Residence Affairs Committee
Agenda
Tuesday December 1st 4pm-5pm
Zoom

Present: Andrea, Ankhee, Eliza, Frank, Hannah, Jack, Jamie, Klara, Ksenia, Mustafa, Timothy

Residence Life Updates

- Common Rooms opening on each floor
  - Looking into possibility of smart TVs in each room
- Urban Lounge
  - Floor Specific times posted
  - Sign-In Sheet
  - Suggestion to review 6am-9am timeslot, perhaps start later
- Fitness Equipment Loaning Program
  - January Survey to check in on program, should loans be for more or less time?
- Winter Break
  - Food Services has an option for folks who are staying
  - Extra quiet time of year, but have planned some regular 1:1 check-ins
  - Programming will always be available
    - Well received, will be appreciated for students who are staying

Housekeeping Updates

- Nothing to report/ No Questions

Administrative & Finance Updates

- Elevator Report Highlights
  - Identified issues to be addressed by end of December 2020
    - Noisy doors
    - TVs
    - Voice Annunciators
    - Bubbling on floor of elevator tiles
  - Overall elevators were functioning and button call response shown no issues
- Elevator closest to 36 is quite loud (especially higher floors) (started again last week) (previously was loud Sept to Oct for about a month)
- Note: The card readers do not work efficiently in two elevators: They require multiple rapid swipes before turning green. Elevators indicated by the red squares”

Windows
Security desk

- Annual budget process underway (until March 2021)
- PTAC units schedule being designed (Phase Two) replacing units in 12 to 20 likely in May 2021

Food Services Updates

- Fill out meal plan application by December 4th
- Pop-up station in the Dining Hall, different themed dinner (December 7th to 11th)
- December 13th: Whooville inspired dinner
- Week of December 20th: Will have a hot chocolate bar
- Have installed tap devices in the Dining Hall, software has been updated, most T-Cards should be tapping by now. If there are still issues, let Mustafa know who can look into it, may be the TCard itself
- Friday to Sunday, donated a non-perishable food item to a local charity to match number of coffees sold (500 in total)
- Online menus are updated, will show entire week
- Can check balance on the app moving forward
  - Mobile app for menus/nutritional information
  - Transact app for balance/checking transactions
- Request to see the omelette station return. Mustafa will check on bringing this back or offering the omelettes more often.
- Wanted to follow-up with the protein pricing (so if not buying a combo, but just getting one item – the price for the one item should be cheaper)
  - Will be three types of veg available with each meal
  - No answer re: pricing at this time
  - Also would like information on the Mix & Match (i.e. be able to select more than the strict items in combos, i.e. entrée and salad would be nice). Salad station and entrée suggestion.

Urban Crew Updates

- Urban Crew will start again as of January 3, 2020
- Looking into keeping Bluetooth option for speakers available daily (may need to pre-pair devices)
  - Callout to interested students/dons to set up before the Holidays
- Dons could decorate the space? Utilize the assigned floor times
- Will keep in mind by-laws and be able to update restrictions for Urban by the Holidays (lockdown set to be re-evaluated December 21st)

Residence Council Updates
• Still setting up the House system
• Trying to organize events that directly relate to that, trying to increase community
• Organized a Gift exchange
• Starting to focus on events for January
• Wall – weekly prompt
  o Would be potentially interested to collaborate to create a staff/student wall of gratitude for the first week back from Winter Break
• Another table for different programs of study activities – build upon the house points

Student Updates

• Frank: None at this time
• Jack: None at this time
• Hannah: None at this time
• Jamie:
  o A lot of students have been moving in/out, a bit hard to know who is in what area. A number of students have moved in this month. A bit harder as no welcome events.
    ▪ Welcome events planned for January
  o Dons have noticed, while putting up posters, a bit overwhelming what initiatives are what?
    ▪ Poster template, key information to share
    ▪ Headers on the bulletin boards?
    ▪ Encourage dons to review and remove old posters
    ▪ Takeaway conversation for larger don team.
  o Food Committee launches when?
    ▪ January launch likely, but still looking into what is possible
  o Residence Survey
    ▪ 150 students completed survey, deadline: December 3rd, draw will be on December 4th
  o Funds for Decorating Common Room
    ▪ TBD

• Ankhee: None at this time
• Ksenia:
  o Event planning, dinners with professors – all from engineering, would like to see more events with different faculty professors. Students would extremely appreciate that