

AHEC Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, October 20, 2020, 8:00pm @Zoom

Attendees:

Adam
Allison
Amanda
Andrew
Haosheng
Katie
Kruthika
Can Pu
Sohil Shah

Minutes: Jacqueline

[Update] Outside meetings

- Compliance meeting (yesterday & last Thursday): compliance in dorms not as high as they'd like it to be, trying to understand what's driving non-compliance & added provision to guest policy that resident must be compliant in order to have a guest
- Nothing from GSC, Sustainability, or HCA

[Update] Guest policy & roommate agreement

- Naomi sent draft of roommate agreement form to lay out ground rules for living together
 - Amanda to check with Naomi if this is the most updated version
 - Doesn't discuss COVID
 - Could be added to "Resources" section of website since the ideal window for use is the beginning of the semester/year (i.e. August/January) and has passed
- Would it be helpful to send this form out now anyway in case there are roommate conflicts?
 - Can't hurt; usually start having roommate issues around this time
 - Amanda to add form to website and start drafting email to share to residents
- Have yet to hear positive or negative feedback on guest policy since last week's announcement

[Update] Internal lottery

- Started, will be open until Saturday
 - Working with Nicole with a handful of people who had questions
 - Expecting a few new external residents which will change things
 - Allison to manually add new residents to lottery
- After this lottery, we'll have an inter-dorm (building-to-building) lottery that will also move residents around; expecting lots of movement over the next few months

[Update] Halloween / pumpkin carving

- Coffee Hour coordinating with Events and Brunch to do a series of events
- Talking about pumpkin carving
 - HoH not planning pumpkin carving
 - Usually get ~20 pumpkins through some connection whoever did Coffee Hour last year or so would know
 - Aim for small- to medium-sized pumpkins since people would be doing it by themselves
 - Check into this soon as pumpkins may have run out/be in high demand right now
- Allison to tell Coffee Hour chairs to get in contact with Events and Brunch chairs
- Amanda to work with Events to plan some competitions

[Update] Upcoming events and budgets

- Halloween: Coffee Hour has a special budget for Halloween -- \$700, flexible
 - HoH has money to supplement
 - Allison to get in touch with Coffee Hour contact for pumpkins, will reach out to Events if it doesn't pan out

[Update] Alumni mailing list

- Just got mailing list from Oscar, new Tech Officer in charge
 - Haosheng sent to Emily, waiting on reply
- Made webpage on new website for potential alumni

[Update] Website

- Updated Website Planning worksheet on Google sheet with possible webpage redirects from old website to new website
 - All to contribute to list of redirects
- Haosheng to send to James to move closer to decommissioning old website
 - Still need lottery system in old website

[Update] Door nametags

- Some are up, some are not
- Allison to check in with officers about getting those done

[Update] WiFi device installation / WiFi in general

- Workers are coming in this week, starting on fifth floor and working down; will be ongoing
- Washlava is working on getting laundry machines back up after WiFi outage
 - Haosheng to forward Washlava email to Adam
 - Adam to send Washlava email to Dennis
- Unclear what caused WiFi issue on Friday; something was broken and now fixed
 - Outage lasted different amounts of time in different rooms

[Update] Intersection of Albany of Mass Ave

- Katie is waiting on second meeting

[Discussion] Encouraging compliance

- Housing plans to hold some town halls and maybe meet with House exec teams to brainstorm ideas; asking exec teams to brainstorm in the meantime
- Compliance issues observed:
 - Regular testing
 - App gamification (daily attestations – not an observed issue)
 - Wrong attestations lock you out & are hard to change
 - More incentive to not answer correctly as winter colds/flu set in
 - Currently treat colds as COVID unless proven otherwise
 - People don't even read questions anymore (maybe change number of clicks?)
 - Changing color shows what right answer should be
 - If you have symptoms, you're not supposed to go in to get tested
- Showing compliance dates in some official document (only Mon-Thurs & Tues-Fri count)
 - Run into issue of people thinking they're unable to test on Wed, or unable to test 2 days in a row if they get an incomplete result
- Being transparent on data
 - 22% total out of compliance
 - Oct 12th – high attestation, low testing
 - Spike attributed to people going on holiday and COVID Pass not having a clear way to clear it with Housing
 - Would be good to get more specific data (e.g. how many people are out of compliance by being a few hours late with attestation vs being weeks late on testing)
 - Asked for better data in yesterday's meeting and didn't seem like they'd be willing to supply
- Could have people misunderstanding how compliance works and waiting a day to get tests done
- Need clarification on how to handle compliance while on holiday so people don't get locked out for taking breaks
- Could also have people who don't attest because they don't leave the building and feel they don't need to update
 - Shouldn't Housing follow up with people in this case, or in other cases with extended lack of compliance?
 - They try, but they don't always get a response
 - Also too many people to follow up with
- Could send out an email to everyone in Ashdown with a way to add a one-minute meeting that reminds them to attest
 - Might be just another email; on COVID Pass app, you get push notification reminder 2 hours before attestation expires
- Push for testing/attesting should be MIT-wide

- Amanda to get back to Judy and ask for better data on noncompliance (especially how long people are out of compliance for)
- Katie to ask Judy about testing for people who attest at night and might be feeling ill
 - They have no incentive to attest truthfully since they could get locked out of their labs and rooms
 - Can potentially test some people on the weekends if they have symptoms

[Update] Suggestion box

- None

[Update] Cameras in bike room

- Haven't heard back from Dennis, hard time getting in touch with him in general
 - Adam to follow up
- Contacted MIT Police about stolen bike, Tejas suggested HoH send email to Ashdown requesting return of bike
 - Might be more effective coming from another student
 - AHEC to draft an email asking for bike back
 - Ask Tejas for details about bike to send out
- Since bike was locked on Ashdown property, could Ashdown assist in defraying the cost?
 - Not an AHEC thing, must take up with Housing
 - Tejas to reach out to Housing about cost of bike
 - Lease says we're responsible for our own personal property

[Update] Common spaces

- Allison reached out to HCA to check in with Edgerton & SidPac to see how they're opening up their gyms, waiting to hear back
- Amanda has Edgerton's recommendation for gym reopening policy based on survey from residents
 - Can reserve online session just as you'd do with music room
 - Reserve for 1 hour – 45 min exercise, 15 min cleaning (by user) and air exchange
 - Athletic chair regularly checks schedule
 - Only 1 person allowed in gym at a time & must wear mask
- Should we draft a similar policy? Get resident feedback?
 - Earlier feedback showed gym was at top of list for reopen
 - Would like to see compliance to go up first and decide then
 - Possible risk in trusting everyone to be compliant with cleaning
 - Residents use at their own risk
 - Be ready to close immediately if any issues
- Amanda to check in with David and Peko

[Update] Contact tracing

- App wasn't in App Store for a while (7-day period before review by Apple), negotiations underway to bring it back & now it's back → were people not using it during that time?
 - Now 40 days until next review by Apple
- Amanda to ask Julie/Sarah what's up with app
 - Maybe ask them to send another email now that app is back on App Store
 - Resend out info on contact tracing since many moved in/out

[Update] Wine tasting

- Seemed to go well and people liked it, 27 people
- Focused tasting event, very interactive; might be a good model to have someone knowledgeable walking people through
 - Chocolate tasting might work
- Bags outside apartment; pick up samples in bags
 - First half of alphabet in one 20-minute window
 - Second half in other window
 - Adam gave commentary on wines
- Adam to run another

Presided by: Amanda

Meeting adjourned