

HeyScotts Project Proposal

We have chosen to name our company HeyStudents. Our app will be called HeyScots.

During our experiences on campus, many activities and events have been clearly presented to us through school emails, the Pot, and many other sources. However, there are also many events and situations that are not so clearly presented to students. For example, days after the return from break, the arch was filled, and many students were unaware of it due to a lack of clear communication. When it snowed heavily on campus, most areas were salted properly, but some were not such as the doorways near Holden Hall which for about a day were very slippery. Sometimes, there will be good vegan meals on campus and other times they will be seemingly illogical combinations of food that may be less appealing. The simple solution to all these problems would be for students to share this information with each other.

We seek to create HeyScots, an app that would allow students to create short term posts regarding active situations on campus. Students would be able to post events of note to them. If it is something significant, other students would have the ability to upvote the event. If an event was insignificant, like a complaint about a piece of trash on the lawn or something else insignificant, the hope would be that it would not receive attention and, due to a lack of interaction, in the form of others confirming it, be deleted after a few hours. The app would also allow students to vote on the quality and availability of meal options. Outside of standard mealtimes, it can be very difficult to create meal options for dietary constraints so it is crucial that students could share information regarding the current options. Posts for meals would be deleted at the start of the next mealtime. Additionally, we could provide notifications of when certain meal options are removed. We would include a way to demonstrate different parts of campus to show areas that are particularly problematic like if a sidewalk were frozen over.

Finally, if a student had a serious complaint about the noise in a building like if a group was being particularly rowdy in a public space, they could complain about it. In general, this app would serve as a place for students to vent about the short-term situations on campus and unlike social media services, the events would vanish as soon as they are past. We would have to rely on a few students who are truly annoyed or excited by situations. Of course, to demonstrate that which is most significant to the student body, we would need to have the most interacted with item appear first. There will also be a way to separate different categories of situations from each other.

Our application would require that files of multiple formats can easily be posted, such as images or pdfs. It would require that deletions occur frequently on the images, pdfs etc. saved on the app. It would require that the application can be interacted with from several different sources and remain up to date.