Residence Affairs Committee
Agenda
Monday March 14th 11am
Zoom

Present: Bolu, Dana, Eliza, Honoka, Kevin, Klara, Mustafa

Regrets: Andrea, Ciel, Dave, Eddie, Kate, Ishika, Maria, Timothy

Residence Life Updates

- Transition
  - New Assistant Dean, Residence Administration: Dana Burke (first day: March 7th)

- Common Spaces restrictions loosened
  - Urban Lounge: Max capacity: 25 people
  - 27th Floor: Max capacity: 25 people
  - 28th Study Room: Max capacity: 25 people

- Urban Crew Manager Hiring for 2022-23 (deadline to apply March 13th)
- RSA Hiring (deadline to apply March 13th)
  - Hiring two RSAs (live-in summer Front Desk/RLO staff)

- Don Hiring
  - Two dons were hired in January (14th and 7th floor)
  - Month+ long process to hire dons for 2022-23
    - Received 120+ applications
    - Currently in last stage: group interviews
    - Offers/Acceptance: April

- Programming
  - Focus on year-end programming, ex. Exam Jam
  - Looking to start offeringsome in-person opportunities
    - Recent trip to High Park

Urban Crew Updates

- Urban Crew Manager vacant currently
- Currently hiring for Urban Crew Manager for 2022-23
- Back to regular schedule including weekday shifts 5pm -11pm
- Last day: April 9th

Administrative & Finance, Building, Housekeeping Updates

- Fiscal year end approaching, end of April
- Facilities: Welcomed new Manager: Franco (started two weeks ago)
- Last week experienced large flooding incident (from 4th floor, 3rd floor, Ballroom on the 2nd floor, RLO on 1st floor and the parking garage)
  - Step 1: Stopped the water
Step 2: Flood remediation: try to remove the water/dry spaces/prevent moulding

- Three year project to install heating/AC in all the rooms
  - 2021-22: challenges with delays and temporary units
  - 2022-23: already have the units onsite, will start installing this summer
    - Will complete this project and ensure all rooms have new units by end of summer
  - The units use heat pumps (uses less energy) and provide better access to fresh air, lower maintenance and are quieter

- Continue on replacing vinyl, curtains in residence rooms (and down the line look into replacing washrooms)
- Working on a number of large maintenance projects that are more behind the scenes
- Maintenance/Housekeeping services continues as usual

Food Services Updates

- March 23rd, 9-10pm: Virtual Report Presentation on Dining Review
  - Review: Menu Offerings, Price Features, Student Engagement, etc.
  - Link in Chestnut Chatter
- Pie Day today: March 14th (specials on pizza today)
- Tomorrow is UofT’s birthday, will be free birthday cake available
- As of today, Dining Hall is open at full capacity with no social distancing (masks still required)
- This Wednesday is Dietician Day
- Mobile App currently open and running
- March 30th: Birthday Celebration for all March birthdays
- April 13th: Birthday Celebration for all April & Summer birthdays
- April 17th: Easter Lunch
- Ramadan boxed breakfasts available
- April 30 Dinner: Last meal this semester, move-out on May 1st lunch

Residence Council Updates

- Next week: Scavenger Hunt event
- Following week: Mini Painting Session in Urban Lounge
  - Sign-up sheet to gauge interest
  - Host multiple smaller groups

Student Updates

- Urban Lounge is less busy, more spaces open allows student to space out better