

ANNUAL REPORT

University Standing Committee: University Housing Committee

Academic Year Covered by Report: 2017-2018

Date Report Submitted June 1, 2018

Report Submitted by: Sydney Thompson and Susan Grant

Number of times committee met: 3

RECOMMENDATIONS

It was recommended that the committee holds the first meeting of the year earlier in the fall semester to allow ample time to address questions and approve the budget by September 30th

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION ITEMS / ACTIVITIES OF COMMITTEE

The committee met three times in 2017-2018, twice in the fall and once in the spring.

The first meeting of the year was held September 22, 2017. The committee discussed the 2018-2019 rate proposals, including completed and planned capital projects, revenues, expenditures, and proposed rate changes, in three separate budgets: 1) Residence Hall, Wolf Village, and Wolf Ridge Apartments, 2) ES King Village, and 3) Western Manor. The group determined that a vote on the proposed budgets would need to wait for further description of expenditures and would be completed electronically. Susan Grant provided further description as requested and on September 29, 2017 the group voted via email to approve the three 2017-18 University Housing Rate Proposals by majority vote with eight for, zero against, and four abstentions.

Additional topics of discussion at the September 22, 2017 meeting included updates from Susan Grant on emotional support animals and the new first-year live on requirement, and from Emily Lambeth on the Inter-Residence Council (IRC).

The second meeting of the year was held November 11, 2017. Kala Bullett joined the group and presented University Housing's Experience & Engage initiative. Emily Lambeth provided an update on the Inter-Residence Council. Susan Grant presented diversity data from the Sense of Community Survey and the Diversity Survey, and introduced the group to the new housing data management system (STAR REZ) which includes a new housing application and will provide greater versatility. The meeting

concluded with a discussion of bathroom access and gender inclusive housing and the IRC's forthcoming written report about unlocking the bathrooms in residence halls.

The final meeting of the year was held March 23, 2018. This meeting included a report provided in advance by Emily Lambeth on the Inter-Residence Council and Susan Grant followed-up on a number of issues raised by the committee in previous meetings. We discussed: the intersection of financial aid and housing and Susan confirmed that students can indicate financial hardship in their appeal to be exempt from living on campus; updated bathroom lock policies; the prohibitive cost of installing card readers; progress of the 2018-2019 room assignments and an update that the new system is being prepped for installation for use with the spring 2019 semester assignments; and the possible change to alcohol policies with Susan reporting that there will not be a change at this time. As requested by the committee, Susan followed-up via email with an analysis of our discipline records regarding alcohol violations. The analysis shows that the 2017-2018 violations were in line with most years:

Total Cases: 367

First Year students 253 (69%)

Sophomores 73 (20%)

Juniors 27 (7%)

Seniors 8 (2%)

Graduates 2 (.5%)

Unclassified 4 (1%)

65% of the students with a violation were male.

The majority of these cases are underage alcohol possession.

The committee did not have a quorum for the March 23, 2018 meeting so a vote to elect the 2018-2019 chair was conducted via email. On March 29, 2018 this vote concluded and the motion to approve Andy DeRoin as the 2018-2019 University Housing Committee Chair was carried by majority vote with nine for, zero against, and three abstentions.

Andy DeRoin of the GLBT Center will chair the committee in 2018-2019.

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