Residence Affairs Committee
Minutes

Wednesday November 27th 3:30pm-4:30pm

Present: Aditi Malhotra, Andrea Nelson, Dave Kim, Eliza Davies-Greenwald, Ken Ogata, Klara Kovařová, Lingrui Xu, Maria Javier, Mariana Villada Rivera, Marty Penner, Mustafa Nalwala, Timothy Duanmu, Yukta Khandagale,

Regrets: Arsenio (Jr.) Mostrales, Eddie Low, Kevin Dancy, Vinay Bansal

Residence Life Updates

- Gym Equipment was delivered November 11th:
  - One Upright Stationary Bicycle
  - Two Treadmills
  - Two Olympic Bars
  - One Flat Bench
- Chestnut Survey will close on Sunday December 1st
  - 325 surveys completed to date (last year 442 were completed)
  - Floor 16 is leading for most completed surveys (to date)
- Winter Closure
  - Students must check out 48 hours after last exam or by noon on December 21st
  - Please review [https://chestnut.utoronto.ca/winter-check-out/](https://chestnut.utoronto.ca/winter-check-out/) for list of things to do prior to checking out (i.e. take out garbage/turn off lights)
- Quiet Hours
  - In effect as of December 5th: 23 hour/day Quiet Hours (5:00pm-6:00pm is Consideration Hour)
- RLO Pop-Up
  - Friday November 29th 4:00-5:00, The Hearth
  - All students welcome to stop by for activities and snacks and an opportunity to write a thank you note to someone whose helped you this past semester!
- Upcoming Programming
  - Thursday November 28th, 7-8pm, The Hearth: Mindful Moments
  - Monday December 2nd, 6-8pm, The Dining Hall: Dinner with Your Prof

Building Operations Updates

- Garage Construction:
  - Very few complaints/comments overall
  - There were a few complaints related to the smell of tar a few days ago (Aditi)
  - Construction will pick up over the Winter Closure to maximize the amount of work that can be completed while most students are out of the building
- Winter Closure Work
  - Carpets will be cleaned on the following floors: 9, 12, 14, 18, 21
  - There will be fire alarm testing
There will be room inspection/maintenance concerns addressed

**Upcoming Building Operations Projects:**
- Upgrading PTAC units (A/C & Heater units) (will be a multi-year contract)
- Laundry (looking for updated machines)
- Cleaning company for general spaces (i.e. lobby)
- Elevator Maintenance Provider
  - Note: Elevator 1 continues to be out of order due to major maintenance concerns. Elevator 4 should be fixed and running shortly.

**Hallway lights** are being changed on Floor 17, 18, 19
- RLO will follow-up on why this work was not previously communicated to affected floors
- Positive feedback regarding the upgrades

**Other Building Operations Concerns**
- Continued concern regarding how frequent Building Operations puts elevator in service
  - RLO to follow-up on this

**Food Services Updates**
- Friday December 13th 9pm, The Dining Hall: Social Event (Dessert Bar/Appetizers/Holiday Movies playing)
- Monday December 16th 2:30pm-4:30pm, The Dining Hall, Gingerbread People Decorating
- Menu can be accessed at [https://ueat.utoronto.ca/utsg-campus-food-locations-regular-hours/](https://ueat.utoronto.ca/utsg-campus-food-locations-regular-hours/)

**Housekeeping Updates**
- Working on Services Areas, cleaning one floor/day
- Starting room inspections by floor, logging any preventative maintenance needs to be addressed over the Winter Break
- Urban Lounge carpet has been fully cleaned
- Winter Closure
  - Students who are staying for the Winter Closure are asked to bring their garbage down to the 4th floor (there will be signage on floors)

**Residence Council Updates**
- Opt-out for the fees, trying to re-arrange budgets and save enough for end-of-year semi-formal
  - Last year the semi-formal was only advertised on Facebook, this year will use multiple communication channels
- Gingerbread House Competition coming up
- Thursday November 28th: Dodgeball Final
- Friday November 29th: Skating
Urban Crew Updates

- Urban Lounge online booking process has been updated
- Urban Crew Desk now has a chalkboard panel that displays hours
- Hosting an Urban Crew Holiday event in Urban on Sunday December 8th
- Urban Crew volunteers will not work Sunday December 8th to Saturday January 4th. And the last shift of the year will be Saturday April 11th.
  - Urban Lounge is still available as a quiet student space during December/January while Urban Crew volunteers are unavailable

EPA/AM

- November 27, 7pm: Academic Success Session (TAs coming to Chestnut)
- November 27, 7pm-9pm: Mental Health Exam Break
- December 1, 7pm-9pm: Academic Mentors Host Karaoke
- December 2, 6pm-8pm: Engineering Dinner with your Prof
- December 6, 7pm-9pm: Foosball Tournament

Student Updates

- Inquiry as to wear closest cold drinking water is
  - Available on 27th Floor
  - RLO to place signage indicating water is drinkable
- Feedback regarding the Dining Hall:
  - Variety of fruit would be appreciated (there is a lot of cantaloupe)
  - Oranges sometimes are not as fresh as they could be

Other Topics/Issues As Identified

- Cold on 28th Floor and the Hearth (Yukta)
  - RLO to follow-up with Building Ops
- CRC Hoodies have not arrived yet (Yukta)
  - Klara following up

Meeting Schedule

- Monday January 27th 10:30-11:30
- Monday March 9th 10:30-11:30