

ANNUAL REPORT

University Standing Committee _____ University Housing Advisory Committee

Academic Year Covered by Report 2015-2016 _____

Date Report Submitted July 1, 2016 _____

Report Submitted by _ Rob Rucker and Susan Grant _____

Number of times committee met ___1_____

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Tour of residence halls and apartments

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION ITEMS/ACTIVITIES OF COMMITTEE

The Committee met on Friday, September 25 from 3:00 pm – 4:30 pm. Susan Grant, Director, University Housing, Abeer Mustafa, Director of Campus Life Finances, and Pete Fraccaroli, Director of Campus Life Facilities and IT, presented the budget proposal for the 2016-2017 academic year.

The group highlighted facilities updates in all housing facilities for the past two years and presented a proposal for projects for the 2016-2017 year. University Housing Directors meet biweekly to update the ten year plan which drives budget development. Following that review, a budget proposal was shared that addressed all University Housing locations: residence halls/Wolf Village/Wolf Ridge, ES King Village and Western Manor apartments.

After reviewing the budget and asking questions for clarification, Chairperson Rob Rucker asked for a vote. Although there was not a quorum present, members in attendance voted to approve the budget proposal. Rob followed up with members not in attendance. Ten of the 12 voting members voted to approve the budget. One person did not reply and one person abstained.

The Inter-Residence Council (IRC) President, Logan Perry, was not able to attend the meeting. IRC is the student advisory/governing organization for University Housing. Susan meets biweekly with Logan to discuss issues, share updates, etc. Susan shared comments from Logan regarding: Welcome Week Activities (Silent Disco drew over 1,800 residents; Chillin' and Grillin' had 1,000 attendees; and the fund raising efforts – selling carpets and gift baskets). Fund raising activities provide revenue to support conference travel, registration, and hall/apartment council training.

Other business:

Members mentioned that they would like to see inside a campus residence hall and apartment. Tours were arranged for September 29, September 30, October 16, and October 23. Three committee members toured Syme Hall, Wolf Ridge, Wolf Village and ES King Village on October 16.

In addition to the tours, the Committee brainstormed topics for future consideration:

- a. Mandatory freshmen housing – should we implement at NC State?
- b. Living and Learning Villages – 30% of on-campus students live in Villages
- c. Ten-year Plan for Housing
- d. Improving exterior lighting (Lee)
- e. Assignments' software to better choose on-campus housing space (Kristin)
- f. Tours of residence halls and apartments (Susan and Rob)
- g. Summer Start – good for athletes' retention (Sherard)
- h. Student-initiated projects (Arun)
- i. New housing initiatives and trends at other institutions (Susan and Rob)

Rob Rucker, Head of Research and Information Services in the NCSU Libraries, will return as chairperson of the committee for 2016-2017.

RECOMMENDATION FOR REVISION OF CHARGE AND/OR MEMBERSHIP CONFIGURATION (if applicable)