Residence Affairs Committee
Minutes
Wednesday January 27th 1pm
Zoom

Present: Aaron, David, Eliza, Frank, Hannah, Jack, Jamie, Kevin, Ksenia, Maria, Mustafa, Timothy

Regrets: Ankhee, Andrea, Jr., Eddie, Klara

Budget Review Presentation (Timothy, 15 minutes)

• For 2021-22
  o Fiscal Year: May 2021-April 2022
  o Ancillary Services includes Housing, Food and Beverage Services, Transportation and Trademark Licensing
    ▪ Self-funded re: residence fee and summer business hotel revenue

• Budgeting Process
  o Sept: Start Budgeting
  o Dec: Submit Plan
  o Jan: RAC Presentation
  o Feb: SARG presentation
  o Mar: UAB presentation
  o Apr: Business Board Approval

• Budget Review
  o Will provide only single rooms (less than half occupancy compared to previous years)
  o Anticipate summer 2022 will still be lighter than an average year
  o Expenses include Operating Costs (staffing, maintenance, mortgage, utilities, etc.) and Other expenses (residence life expenses, office supplies and equipment, telephone, training and development, misc. (insurance, depreciation, etc.).

• Capital and Major Maintenance Projects
  o 2019 to present: upgrade to WiFi, Parking Garage Renovation, Carpet Replacement, 27th floor common area renovation, gym equipment, PTAC unit replacement, VoIP Phones, Security Server and Cameras, Furniture and mattresses

• Residence Fee
  o 689 rooms – 65% double room, 35% single rooms = could have up to 1,200 students
  o For 2021-22, all single rooms, at most 689 students
Chestnut Annual Survey Overview Presentation (Eliza, 10 minutes)

Round Table Updates

- **Residence Life Office**
  - Common Rooms
  - Dinner with Prof – February 4th
  - Clubs Fair tonight
  - Games Week with RLO
  - Wellness Chats

- **Housekeeping**
  - Not at this time – cleaning common rooms twice a day

- **Administrative & Finance, Building Operations**
  - Planning Phase 2 PTAC Project for Summer 2021
    - Looking to do as many as possible given quiet summer, but 12-20 for sure will be replaced

- **Food Services**
  - First Food Committee Meeting last Monday January 25th
  - Chicken Wing night
  - Will trying to do something special each Wednesday (I.e. chicken wings, steak night, taco nights, etc.)
  - Will do menus for Lunar New Year and Black History Month celebrations

- **Urban Crew**
  - Urban Crew will remain closed and Urban is only used during their assigned timeslots
  - Providing more opportunities for connection: Chestnut Dines Virtual Dinner hour daily 6pm-7pm, Urban Crew members host the event and students/staff are welcome to join in.
    - Question to Mustafa: could staff in the dining hall, maybe provide links to students that are interested
    - Cashiers to distribute those
    - Posters at Bagging Station

- **Residence Council**
  - Tonight: Council Meeting Weekly – socialize and play games together – open to all to join
  - Wellness Wall will be expanded this weekend (VP Social)
  - VP Athletics will be running virtual workout sessions
  - Progress System for folks to work towards, stay more active, award house points
  - Substitution for Semi-Formal event

- **Student Updates**
  - Jamie:
    - Concerns re: heating system for both new and old units (knows of floor 5, 6, 12) (Issues with temperature and noise)
• Potential for power overload for electrical circuit (i.e., tripping breakers)
• Heaters are available to borrow heaters from Front Desk
• Some students have requested room moves due to heating issues which have been approved. If you are having trouble with your heater, please ensure the a work order is placed so it can be followed up on.
• Sound issue of heaters – Kevin will look into the heater as more will be purchased soon and want to address any concerns before additional purchases

  ○ Ksenia:
    ▪ Residence Life Office
      • Dinner with Professors are great ideas
      • Have the same program with other types of professors
      • Ksenia would be interested in organizing other events
      • Diverse student population need to accommodate all
      • Faculty that lives in residence, who is in engineering
      • Dave will raise this with Klara
      • Students can submit the names of prof they would like to see