

Cruise Committee Meeting

4/19/21

Attendees: John Coyle, Lisa Warner, Jessica Ryals, Mike Kazek, Becky Miller, Keir Moorhead, Lukas Oswald, Sam Pecota, Wendy Higgins, Steve Browne, Grace Chou, Don Maier, Heather Hutchinson, Fred Reiman, Scott Green

Agenda:

- Cruise hiring for engineers- one dropped out for cruise 1
 - Still looking rough for cruise 2
 - Other academies are facing similar troubles getting engineer
 - SSO updates- spoke with David
 - 5-6 SSOs but doesn't know deck vs engine
- Cruise cadet numbers
 - Still fluctuating, allowing cadets to move for compelling reasons, or to help balance out the numbers between classes
 - Commercial cruise-
 - Cruise 100-73
 - Cruise 150- 68
 - Cruise 300 59
 - Cruise 300-29
 - Cruise 350- 58
 - Cruise 350-21
 - Might be ok since we are light on faculty for cruise 2
 - Could make next year crowded because of those taking a victory lap
 - It was encouraged to go this year to stay on track
 - We should start calling it 'Sea Training' rather than cruise because cadets are thinking this is more for the fun of ports rather than what it is which is for education
 - From a cadet perspective, would rather go on commercial vessel rather than the bear and take the set back
 - When is the cutoff for deciding commercial cruise on the bear
 - May 4th
 - June 14th
- Cadets standing secured watch during the 2 weeks prior to cruise
 - So far no sign ups
- Cruise loading memo went out today
 - When can faculty and staff move stuff in?
 - Depends on if you want room cleaned
 - Also, some cadets standing watches so
- There has been some resistance to the no smoking policy, but it was meant to be enabled last year for cruise

- This includes chewing, vaping, etc
- Discussion- these are extraordinary times and lots of students could use the slack, whose who may have picked it up in times of stress. Given the effects on mental health, could be a discussion. On campus, it is easy to walk or drive off campus but you can't do this on the ship. From the health center- not many people taking up on the offer for patches or gum. Vaping is a lot more prevalent and will be more difficult to monitor. The worry is that they will be doing it in their rooms and setting off smoke alarms.
 - Captain will bring this up with the cabinet, if we think there will be that large of a psychological impact
 - The ship needs to go smokeless at some point, will be even more difficult to deal with next year