - Detailed discussion above under "[Update] Outside meetings"
- Next meeting tonight at 9 PM

[Update] Hygiene posters from Publicity

- Combine hygiene posters for Housing with poster linking to mask request Google Form
- Incorporate Housing highlights as well as picture of Ashdown mask design
- Haosheng to give update on poster

[Update] Guest policy and quarantine requirements for protesters

- In progress, will have call Thursday

[Brainstorm] Form of Brunch going forward

- Wait to meet with Brunch and Coffee Hour chairs until mid-to-late July
 - MIT expected to release clarity on how school year will be run

[Suggestion] Consolidate Communications to reduce number of emails

- Have communications like 3AM, Ashdown Anno, Ashdown Events been condensed?
 - Email reminders on day of event generally increase turn-out
 - (Weekly) Anno is requirement for GSC funding and links to Ashdown Events calendar
 - (Monthly) 3AM traditionally used as newsletter with puzzles, games, and prizes
 - Ashdown also has Facebook page under Communications chairs
 - Like 3AM, but more pictures; activity on page has died down recently
- Room for flexibility
 - Reduce frequency of 3AM to quarterly?
 - Limit 3AM to website-only, no email blast?
 - Link to upcoming events in each 3AM?
 - Issue: campus-wide events tend to be updated on a per-week basis
- Allison to reach out to Communications committee to explore ways to solidify their role in Ashdown House and clarify difference between 3AM, Anno, and Facebook page

[Suggestion] Reopen AHEC meetings to residents

- Wait to decide until we know how this fall will look

Presided by: Amanda

Meeting adjourned