

Associated Residential Community Housing (ARCH) Advisory Committee | MINUTES

Meeting date | time 10/6/2017 10:00 AM

Meeting location: Barrett Room, Administrative Office

Type of meeting:	ARCH Advisory Committee	Attendees:
Co-Chairs:	Cory Stevenson Mark Cunningham	Cory Stevenson Robert Frazier Malia Mahi Ramona Ferreira Jana Severson Anindita Bhattacharya Kim Ciero (+ proxy Marybeth) Tatiana Zavodny Mayra Estrada Rosie Jimenez-Negrete Sophia Hirakis Madhura Som Ian Hamilton (Guest) Zihan Xu Osinachi Ajoku
Note taker:	Leticia Ruelas	

AGENDA

Meeting begun at 10:10 AM

Minutes:

Cory requested that meeting minutes be approved.

- There was a discussion about how to proceed and the fact that everyone should have reviewed them.
- Sophie made a motion to approve minutes.
- Madhura asked if there is something students should pay particular attention to.
- Cory explained that each person should look for comments quoted to see if they are accurate. Check for reasonableness and privacy.
- Cory asked Leticia to edit appeals to show only vote count and motions.
- Kim seconded motion.
- Sophie asked what would happen if they found a mistake later.

- Cory shared that it would need to come back to the committee.
- **Approved by unanimous consent for meeting minutes in the 2016/2017 Drop Box.**
- Bob suggested Approval of Minutes be an Agenda item.
- Members are expected to review minutes weekly.

Undergrad:

Jana shared info about transfer undergrads:

- Relocated 138 to campus
- 65 remaining in West Mesa
- 212 remaining in North Mesa

Cory asked if we would be ready for demo of West Mesa in November.

- Jana shared that we will make it work and that financial incentives will be offered.
- Jana reminded everyone any expense would come from Undergrad Budget.

ATHENS (Accessibility Town Hall: Enabling New Solutions):

Sophia Discussed:

- Sophie and the Director of OSD will start a campus wide town hall quarterly for students, faculty and staff to discuss those that are not receiving appropriate care.
- Chemistry department collecting information, but will be looking into campus wide.
- Hoping to implement solutions in new housing.
 - E.g. Access to pools, gym equipment.
 - Would like to host one meeting at Mesa Nueva Winter or Spring Quarter for Grad students specifically.
- Grad student led town hall to address grad student needs.
- Will be advertised thru GSA, OSD and Chancellor's office.

ARCHAC Chairs:

The idea to change the seat from an undergraduate parent to any parent was discussed last meeting.

- Committee is aware they can make the recommendation.
- Cory explained there are 5 graduate student seats and one undergraduate parent seat. The amount of undergraduates is low. Undergraduates have different concerns than graduates, but it's good to have a full committee. The chair is currently open.
- Sophia proposed an alternate parent aside from the undergraduate parent.
- Anindita asked about the typical undergraduate concerns
 - Cory stated they tend to have as much financial strain or more as they are full time students who are unable to work. From the past members, most have been single parents.

- Bob responded they also seem to be more disconnected from their support base. They don't have the same population around them and their interactions aren't the same.
- Mayra asked about adding a parent, instead of eliminating the undergrad parent.
 - Cory responded that can be possible. He explained changing number has an effect on quorum (staff vs students) and in the by-laws. Students are chosen to create a balance between ages, programs, parent status, and many more.
- Anindita asked if they can we open a poll to recruit undergraduate parents.
 - Cory responded they have been tried in the past.
- Jana clarified the 5 grad student seats are not restricted and are open to single, couple, parents etc.
- Ian proposed opening the position to any parent if the position wasn't full.
- Anindita proposed changing it to a single parent.
- Cory reminded everyone of the 3 proposals/possibilities on the table:
 - If we can find someone, open it to someone else.
 - Have an alternate position with only one vote.
 - Change it to single parent.
- **Ian motioned to vote: In the event that the undergraduate can't fill the seat, it be open to a graduate parent.**
- **Kim seconded the motion**
 - **8 approved, 1 denied, 0 abstained**
- Cory will bring it up to Mark.

Rate Issues:

Cory opened the discussion of the Mesa Nueva rates. Bedrooms in Mesa Nueva (2 and 3 bedroom apartments) are all the same rate, including the master.

- Tatiana clarified the bathroom outside in the 2 bedroom is used by guests.
- Mayra stated they knew this would happen based on discussions at prior meetings
- Cory stated the issues is everyone pays \$750. Asked the committee member if they would like to do anything about the issue and how they would like to go about it.
- Anindita believes it's fair to readjust. She proposed it be divided by 4 so that the person in the master (in a 3 bedroom) pays 2 parts.
- Kim expressed that in her experience the master bedroom with the master bath is the most desirable and the most expensive. Every student or adult will pay more money for a master bath and bedroom. She feels the rates need to be adjusted as the people in those other rooms are going to be resenting and cause more problems for housing.
- Mayra stated they all agreed to these rental agreements knowing the layouts before construction started. She clarified these residents have signed rental agreements and asked about legal implications.
 - Cory stated the lease they sign states housing can reassign anyone to another unit.
 - Jana clarified that is in the undergrad contract. She also stated housing has never implemented midyear rates.

- This was verified to be in the ARCH contract (Section 7a)
- Tatiana doesn't think it should be double the rental rate, but agrees to have a different rental rate. She suggested changing the rates July 1st although legally housing could give a 60 day notice to increase the rates. She also suggested having a program or system for those that would like to switch to a smaller/ larger room.
- Bob asked the committee to consider the master in the 2 bedroom apartments. This to avoid having different room rates for rooms and masters in a 2 or 3 bedroom apartment. He suggested changing rates in the change of occupancy, but not during the change of occupancy.
- Zihan explained there is a room that is even smaller in the 3 bedroom apartment layout. She suggested bedroom 1 (smallest) pay \$650, bedroom 2 pay \$750 and bedroom 3 (master) pay \$850. The rates wouldn't increase by much, but it would make it fair. She also suggested rates could be decided by square footage.
- Anindita asked if rental rates can be added to the waitlist portal.
 - Malia responded if it was decided to adjust rates by square footage housing would need to look at the other communities as they might not all be equal. In regards to the waitlist, if more categories were created it might make it more difficult for people to get into housing as it would complicate the offers.
- Cory clarified they previously didn't make this distinction in room rates as there was no mechanism to differentiate the rates in the waitlist portal and they were pressed for time.
- Kim stated they didn't have a layout in the previous discussion.
 - Maya stated they had the diagrams.
 - Cory clarified they did see the diagrams and it was recognized that the rates could be a potential problem.
- Anindita believes determining rates per square footage isn't fair. As the value of the square footage in Coast is not the same as the value of the square footage in North Mesa.
- Malia clarified residents were assigned by the applicants date. The earliest applicants received the masters.
- Zihan asked if North Mesa had the opportunity to move to Mesa Nueva.
 - Cory responded North Mesa residents did have the opportunity to move to Mesa Nueva.
- Zihan asked if a family's and singles could share an apartment to reduce cost for students.
 - Cory asked to move that discussion to another time.

Cory reminded the committee they are welcome to make the recommendations when rates are revisited for the upcoming year. And reminded them the discussion was about changing the rental rates now or before July 1st. Rates will be discussed next week to give members time to think.

Last Remarks

Ian reminded everyone that he sent a draft of the proposal discussed in the previous meeting. Proposal will be discussed at another meeting.

Mayra asked where the October 12th meeting would be held.

- Large conference room in Mesa Nueva.
- Jana stated next week's agenda will include an update from the North Mesa Community meeting on the 12th.

- Cory encouraged members to go to the community meeting.

There are 3.appeals that will wait until next week.

Meeting ended at 11:05. Next meeting will be October 13, 2017, at the Boardroom at 10 AM.