

Annual Report
University Housing Advisory Committee
2009-2010

I. Committee Meetings

- A. The University Housing Advisory Committee (UHAC) met four times during the 2009-2010 academic year, twice each semester.
- B. The meeting dates were as follows:
 - i. September 25, 2009
 - ii. November 6, 2009
 - iii. January 29, 2010
 - iv. April 9, 2010

II. Committee Recommendations

- A. The UHAC reviewed and unanimously approved the proposed University Housing budget for 2010-2011.
- B. The committee members made various suggestions regarding the online housing assignment request system, including adding additional personal preference questions, a side application, a “no preference” option for building choice, and text in the Living and Learning Villages section about the First Year College Village.
- C. The committee unanimously recommended that the Inter-Residence Council (IRC) request a change in the Residence Hall Visitation Policy (POL 11.30.1), from the Board of Trustees to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs.
- D. In anticipation that UHAC will evaluate the 24-hour visitation policy pilot program next year, the committee offered suggestions for the kind of data they would like to review in order to make an informed decision about whether or not the policy should be expanded to other residence halls, including:
 - i. Requests for room changes specifically due to visitation issues, and potentially compare that data to other residence halls that are not participating in the pilot program
 - ii. A pre- and post-survey of residents living in the pilot program communities, one very early in the semester examining students’ understanding and expectations of the policy, and a later survey examining their understanding and reality of the policy
 - iii. A survey in December asking if students would live in a community with a 24-hour visitation policy again
 - iv. With all surveys, collect data on gender, class standing, and type of residence hall (i.e., hall, suite, or hotel style)
 - v. Survey Resident Advisors, focusing on if/how their job responsibilities have changed with 24-hour visitation
- E. The committee members suggested topics for discussion for next year, including results from January 2010’s resident satisfaction survey, University Housing’s assessable goals and outcomes including leadership development, on-going evaluation of the 24-hour visitation policy pilot program in selected residence halls, energy initiatives, and University Housing’s education programming structure and software system.

III. Summary of Discussion Items and Activities of the Committee

- A. Each meeting consisted of reports from the Director of University Housing, Susan Grant, the President of IRC, Kylee Phillips, and invited guests. The committee also discussed new topics and made recommendations.
 - i. *Director of University Housing reports to the committee:*
 1. Presented the proposed University Housing budget for 2010-2011 for consideration and approval by the committee.
 2. Provided updates on advanced planning for developing housing on Centennial Campus.
 3. Discussed the mission and structure of the Housing Sustainability Committee.
 4. The next village is likely the Women of Welch program, focusing on leadership development. University Housing is partnering with the Women's Center on this initiative, and is seeking an academic program partner.
 - ii. *IRC President reports to the committee:*
 1. Provided an overview of IRC as an organization, including the mission and structure.
 2. Discussed Pack Pulse, a student-initiated project and competition. Residents of Owen and Syme Halls utilized equipment that monitors energy usage in an effort to conserve energy.
 3. Provided updates on IRC programming throughout the academic year, including Chillin' and Grillin,' Cardboard Wars, a Local Area Network Party, Beyond Aladdin, Broomball, Wolfpaw Splash, and a variety of service projects.
 4. IRC members attended the South Atlantic Affiliate of College and University Residence Halls (SAACURH) conference at the University of Kentucky from November 13-15. They presented seven conference sessions.
 5. Presented background of the Residence Hall Visitation Policy (POL 11.30.1), authorized by the Board of Trustees, and the results of the most recent study of residents' opinions on this policy, conducted by the IRC in the Fall of 2009. The 2009 study, with a 28% response rate, indicated support for a change in policy; the results were similar to previous surveys distributed in the Fall of 2007 and Fall of 2005. Detailed the IRC's proposed changes to the Residence Hall Visitation Policy, after researching visitation policies and practices at peer institutions, and consulting with the Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs and the Office of Legal Affairs. Will attend a Board of Trustees committee meeting on April 15 (this date was after the last UHAC meeting), and request what UHAC members unanimously recommended at the January 29 meeting, a change in authority of the visitation policy, from the Board of Trustees to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs. Additionally, will request that a 24-hour policy is implemented next year in Bragaw, North, and Turlington as a pilot program. After the presentation, the Board of Trustees committee will vote on this topic at their meeting in July.
 - iii. *Guest reports and discussion topics:*
 1. Housing Assignment Request System: Jim Pappenhagen, University Housing Associate Director of Administration, provided a demonstration and overview of the year-old, online housing assignment request system. Areas of interest included roommate assignments, room change requests, percentages of

students who received their first or second building choice, and the number of requests for specific buildings.

2. IMPACT Leadership Village: Kathleen Rupee, University Housing Associate Director of Central Campus, provided an overview of University Housing's eighth and newest village, the IMPACT Leadership Village (ILV). Housed in Bowen Hall, and in its first year, 76 students live in ILV. Four members of the ILV Council, Taylor Hiott, Mandy Lail, John O'Daniel, and Ross Smith, shared their highlights from living in the ILV. Potential, future plans include expansion, an academic course on community leadership, and the creation of a leadership development minor.
3. Alexander Global Village: Kathleen Ruppe, Associate Director of Central Campus, Keith Wickliffe, Assistant Director of Central Campus, and Yulisa Lin, Community Director of Central Campus provided a general overview of the Alexander Global Village (AGV), a partnership between University Housing and the College of Humanities and Social Sciences housed in Alexander Residence Hall. The primary areas of discussion were recent successes and programming, the latter of which was presented by Alexander Ambassadors Giovanna Hernandez, Sonali Kothiyal, and Kat Siegert.
4. University Housing and Greek Life Diversity Committee: Committee co-chairs Kala Bullett, Associate Director of West Campus, and Laura deFreitas, Assistant Director for Human Resources and Staff Development, discussed the departments' statement of commitment to inclusion and diversity, and their diversity objectives and outcomes. The committee is presently in the first year of its five year plan, and has four subcommittees: recruitment and retention, professional training and development, student leadership and development, and marketing.

IV. Recommendation for Revision of Charge and/or Membership Configuration

- A. Not applicable

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