

ON CAMPUS HOUSING & DINING SERVICES

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 24, 2009

MINUTES #17

MEMBERS PRESENT: MARK CUNNINGHAM, HDH DIRECTOR
DEWINE, PAUL – CHAIR, COLLEGE DEAN
DEGUZMAN, ANDREW – MARSHALL REPRESENTATIVE
COSTA, BRENT – RA REPRESENTATIVE
GUPTA, PREETIKA – SIXTH COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE
WOJDYNSKI, SAMANTHA – TEMPORARY ICRA REPRESENTATIVE
ANITA JONES – SECRETARY
KIM, STELLA – MUIR REPRESENTATIVE
RANA, RIZA – REVELLE REPRESENTATIVE
TOLTON, DAVID – WARREN REPRESENTATIVE
SASAKI, WINDI – RESIDENCE LIFE LIASION
CHRIS WESTLING – ASSOCIATED STUDENTS

MEMBERS ABSENT: STEVE ADLER, PROVOST REPRESENTATIVE
GUERRERO, REY – RESIDENT DEAN REPRESENTATIVE
GREISER, HENNING – TEMPORARY ERC REPRESENTATIVE

GUEST: ROGER, KATH – STUDENT SPEAKING FOR CAGE FREE EGGS PROP.

The meeting began as Chris introduced Kath Roger, speaker for “cage free eggs”. Kath brought a power point presentation to the committee. Kath stated that more than 350 universities are using cage-free eggs. With pictures of hens unable to spread their wings or afforded less space than a sheet of paper it was easy to see why Proposition 2 was passed by more than 8 million Californians on November 4, 2008. Kath continued by stating that the Sierra Club, Union of Concerned Scientists, United Farm Workers and California Veterinary Medical Association plus several more organizations supported Proposition 2 as well. UC Berkeley and UC Irvine have already gone 100% cage free. A 33% cost increase is expected when purchasing cage free eggs. Mark agreed that although the cost would be worth it, the committee can also see that the Dining Program is financially challenged as is. Mark asked Kath if her group has spoken to Price Center or Faculty Club reminding her that the Dining Program is not the only purchaser /seller at UC San Diego. Kath suggested student vote on the “cage free egg” issue. Mark reminded the Committee that the Housing Fees for 2009/2010 were already locked in. Paul suggested pursuing this issue when we meet again next year. Mark will research and provide cost analysis regarding eggs for groundwork when Committee is prepared to re-visit the proposal.

Mark distributed a 2009/2010 Muir Coed Apartment Application to the Members addressing the Coed Apartment agenda item. At this time there are two to four coed apartments limited to Muir only. Although Coed Apartments would not be included in the 2009/2010 Housing options, discussion will begin as we look toward the future. Chris stated that this would be a step forward to gender equity. Mark added that the coed program began in the '70's and as time has gone on interest tended to be limited. However, times are changing and Theme Housing is increasing with Multi College, Leadership Program, International House and LBGT. Windi commented that LBGT would be interested in discussing Coed Housing. Mark recalled that the last time this issue was presented was in 2002. 4 year guaranteed students such as Regents Scholars may be more interested in remaining on campus with a Coed Option. Chris asked how the Committee would be involved. Mark stated that if and when the Committee voted to "recommend" the program, it would be turned over to the Colleges. The Colleges would create the program and HDH would make the "spaces available". Paul asked that a straw poll be taken at this time to chronicle interest. The straw poll was unanimous in favor of Coed Housing "concept" expansion to other Colleges. At the appropriate time, Mark suggested inviting Pat Danylyshyn-Adam, Muir Resident Dean to discuss the "one and only" Coed Apartment Program.

Mark distributed a College based flyer regarding RA to Student Ratio for 2009. Residence Halls have 1 RA/HA to 35 residents while the Apartment HA/RA covers approximately 70 residents. The RA/HA signs a Housing Contract and the perquisite provides them a Single Room, Dining and Triton Cash. Brent spoke of this experiences as an RA stating that he and another RA are responsible for 110 residents @ ERC. He commented that first year freshmen are apt to incur more policy violations, however, second year apartment residents are more difficult to engage in socialization. Brent added that Fall is the busiest quarter as incoming freshmen are testing their boundaries. Samantha states as an RA @ Revelle the workload can be overwhelming and certainly additional RA's would be preferred but based on budgetary issues she is aware that this may not be feasible. Brent and Samantha were asked to speak to other RA's for input regarding RA/HA to resident ratio issues.

The meeting was adjourned.

Anita Jones

Cc: Members
Resident Deans
S. Relyea
S. Wong
K. Roger