

**Minutes**  
**University Housing Advisory Committee**  
**Friday, November 6, 2009 @ 2-3:30pm**  
**Turlington Hall, Inter-Residence Council Conference Room (Basement)**

Present: Brianne Bower, Bartley Danielsen, Tom Evans, Henry Kidd, Susan Grant, Karen Hauschild, DD Hoggard, James Kiwanuka-Tondo, William Lahti, Amy Lubas, George Morell, Kylee Phillips, Joy Tongsri, and Matt Woodward

Guest: Jim Pappenhagen, University Housing Associate Director, Administration

1. Kylee Philips, Inter-Residence Council (IRC) President, provided updates regarding recent and upcoming programming and activities, including:
  - Cardboard Wars held on October 14; organized by IRC's Sustainability Committee
  - LAN Party held in Talley on October 23; approximately 250 residents participated
  - National Residence Hall Honorary (NRHH) induction will be held today, on November 6
  - Beyond Aladdin program will be held on November 18
  - Broomball program will be held on November 20
  - South Atlantic Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls (SAACURH) conference will be held at the University of Kentucky from November 13-15; 7 of 11 of IRC's conference program proposals were accepted

Kylee quickly reviewed the Residence Hall Visitation Policy (POL 11.30.1), authorized by the Board of Trustees and last revised on November 21, 1997. IRC recently conducted another survey of residents; about 2000 responses were received. The results of the 2009 survey, similar to the 2007 and 2005 surveys, generally indicated that the majority of residents support changing from the limited visitation policy to a 24-hour policy (approximately 70%). Kylee will bring 2009 survey results to next meeting.

2. Jim Pappenhagen, University Housing Administration Associate Director, demonstrated what new and returning students see when utilizing the year-old, online housing assignment request system, accessible through MyPack Portal. Approximately 4,700 students submitted applications online this past year.

New students can apply for University Housing as soon as they are admitted to NC State, even before they have officially committed to attending; consequently this past academic year, Housing received a high volume of applications from new students December through February. New students will be able to submit an application for 2010-2011 beginning on December 1. Students have the option to request a roommate, and pairs are matched if they are mutually-requested. The system auto-assigns the majority of assignments, and the staff manually assign a smaller number.

Karen Hauschild suggested that Housing add text in the Living and Learning Villages section about the First Year College Village, as currently this village is not listed.

The committee suggested that Housing consider adding personal preference questions used to match roommates, specifically self-reported tolerance of diversity within a roommate (e.g., religion, sexual orientation, etc). The three current personal preference questions focus on when students go to bed and wake up, and if they study with noise. Jim shared that the Housing staff is considering adding a side/optional application, such as biographies.

The committee requested to see the numbers of room change requests, and for what reasons at the next meeting. Jim informed the committee that most requests are because students would like to request a specific roommate.

Returning students use the Housing Application Renewal Process (HARP) system during five “options” at designated times, and are able to see occupancy information including students’ names, ages, majors, class years, and answers to the three personal preference questions. HARP will begin February 22 for returning students, and will close after Spring Break.

Jim then presented data, per the committee’s request, of the percentages of students who received their first or second building choice this past year and the number of requests for specific buildings. The committee suggested perhaps adding a “no preference” option for building choice.

3. Susan Grant reviewed updates on University Housing initiatives and activities, including:
  - University Housing has hired designers, including North Carolina-based LS3P, to conduct advanced planning for developing housing on Centennial Campus.
  - Housing will conduct an online resident satisfaction survey in January. One aspect of the survey is on the relationship between on-campus housing and academic success
  - The Housing Sustainability Committee is comprised of approximately 30 individuals; it is currently focused on educating residents, and proposing environmentally-friendly changes within budget constraints.
  
4. Committee members agreed that Fridays from 2-3:30pm remain a good meeting time for the spring semester, and suggested spring semester meeting topics, including:
  - Follow-up to today’s meeting on assignments (e.g., potentially adding additional personal preference questions or a side application)
  - Results from January’s upcoming survey of residents
  - Owen & Syme Hall energy usage
  - Villages (e.g., new Impact Leadership Village, general overview, history, and retention numbers compared to other residential areas)
  - University Housing assessable goals and outcomes, including leadership development
  - University Housing Diversity Committee

Next Meeting: Friday, January 29, 2010 from 2-3:30pm, Location TBA