

Lakeside Committee Meeting – December 8, 2025

Time and location: 2 p.m. EST, on Zoom

Notes taken by: Cece Ramsey

Attendance:

- **Committee members:**
 - Sophia Koval
 - Isabelle DeSisto
 - Christopher Branner-Augmon
 - Jan Ertl
 - Cece Ramsey
 - Philip Raftopoulos
 - Yiyang Tan
- **University:**
 - Michelle Ruggia (housing)
 - Shawn Copeland (grad school)
- **ACC (American Campus Committees)**
 - Loydes Nieves
- **Residents:**
 - (No residents)

Agenda

1. Updates on special election

- a. Announce/welcome Philip as new Social Chair

2. Gym refurbishment updates

- a. Gym closed this week for maintenance. New equipment installed Thursday-Friday. Will reopen on Saturday.
- b. Consider a gym opening event. Possible training on how to use the machines? Philip is contacting Campus Rec.
- c. There will be a new training session for Social Chairs, Chairs, Treasurers – coming from Shawn and the Graduate School. Training event will be held in January.

3. Garden updates

- a. From Clément: garden cleaning is essentially complete, Clément will proceed with reimbursing people who don't wish to keep their plot so they get their deposit back.
- b. Next step is to launch the campaign for next year's gardeners early next semester.

4. Book club updates

- a. On hold for now.

5. Social events

- a. Are there any funds available to replace Wintersession funding?
 - i. Shawn: no official funding source, but start by reaching out to the events board to request funds (either for student groups or for an individual). See info and deadlines on funding here: <https://www.gsg.princeton.edu/events-board>

6. Communications

- a. Let residents know we're making a Lakeside Google Calendar
 - i. Committee members will decide who's going to be adding events to the Calendar from ACC Lakeside, garden events, etc.
- b. Poster campaign for good neighbor policies (proper garbage disposal, bringing packages inside). Clément is distributing next week.

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7. External relations

- a. Yiyi: During the dining advisory mtg, the question was raised about vending machines in Lakeside (like in Meadows). We'll be surveying residents to ask about preferences (type of vending machine, location, etc.) to share that data with the board. The machine would be owned by the university (can swipe your card) and managed by university dining.
- b. Lo: vending machine is allowed; the biggest question is about location.
- c. Michelle: at Lawrence they're sending a survey out to residents to ask what people are interested in (snacks, beverages). For background on this initiative: the university is relocating their machines to places where they might be used more frequently.

- d. Shawn: for survey design, consider ranking snacks, frozen food, drinks (and gather preferences).
- e. Yiyi: can we get an example of the type of machine? (Answer: possibly, but the staff does not know exactly what we might get, so there can't be any official guarantees given to residents)

8. HVAC updates - neighborhood-wide overhaul

- a. Lo: still in meetings about it, but no updates.

9. Open forum (for residents present on the call)

- a. Follow up on last mtg's request on apartment 311: Water damage in kitchen; hole in ceiling; metal tube for HVAC.... Requested maintenance (as they wait for HVAC improvements).

10. Anonymous feedback form

- a. Dumpster removal request
 - i. Lo: instead of removing the dumpster, it was swapped out for a new one. The dumpsters are staying to dispose of old items.
- b. Shower temp is cold during peak hours → resident requests a survey regarding shower temperatures
 - i. Lo: Last year's change to the hot water system comes with expected changes. It's now tankless and heats on demand so there will be fluctuation during peak hours. It's a new system so it will not be replaced in the immediate future. In response: Isabelle will follow up with the resident and CC Lo on the email.
- c. In the new year, the committee will consider changes to the constitution (e.g., eliminating zoom mtg as part of the election process).
 - i. Committee will consult constitutions from [Lawrence](#) and [Meadows](#). (Lawrence and GC are similar, Lakeside and Meadows are similar)
 - ii. Proposed changes will be sent to residents for a vote.

Upcoming town hall:

Will be scheduled around mid-January and sent out via email.