



## **Housing Standing Committee Fall 2020 Meeting**

September 29, 2020 @ 1pm Via Zoom Meeting

**Committee Members:** Angela Storck, Tiera Williams, Robert Bodenhamer, Pam Adams, David Steptoe, Karen Guthrie, Charles Wimberly, Sue Bragg, Andrew Lester

**Cancellation Fee Subcommittee Members:** Pam Adams, David Steptoe, Charles Wimberly, Sue Bragg, Karen Guthrie

*Members Present: Angela Storck, Pam Adams, David Steptoe, Karen Guthrie, Andrew Lester*

### **Agenda**

Revisit the purpose of the committee and sub committee

- Cancellation Fee Appeal Sub Committee Process
  - We reviewed this process thoroughly and will keep an eye out for cancellation fee appeal requests in the coming weeks.
- Revisions needed of purpose or works of the committee?
  - No revisions are needed at this time.

Discuss the impact of the Pandemic on Residential Students

- Ideas for engagement and programmatic activities and initiatives
  - Book club and online discussion (work with library)
  - Musicians could have a jam session outside?
  - SGA Activities Information:
    - require indoor space; most activities are outdoor before it gets too cold.
    - Dodgeball game
    - Flag football game
    - Kickball game tomorrow
    - Volleyball and Basketball tournament
    - Open Mic night on zoom
  - Zoom cooking show for cooking and fire safety.
  - Passive programs for housing – goodie bags
  - Newsletter
  - Trying to start a community garden; 4 students currently interested.
  - Facebook live or Instagram live get to know you videos.

- Focus needs to be on relationship building since it's much harder to establish connections from a distance.
- Tik Tok Challenge – is this something students would be involved in?
- Bon fire – several fire pits; can we rent these? Fire chief from local fire department has to approve.
- Outdoor movie night with social distancing?
- Promoting retention and recruitment in a time of COVID
  - Separation of the residence halls into first year and upper class to encourage social clustering and cohort development.
  - Creation of a residential curriculum targeted at holistic student development and careful assessment of objectives (Resource: <https://blog.roompact.com/2016/08/02/what-is-a-residential-curriculum-a-curricular-approach-a-residential-learning-model/>)

Discuss how frequently we should meet moving forward.

- We will have one scheduled meeting each semester with the option for further meetings if needed due to specific housing topics or issues.
- Next meeting will be held in late January or early February to discuss recruitment topics for Fall 2021.

Discuss any subcommittee needs for topics we are electing to focus on for this academic year.

- Keeping students engaged.
- Developing the residential curriculum. May need additional committee input for this task.
- We will continue the cancellation fee appeal subcommittee.

Contributions from the group; items for future discussion?

- Fire drills – Reach out to chief to see when we will be conducting our fire drills.
- How do we ensure social distancing during fire drills.