

Associated Residential Community Housing (ARCH) Advisory Committee | MINUTES

Meeting date | time 3/2/2018 1:00 PM

Meeting location: Larry Barrett Room

Type of meeting:	ARCH Advisory Committee	Attendees:	Burgundy Fletcher (Proxy to Valerie)
Co-Chairs:	Tatiana Zavodny Jana Severson		Burton Ober
Note taker:	Kimber Silva		Ian Hamilton
			Jana Severson
			Kim Ciero
			Madhura Som
			Malia Mahi
			Marybeth Ward
			Mayra Estrada
			Osinachi Ajoku
			Ramona Ferreira
			Sophia Hirakis
			Tatiana Zavodny
			Valerie Saiag

AGENDA

Meeting begun at 1:04 PM.

General Discussion

Ian provided information about the response from the Coast resident about playground costs. The resident is understanding but thinks a used play structure may be more affordable.

Sophia asked to look at bylaws

- Sophia said The Assistant Vice Chancellor is on the Committee, and can be called on as needed.
- As a representative for Grad Students, Sophia stated that there needs to be oversight by the Campus CFO to advise on our budget discussions to ensure that grad student perspectives are being heard. Oversight is needed.
- Malia asked to confirm that the bylaws were updated to say “appointee” by the AVC about six months ago.
- Sophia called for a formal change of bylaws
 - Tatiana said bylaws can be changed with 2/3 vote.
- Sophia motioned to vote
 - Ian seconded
 - No vote, conversation continued.
 - Mayra asked what would be the benefit of having the CFO at Meetings.
 - Sophia said that because the budget is long term, the CFO needs to be at the meetings to represent the campus. The Committee needs to have direct contact with the person responsible to have a say in the decisions
- Marybeth stated that the CFO may only have knowledge of numbers, not necessarily campus culture.
- Sophia asked why he does not know about campus culture. He needs to know the needs of grad students. Oversight is needed to know the greater perspective.
- Tatiana clarified that this is needed to see the vision of the campus compared to the larger campus budget.
- Bob asked if the bylaws specify that an appointee fills this specific roll, why is the committed not honoring that.
- Malia said that Sophia’s idea is part of a bigger discussion. She also stated that the bylaws were accessible to all members before approval.
- Sophia asked when the bylaws were approved.
 - May 2017
 - Sophia was not present when the bylaws were approved. She said that the AVC needs to be in the room, or a person who has the ability to meet the needs of grad students’ needs.

- Sophia listed many ways Mark Cunningham was able to meet the needs of grad students and that it is part of his job description to be on this Committee.
- Motion to have oversight by AVC or above involved in ARCHAC discussions as part of campus vision
 - Approved 9-1-0
- Kim asked for the reason Jana was appointed to the Committee when Mark stepped down other than that Mark is retiring.
- Jana explained that they switched, she was on the Undergrad Committee. Mark now sits on the Undergrad Committee and Jana sits on this Committee.
Jana said a new director is starting mid-April. A campus announcement is coming soon.

Agenda

- The final meeting of winter quarter is 3/16. In that meeting, the Committee will review and approve past minutes which will be posted in the drobox.
 - Tatiana asked the Committee to review those minutes in advance.
- Doodle poll will be sent out to schedule spring quarter Meetings

Budget

- Updated hand out from last week was passed out.
- General update from previous meeting discussion of income options.
- Last time straw polls in favor of options A, C, E, F, with Option B for further discussion.
 - A - Fee for washer dryer units
 - B - Master bedroom fee
 - C - Extra 0.5% increase at Mesa Nueva
 - D - Fee for parking permits
 - E - La Jolla Del Sol spaces for grad students/families
 - F - Allocating SGA to Undergrad students
- Sophia said students show remorse that they chose communities where parking is not included. She proposed to make a deal with the CFO to allot a certain number of parking spots at the Osler structure for the Rita.
- Tatiana asked housing staff if there is more information on the parking at Rita.
 - Jana said that she can get the information. She thought it was probable that an arrangement was proposed, but was not viable for residents.
- Sophia said that Rita residents would approve a rent increase if it meant they could park near the building.
- Bob offered that Mark had actively pursued parking. Bob recalled that the cost came out to \$30,000 - \$50,000 per spot at Rita. Looking at the cost and a quantity of spaces, it didn't make sense to approve. Additionally, there was not a commitment from a large number of Rita residents.
- Marybeth recalled that there was a previous attempt to have parking spaces dedicated to Rita and the Residents would pay.
- Jana will find out the information and report back to Committee.
- The Committee reviewed updated numbers for option B to see how the budget would be impacted if a master bedroom fee was only applied to students in a roommate situation.
- The budget was updated to reflect approving every option except option D.
- Sophia asked for gridlines and a key to more easily view the spreadsheet.
- Jana said that with updated numbers, there is a budget surplus and not all options necessarily need to be approved.
 - Approving options A, B, C, E, F means a \$138,414 surplus

- Sophia thinks the GSA council members should see these numbers before they are approved.
 - Jana explained that it is the purview of this Committee to decide on rates, not the GSA.
 - Sophia thinks the elected reps need to have a say in what amenities are most important to grad students.
 - Tatiana clarified that the GSA council would be able to provide input on proposed increases and having a say in what amenities would be most important.
- Mayra asked if options B & C were approved, would there still be an interest in these communities.
 - Bob said that even with new proposed rates, Mesa Nueva is still below market. Still a great value.
- Tatiana suggested that if the option C was removed there would still be a surplus.
- Sophia pointed out that this surplus includes revenue from giving away grad apartments. Will be in a deficit if grad units are not given away.
 - Jana confirmed
 - Sophia feels people need to be aware that we are leasing units back to undergrad. Grad students need to be aware of changes.
- Mayra is comfortable with options B & C included.
- Ramona shared that if option C is struck, surplus is decreased to \$87000+.
- Sophia shared the grad Dean's goal is 20% below market on grad housing rates. Offered more insight from other Committees she sits on.
- For the next meeting, Bob will share most recent market survey and compare it to proposed new ARCH rates.
- Sophia would call for referendum about rates.
- Tatiana shared market values that were discussed at previous meetings.
- Sophia asked Valerie how she as a parent would she feel to pay \$800 per month for housing for her child.
 - Valerie said cost is outrageous
 - Jana and Ramona shared their perspectives as parents who currently have children in college housing elsewhere and are paying higher rates.
 - Mayra said that UCSD is affordable compared to other UCs, feels we need to continue talking about the budget.
- Ramona offered prices for 3 bedrooms in the market
- Committee did the math and proposed budget rates would still be 20% below market value.
- Tatiana pointed out that the Committee needs to review per bedroom rates vs market value.
 - Ramona offered that it would probably be a similar situation in other apartments outside the campus.
- Sophia feels that the price is expensive and shared personal experiences that contribute to these thoughts.
- Tatiana asked if there were numbers for families compared to singles in Nueva housing.
 - Jana explained the numbers of families in Nueva is small. There are options for families in other areas of ARCH.
 - 15 families in 2-br, 3 families in 3-br.
 - Madhura asked how many of those unit types we have in total.
 - Jana said the totals are on spreadsheet.
 - Malia reminded the group that there are a lot of housing options for students in varying situations.
- Sophia asked staff if there is a priority for families in LJDS.
- Sophia asked if the Committee agrees that parents should have a subsidy at Mesa Nueva. She offered anecdotes about students with hardship. What does the Committee think about the fact that government aided families cannot afford to live at Nueva?
- Valerie shared that families are realistically only given one option for housing.
- Marybeth reminded that the Committee voted to give families priority housing.
- Valerie feels that priority does not translate through.
- Ramona said that offering housing at LJDS is a way to assist families with affordability.

- Marybeth motioned to vote
- Sophia objects and suggests to take a straw poll. She expressed concerns about rates at La Jolla Del Sol, affordability, and square footage of La Jolla Del Sol compared to Mesa.
- Straw poll vote to apply \$50 master bedroom fee to roommate situations only, and not families.
 - Agreed 8-1-2
- For the next meeting, Tatiana wants the Committee to consider ways to cut costs for families across all housing.
- Mayra asked GSA members to ask off campus grads to see if they think rates are unreasonable.
 - Sophia does not think rates are unreasonable, but are for parents.
- Jana reminded the Committee that this decision is based on numbers right now, could see more families in the future.
 - Tatiana agreed that the rates could be reviewed next year.
- Sophia asked Jana when Nuevo West and East will open.
 - West early 2020. East fall 2020.

New Topic Discussion

- Anindita emailed to ask about shuttle routes for Rita and Mesa Nueva. Will there be new routes with the opening of Nuevo West?
- Jana thinks the new director of parking should come to a future ARCHAC meeting.
- Bob said that transportation services are aware of the number of students coming. HDH and Transportation Services are working to create MOUs.
- Tatiana clarified that Transportation Services is not adjusting rates for the current budget.
- Mayra brought up her thoughts about shuttle and trolley. She asked if additional shuttles would be purchased considering the new ways to commute to campus.
 - Bob said the impact of the trolley and the pedestrian bridge is unknown, but there is a potential for new busses.

General Questions and Discussion

- Sophia will get input from GSA council and report back.
- Sophia reminded the Committee that they are providing a service to the residents. The goal is for students to know what they are getting in to by choosing UCSD and living on campus. Sophia appreciates the Committee for doing the best service for residents. Having a seat on this Committee is a privilege.
 - Tatiana said it is a good reminder that there are faces around the numbers being assigned. The Committee does research to be able to answer questions of residents about price points and amenities.
- Tatiana will email in advance of next meeting.
 - Committee will continue to review budget options for the next meeting.
 - Tatiana and Sophia will reach out to GSA.
- Ian asked what the construction west of Coast is.
 - Sophia answered that the field property will be turned to temporary parking lots, then eventually it will become building sites.
- Ramona updated the group of a budget surplus of about \$75,000 if only roommate situations pay an extra .5%.

Meeting adjourned 2:31pm. Next meeting will be on Friday, 3/16/18 at 1pm in The Boardroom at 64.