

# Graduate & Family Housing (GFH) Advisory Committee | MINUTES

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**Meeting date | Time** 11/18/2021 10:00 AM

**Meeting Location:** Zoom

<b>Type of meeting:</b> <b>Co-Chairs:</b>  <b>Note taker:</b>	GFH advisory Committee Robert Frazier Kristin Leadbetter  Linda Ta G. (Committee Coordinator)	<b>Attendees:</b>  Turner, Ross Brownstone, Steven Arceo-Garcia, Ximena Hargate, Sally Dayss, Chris Salas, Michael Kopalle, Hema Leadbetter, Kristin Darvin, Kelsey Clark, Breana Zalles, Gabriel
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## AGENDA

Quorum met. Meeting began at 10:05 AM with Robert going over the agenda and asking for comment/adjustments to meeting agenda.

### Agenda Items:

1. Old Business
  - Approve Agenda for today's meeting
  - Approve the minutes for July 8<sup>th</sup>, Oct 21<sup>st</sup>, and Nov 4<sup>th</sup> meeting
2. Updates
  - GFHAC Vacancies
3. New Business
  - Review Committee Charge for New GFHAC members
  - Reviewing GFH alcohol policy
  - Student request for designated parking for families with children
  - UCSD Work Carts

### Approval of Agenda:

- Hema motion to approve 11/18/2021 agenda items
  - Sally seconded the motion.
  - Motion Carries.

### Approval of previous meeting minutes:

- Ross motion to approve previous meeting minutes July 8<sup>th</sup>, Oct 21<sup>st</sup>, and Nov 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - Sally seconded the motion.
  - Motion Carries.

### Updates:

- GFHAC Vacancies
  - Current Positions:
    - Grad Co-chairs (GPSA Appt)- Appointed Kristin Leadbetter, 5<sup>th</sup> year PhD Student.

- Grad Coordinator (GD Appt)- Appointed Kelsey Darvin ‘Coordinator for Neurosciences Graduate Program’
    - Grad student (GPSA Appt)- **Vacant**
  - Current Committee Members extending membership for the GFHAC Committee for the upcoming year:
    1. Ross Turner
    2. Steven Brownstone
    3. Sally Hargate
    4. Jessica Whittier
    5. Hema Kopalle
    6. Rhianen Callahan
- Grad Family Housing Rates 2022-2023 has been posted
  - Comment Steven - how does the exemption works for students admitted after fall 2020? More direct working even for new contracts after Oct 1, 2021.
    - Chris and Bob will review the FAQ regarding this to ensure that it is clear and understandable
    - By Chris: Who is exempt from the one-time rate adjustment?  
Those currently living with us and all graduate students admitted in Fall 2020, or earlier, will pay the current monthly charges with a 3% annual increase for the duration of their housing eligibility.

Implementation of the one-time rate adjustment is now being delayed until October 1, 2021, to ensure that all our Fall 2021 graduate residents are covered by the exemption. Under this expanded exemption, any incoming graduate student with a housing agreement this fall will pay the current rate with the 3% annual increase for the duration of their housing eligibility.
- Goal for mailroom hours for 2022-2023 (staffing)
  - Will be shooting for some time in January 2022; working on staffing.
  - Question Ximena: having the lobby or just the mailroom?
    - The hours will be applied to the mailroom.

#### New Business:

- Review Committee Charge for new GFHAC members
  - This committee is advisory to the Vice Chancellor/ Chief Financial Officer and the Executive Director of HDH. It serves as a resource for current and future Graduate and Family Housing communities that house UC San Diego single graduate and professional students and student families. Any items for committee input will be presented by HDH staff and student co-chairs. The committee is tasked with providing input on current residential services such as mail, amenities, transportation, security, and retail. In addition, current programs such as signature events, newsletter content and frequency, community gardens, food trucks; and so on. Committee members are to uphold the UC San Diego Principles of Community and commit to the highest standards of professionalism and accountability.
    - **Comment Ximena:** It would be great for winter to schedule a time to review the and discuss what is expected/ focus as a GFHAC committee.
- Reviewing GFH Alcohol Housing Policy
  - Intent- adherence to current campus policy, with the goal of clarifying GFH policy, documentation, and implementation such as GFH students understand, comply, and readily understand what expectations are within grad family housing.
  - **Comment Ross:** Change the language to the current policy to indicate what is being enforced. The wording/ definition of bulk alcohol is unclear.
  - **Comment Gabriel:** There should be notification posted in areas in GFH where people tend to gather to ensure and remind them of the rules/ policies within the housing communities. In addition, adding signages in those areas to inform what can concur, when & where, etc.
  - **Comment Ximena:** Seconded ross’s comment and in making a recommendation to campus for wording change and policy implementation wants to make the alcohol realistic etc.

- **Comment Robert:** It would be a great idea as a committee to work on a recommendation on ways to clarify the current alcohol policy in GFH and then work on recommendation to campus.
- **Comment Ross:** Campus policy doesn't really state what GFHAC is trying to fix regarding the alcohol housing policy. Campus policy is more tailored for campus and spaces within campus.
- **Comment Gabriel:** Is the current housing policy working against us? it would be interesting to see in regards alcohol abuse statistics etc.
- **Comment Breana:** There is a good resource to reach out to/ connect with, aka the Zone education about all thing's substance abuse. They have data and they can provide us a better understanding of the alcohol abuse status etc.
- Student request for designated parking for families with children.
  - GFHAC discussed the potential implementation of having a designated parking spaces for families with children. Many spaces within Graduate and Family Housing are different in terms of sizing of each space. However, Mesa community is not one of the communities with issues as spaces are open in mesa. Spaces in communities such as Mesa Nueva/ Nuevo West and Nueva East Parking structure is the area that pose the most issues for families with children. Robert Frazier has investigated the regulations for ADA parking, handicap, short/long term parking and the challenge is if there are designated spaces; what would happen if the space goes unused or enforced.
  - Consulted with parking and transportation for regulatory issues
    - Spaces next to a wall normally has a foot more in space than other spaces per Bob
    - There is no governing for regulatory issues if this would come to fruition
  - Potential signage wording: "Courtesy parking for parent with small children"
  - **Comment Ross:** Would like to point out that we should be careful in designating spots for only families or families with children. It is borderline discriminatory. It's becoming exclusionary.
  - **Comment Ximena:** A courtesy parking signs instead of fully specifying in words and can further discuss the image within the image.
  - **Comment Kristin:** There are a lot of people who have chronic issues that don't qualify as handicapped.
  - **Comment Hema:** The image can be a person with a small person and another person with a cane.
  - **Comment Breana:** Correction, for the flare ups situation, it's a simple of getting a document and submitting to the DMV for a qualification for an assistance etc.
  - **Comment Sally:** It may be useful to add a QR code to the signs that will provide a list/ further information for those designated parking spaces is for and what the intended space is for.
  - **Comment Ross:** It may be a good idea if, we can find the photo that is like the priority seating that transportation for individuals that needs the extra space.
  - **Comment Ximena:** In addition, adding asterisk with content that says, "you will not get ticketed utilizing this space as it is a courtesy space".
  - **Comment Robert:** Discussion is to be continued for next week to further discuss and finalize; terminology, space usage duration, and the execution of signages.
- UCSD Work Carts
  - **Comment Sally:** A student brought up that he was working on his car and someone called campus policy on him.
  - *(Guest Attendee; affected resident) Steven Bopp:* Was giving his car a car wash and some called UCPD on him. The UCPD showed up and restrained him and searched him. In addition, he was not aware of any rules that washing car was prohibited. Steven suggested designating spots for resident to be able to wash their car; for example, using some of the maintenance work cart spots after working hours? In addition, UCPD informed the resident that it was okay for them to wash their cars in GFH parking areas; it seems as UCPD is unaware of the correct policies.
  - **Comment Ross:** The handbook states that you *cannot* wash your car or work on your car in GFH. In addition, these policies might have been placed due to preventing potential oils that can come from working on a vehicle, etc.
  - **Comment Robert:** There is currently a separate work group that has been developed with GFHAC that will be working on helping/ assisting in residents communication, etc.

**Last Remarks:**

- Ximena motioned to adjourned.
  - o Sally seconded the motion
  - o Motion Carries.

Meeting adjourned around 11:00 AM.