

# Minutes, Lakeside Committee Meeting, February 9, 2017

**Time of the meeting:** 7:00 to 7:30pm

**Notes taken by:** Peter Landgren

**Present at the meeting:**

- **Committee members**

1. President: Isabela Morales
2. Vice President: Jessica Brown
3. Treasurer: David Cho
4. Social Chair: Vicky G.
5. Garden Coordinator: Kyle Oskvig
6. External Relations Delegate: Merle Eisenberg
7. Secretary: Peter Landgren
8. Webmaster: Jon MacArt

- **University**

1. Olivia Martel

- **ACC**

1. Mark Clemmons (Absent)

- **Residents**

1. Levi G.
2. Eugene Evans
3. Maria Evans
4. Christine Blumauer
5. Andrew Alt
6. Elijah Kolmes
7. Charles Swanson

## Discussion Points

### 1. Elevator Outage

Isabela: There will be upcoming maintenance to install generators. This will

require taking some elevators offline for short periods of time. You will be notified of any work beforehand.

## 2. Proceed Slowly Signs

Isabela: The sign has now been replaced. Please proceed slowly and use caution in the parking garage!

## 3. Garden Update

Kyle: Finances of the garden have taken a great forward thanks to Olivia and others at the Grad School. We have moved to an official bank account through the Grad School. For deposits, I will take deposits at the beginning of the season and place them into the account, and then at the end of the season gardeners will file a report with concur and it will go directly into their account.

Merle: So it will have to be transferred to a grad school student account right?

Kyle: Yes, so if the primary gardener is not a student I'll still need a student's name.

Christine: There may be another way to manage it for non-students.

Kyle: Mark also has our organic waste pile removed. We will do sign-ups fairly quickly after the room draw.

Resident: What is the status of the watering system?

Isabela: This has come up this year and last year. Lakeside was designed without underwater irrigation, so in general we will not be having underground water. We can work around that issue with hoses and other setups.

Kyle: There are a few options in this area, perhaps we can get a current connection with a box unit. The issue is the hose being constantly connected and disconnected, and that has caused issues for the nearby residents.

Olivia: What about a rain-barrel type reservoir on-site?

Kyle: That could be an option, but it could also breed mosquitos.

Christine: It must be covered, it could be a good option. I've used them and they don't become a swamp.

Olivia: Maybe we can talk to Mark about that.

Vicky: There also was a leaking problem that led to some flooding.

Kyle: True, we would like to fix that. Another thing to help drainage is to have raised beds. That would help greatly, and I'm looking into that now. To do that all in one shot this coming year we'd need to raise the nonrefundable deposit significantly this year.

Olivia: If ACC is okay with this, could you potentially ask the sustainability office?

Kyle: I'll look into it.

#### 4. Lake Landscaping

Isabela: We will let you know when we have updates, right now we don't. The project still needs to be bid on by landscaping companies, so we don't know the finish date.

Olivia: The good thing is the access road is built.

Merle: It is a bit frustrating that it has taken this long and bids were not done earlier.

Olivia: Originally there wasn't development planned for down there, but due to popular demand we have been working on it.

Christine: I believe there was landscaping in the original plans.

Olivia: I don't think there was to this extent, it's been implemented due to popular demand.

#### 5. Fitness Center Light

Isabela: The fitness center light is now controlled manually. Please remember to turn it off when you leave the room to conserve energy!

#### 6. Clothing Donations

Isabela: There has been a recent request for a clothing donation bin. Butler did have a room for this, but it was messy. There is a clothing donations bin in Lot 23, but it is only for clothes, not food. Additionally, later this spring at Lawrence there will be a donation drive.

Olivia: There has been a baby gear exchange at Lawrence in the past, and we will be doing it again this spring. There will be ample notice.

Merle: Is there a place we can take things when we move out?

Christine: Mark said we may be able to do this at the end of the year, and have a common location.

Olivia: This was done at Lawrence, but it had some difficulties, and we had to coordinate with Trenton Rescue Mission. One challenge is that if items are not taken people need to come back and claim them.

Isabela: We can talk to Mark for this, but for small scale stuff we have options.

## 7. Room Draw

Isabela: An email recently went out with dates regarding room draw. Here are several important dates regarding room draw:

February 1 All Room Draw documents are available on Graduate Housing web-page

February 15 Pre-Draw Pull-In forms, Hardship and Medical Accommodation are due

February 21 Pre-Draw Retention contract offers are sent out

February 28 Pre-Draw Retention contract offers must be accepted

March 1 Room Draw Application opens for current students

March 27 Room Draw Application closes for current students

April 4 Room Draw results posted

April 7 Room Draw Apartment offers begin to be sent out on a rolling basis

- April 7 GC/Annex Retention contract offers sent out
- April 14 GC/Annex Retention contract offers must be accepted
- April 18 GC/Annex On-line Room Selection takes place
- May 1 Deadline for extension requests\* (permitted only for academic purposes that extend beyond the end of the housing contract)

## 8. GSG and Housing Board Meeting Updates

Merle: Please note that hardship forms will be reviewed soon. We're doing a review of the housing website, so if there are things you're looking for when you go through room draw, please let me know if you have trouble with the website and I'll be happy to bring them up at the next meeting. Also, I encourage you all to vote in the upcoming GSG elections. Right now a lot of the offices are unfilled and if we need 10% of the student body to vote for the election to be valid. Please vote!

Olivia: There will also be a grad student pilot program to gauge interest for a grad student center.

Merle: They're also rolling out a new timeline app for grad students.

David: It's been released, but hasn't been widely publicized.

Olivia: They may be releasing it on a rolling basis.

## 9. Composting

Christine: First a few comments on the minutes from last meeting. First of all, composting is a sustainability initiative. It's not really about responding to demand, it's about creating demand. It's something we want to encourage people to do. I don't know how the food scrap collection in the dining halls started, but it has become a big initiative and lots of students use it. I also don't think we should rule out the possibility of working with the university on this. Most of us have lived in the GC and know how the food scrap system works. I reached out to the office of sustainability to ask if the dining hall system could be extended to us and talked to Shana Weber. In principle Shana wasn't opposed to it, but there is a contamination problem in the campus recycling, and their office needs to handle that first.

But this conversation has started and it's an option for the future. We could also use the company that services campus to serve Lakeside. Of course this does mean changing people habits and how they use recycling. Of course we could also go through the township, but in order to avoid freeriders I'm going to look into subsidies for us.

Olivia: What do you mean by freeriders?

Christine: Those who would use the bins but not pay for them. It would cost about \$300 a year, and I will try to find this money. If we get the bins we can have a campaign to explain how to use the bins.

Resident: I'd be willing to help educate. It could also been good to have some small barriers to use, just to make one step a little harder than normal trash. This would prevent people that don't know or care from contaminating the bins.

Christine: It also needs to be easy though, perhaps some reminder that makes using the bin a little different would be good.

Resident: I agree, it would be good to make the composting process a little different.