

# Annual Report

University Standing Committee: University Housing Advisory Committee (UHAC)

Academic Year Covered by Report: 2018-2019

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Number of Times Committee Met: 3

## Recommendations

It was recommended that the committee hold 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. The committee also recommends taking the 2019-2020 academic year to review the current charge and seek supporting documentation for committee activities such as bylaws, history of the committee, the expectations of other committees of UHAC. This review will also include the membership configuration of the committee since scheduling to meet quorum has been a challenge.

## Summary of Discussion Items / Activities of Committee

The committee met three times in 2018-2019: Thursday, September 27, 2018; Tuesday, November 13, 2018; Thursday, April 4, 2019

The September meeting topics were the 2019-2020 rate proposals, including completed and planned capital projects, revenues, and expenditures. There were three separate budgets: 1) Residence Halls, Wolf Village, and Wolf Ridge Apartments, 2) ES King Village, and 3) Western Manor. Upon motion duly made by Zack Lewis, seconded by Sydney Thompson and carried, it was resolved that the University Housing Advisory Committee approves the proposed budget and rate maintenance. Additional topics of discussion included updates from Susan Grant, Housing Director, on the implementation of the First Year Live-On Requirement, StarRez, academic break schedules, and bathroom modifications. The implementation of the Emotional Support Animals (ESAs) policy is also in its second year, and roommate selection and ESA pre-move-in registration with University Housing continue to be concerning in regards to usage and implementation. Additionally, Experience and Engage, the resident curriculum is in its second iteration to ensure residents are engaging with Resident Advisors and Community Directors. Spring Connect (deferred enrollment) was also discussed as it impacts University Housing. Finally, the president of the Inter-Residence Council presented his priorities for the 2018-2019 academic year. Other discussion included the Housing and Dining Study and the implications of the Food and Housing Insecurity study.

The November 2018 meeting consisted of brief updates from Susan Grant and the IRC president. Then the committee was joined by Bryan Botts to review the focus group assessment efforts as it relates to the 2016-2017 Sense of Community study. Bryan reported on action steps that have already been identified by the research team, including Increased training sessions related to identity, advocacy, passive bystander training, ongoing professional development

related to news in staff meetings with student staff, grad staff, and FT staff, incorporate diverse perspectives into bulletin boards, door decorations [more training to make flyers reflecting populations at NC State], reintroduced UH Diversity Committee, intentionally recruited underrepresented student staff. A review of the Experience and Engage Residential Curriculum also occurred. The committee also discussed the need to utilize graduate student voices in implementing programming and communication changes.

The April 2019 meeting consisted of a meet-and-greet conversation with Dr. Donna McGalliard, the Executive Director of University Housing. Dr. McGalliard outlined her priorities for the committee for Summer 2019. In discussion it was determined that a formal review of the charge and history of the committee is in order for the 2019-2020 academic year, especially with the arrival of Dr. McGalliard.

In regards to committee leadership, no eligible members expressed an interest in serving as chairperson. The current chair has been appointed to serve as chair for the 2019-2020 academic year by direction of Dr. Mike Mullen, Vice Chancellor and Dean for the Division of Academic and Student Affairs.

## Recommendation For Revision of Charge and/or Membership Configuration

There are no formal recommendations to revise the current charge and/or membership configuration this year.