

Lakeside Committee Meeting – April 28, 2025

Time and location: 3:45 p.m. EST, on Zoom

Notes taken by: Sophia Koval

Attendance:

- **Committee members:**
 - Isabelle Chen
 - Sophia Koval
 - Yiyi Tan
 - Christian Kragh Jespersen
 - Narelle Gilchrist
 - Christopher Branner-Augmon
 - **University:**
 - Michelle Ruggia (Housing)
 - Shawn Copeland (Graduate School)
 - **ACC (American Campus Committees)**
 - Loydes Nieves
 - **Residents:**
 - Jan Ertl
 - Hana Rajap
 - Faith Suwannapong
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Agenda

Book club

- Emily will get back to Isabelle about the May book club date. That will be the last book club for the semester

Social events

- Grad student appreciation week event went great, big turnout w// >100 people. Efes was a good vendor to work with, food was good
- Thinking of doing an event during the summer. Narelle will be gone but can plan a small event remotely if in-town committee members can set up and clean up

External relations

- Discussion ongoing in GHAB about housing priority for committee members - should be able to share an update in May

- Some discussion about housing survey results; communication is an area that needs to be worked on
- Proposal brought up for summer housing extension - given government funding issues, some people are not traveling as much and are now in need of summer housing but the deadline has passed
- Housing software is getting updated
- A survey about ACC will be going out to residents soon
 - This is distributed by housing to get feedback from residents on how ACC manages their properties on campus (Lakeside and Meadows are managed by ACC)
 - Maybe we can send some reminders to residents to increase participation in the survey

Treasurer

- Will request consultation for TigerWell grant to support recreation equipment/gym machines

Garden coordinator

- Fence is in dire need of repair. Lo has contacted the vendor to repair the fence
 - The fence has a gate that is completely broken and falls over daily
 - The mesh on the fence is full of holes and lots of animals are getting in
 - Michelle: Working on it, brought up with ACC upper management and everyone knows it needs to be taken care of. Contractor should come out and decide whether to change the whole fence or if repairs can be done to certain sections
 - Christian asks that he be told about when the contractor is coming out so he can show the contractor the spots of concern.
 - Lo: Landscapers looked last week, they have the specifications from Christian. They should send Lo a proposal on fixing the fence this week.
- Water for the hose is on - ACC installed a secondary spigot that works just as well as the key

Secretary

- Following up
 - Bike bump
 - Parking and transportation found funding to put in a new pump and a repair station - filtering through facilities for approvals now! Yay! TPS will also put one in Lawrence
 - Lamp post on the wooded path that flickers out
 - Michelle: Has escalated it within housing, waiting on a response
 - Campus Safety/Lighting walks are now done by EHS, usually done after daylight savings
 - Intercoms
 - Lo: Vendor has come out to see the buildings. Contract still needs to be signed, so hard to say a timeline before then. Hoping to start changing the systems in the next month and 351 Lemonick will be changed first since their intercom has been out for so long.
 - Door on 351 Lemonick

- Lo: Contract has been signed, waiting on vendor to schedule repair

Open forum

1. Nothing this week

Anonymous feedback form

1. Resident asking about crates in Lemonick Ct area with roofing tiles. They've been there for >1 year and the tarp is in disrepair and is collecting standing water. Any concrete plans?
 - a. Lo talked to university roofing and office of sustainability to try and dispose of/reuse the tiles. They're exploring those avenues now.
 - b. Lo says the goal is to move them before move out
2. Some of the windows on the apartments are dirty on the outside - is there a schedule for outdoor window washing at Lakeside?
 - a. Lo: That's usually included in the building wash which happened last spring. Usually done every other spring, so it will not be done again until spring 2026.
3. Temperature of the water in a resident's apartment is not getting very hot. Especially an issue in 751 Hibben Magie - we've gotten a lot of mentions of this.
 - a. Lo: We just got tankless water heaters in several apartment buildings. The water now heats up by demand, there isn't a reserve of it. So that might explain why the water takes a while to warm up.

Lakeside Resident Survey Results

- Isabelle, Yiyang, and Jan made the survey
- The results are summarized in the attached powerpoint, which Isabelle presented to everyone on the call
 - Isabelle will incorporate some small additions at the request of Lo and Michelle before sending it to housing and the other necessary offices. The attached version of the powerpoint is what was presented today.
- All quantitative questions were required, only qualitative questions were optional
- Gym
 - The new equipment with the most support is a weight rack, but heavy support for cable machine and rowing machine as well
 - Jan put together a to-scale graphic with a new proposed setup
 - To add a weight rack, cable machine, and rowing machine, we would remove 2 treadmills and 2 ellipticals
- Common Rooms
 - People support moving the statue on the table in Commons A
 - Strong support for adding a pool table and ping pong table to Commons B
 - ⅔ of people support adding 2 game tables; same proportion agree that not changing the space is the worst outcome
 - Strongest support is to add pool and ping pong tables
- Pickleball court lines
 - 87% of residents support adding pickleball lines to the basketball court + portable net

- Marked majority support this; those who opposed tended to strongly oppose but are in the minority
- Usage patterns
 - 85% of respondents said they would spend more time in the gym with the proposed changes
- Committee's recommendation
 - Add weights rack, cable machine, and rowing machine to gym; remove 2 treadmills and 2 ellipticals
 - Add pool table and ping pong table to Commons B; rearrange seating
 - Add pickleball lines to basketball court
 - Move sculpture from table in Commons A
 - Committee proposed an implementation timeline
 - Immediate: move sculpture, move seating arrangements in Commons B, reorient existing cardio equipment in gym
 - Future: Remove old equipment and add new equipment to the gym, acquire pool and ping pong table, and paint the pickleball lines and purchase the net

Housing/ACC Responses to Survey

- Michelle: We will share the powerpoint/proposal with ACC, housing, and the graduate school. Weights have previously been shot down because of liability. Finances are also a concern for the university, given federal funding being pulled/uncertain. What funding is the committee willing to put forward? Could apply for Tiger Well grants.
 - Chris will read through Tiger Well page and will request a consultation with them
 - Michelle advised to wait for approval before submitting the application
 - The committee will discuss what of our budget we might be able to contribute
- Yiyi asked about why weights are shot down due to liability when other gyms on campus have them (like Meadows)
 - Michelle: Meadows gym is supposed to be a temporary gym so it got special permissions. Insurance wise, there is different liability insurance needed for free weights that the university and their risk management team do not approve of. The Lakeside gym is really a cardio room and is not monitored, and we don't sign any liability waivers, which limits what can go in there.
 - Michelle: We're not sure if the cable machine will be shot down for the same reasons as the free weights or not.
 - Jan: Maybe instead of a weight rack, we could get a home gym style area that doesn't have free weights.
 - Isabelle: What offices will you communicate with?
 - Michelle: ACC and housing director need to look at the proposal first, see liability and see what's possible. Then it goes to the graduate school, then to risk management and general counsel.
 - Michelle can update us on where things are in this chain of offices
 - Jan: Can we move the seating now? And what is the process for getting approval for the game tables?

- Michelle: Addition of game tables would also need to be approved by the whole chain of people listed above, including the architect and risk management people.
- Lo: We would need to confirm with the director of housing before moving the furniture. A lot of eyes designed and approved of the layout for the space, including an architect. All of those people will need to approve of moving the furniture too
- Isabelle: I remember when we measured for a pool table before, there were space concerns. But at that point, we hadn't considered moving the furniture yet.
- Jan: Can student groups be in direct contact with the architect's office?
 - Michelle: The proposal would be more likely to be approved by the architects if housing and the graduate school have approved of and support the proposal first
- Lo: Please add the considerations about finding additional funding to the powerpoint so all of the offices who see it will know that the committee is aware that these changes cost money and that we are seeking funding support

Next town hall: June 2, 2025 @3:45pm