Graduate & Family Housing (GFH) Advisory Committee | MINUTES

Meeting date | Time 3/20/2023 11:00 AM
Meeting Location: Exchange & Zoom

Type of meeting: GFH advisory Committee
Co-Chairs: Rebecca Otten (absent)
Kristin Leadbetter

Note taker: Madeline Makings

Attendees:
In person:
Silva, Kimber
Salas, Michael

Zoom:
Bretado, Gilbert
Turner, Ross
Quenga, Kameo
Ramiez, Betty

AGENDA

Quorum was not met. Meeting began at 11:02AM with the sharing of the agenda by Kristin.

Old Business:
- Meeting minutes and agenda approval

Updates
- Composting Project (Michael)
- Waitlist Process
- EH&S Inspections
- Community Room Photos
- Qualtrics Survey/Flyer

New Business:
Fitness Rooms (Kimber)

Pet Policy (Kristin)

Open Floor & Call for Agenda Items

MEETING MINUTES:

Old Business:
- Approve agenda with speaking about meeting minutes
  - Quorum was not met, voting will be sent out via email

Updates
- Composting Project (Michael)
  - Michael reached out to Mallory again. In the email he outlined that if they are no longer seeking for money to remove them from the agenda.
- Waitlist Process
  - Some progress has been made with the Waitlist Dashboard. Sent a proposed screen with a drop-down menu. Allow users to go into the webpage, showing historical data. The user will be able to go in and select the community and what kind of unit they are looking for historical data. The original graph sent out was a bit messy, so it is still being cleaned up. Historical move in data and waitlist data. Example, 60
move ins for the month of March, but the current waitlist only has 20 people on it, the user may think that they will increase their chances. They are aiming for a testing site.

- **EH&S Inspections**
  - Emails have gone out for South and Central Mesa.
  - This agenda item will remain and provide updates as needed.

- **Community Room Photos**
  - Daniela’s team is working on getting new photos from marketing.

- **Qualtrics Survey/Flyer**
  - Madeline will show Kristin how to collaborate on Qualtrics
  - Madeline will also send Kristin the Campus Closure flier to use

**New Business:**

- **Fitness Rooms (Kimber)**
  - Got feedback campus recreation, residents have informed rec that they cannot get a complete workout at one gym. The gym in the middle of MN is the busiest. The goal is to activate the residents!
    - One idea is to balance out the equipment in each room, suggested removing cardio equipment.
    - There is currently a trend where there is less frequent cardio equipment.
    - Recreation also maintains South Mesa and Coast.
  - Everyone’s workout is different, having fitness rooms that accommodate everyone. In the NW room there isn’t any room for strength training. Good opportunity to survey to offer a balanced workout.
    - Certain equipment is not used, possibly a demonstration from Recreation.
    - Heard some comments on the state of the gyms, due to the amount of people in the gyms.
    - Part of the fees that are paid do cover the main gym access for Graduate Students.
    - The goal of the GFH gyms is more about a community gym rather than a full body work out or something incredibly specific.
  - The main gym suggestions as a graduate student who used to use the facilities, they do tend to get busy during specific times. The possibility of having a grad hour, having to work out as a TA with undergrad is not always comfortable.
  - Encouraged people to use canyon view gym, make sure to highly all locations.
  - Tuesdays/Thursdays there is a big workout group during the evenings that is run like an organized class.

- **Pet Policy (Kristin)**
  - Kristin shared her screen with the current Pet Policy in GFH from the website.
    - What does prior written consent by the university mean?
      - It is likely to outline an accommodation.
    - Pet deposit/Pet addendum
      - Office emails the pet addendum to the new incoming residents.
    - What do you do for people with snakes?
      - There is not an official form, it depends per community. Usually depends on the tank size and how the animal is being kept.
    - The page cannot be found, housing policy document under pet policy. Possibly the document does not exist any longer.
    - Would a doctors note suffice in the offices?
      - Housing Liaison or OSD can only handle these documents.
      - It is currently very difficult to go through OSD for many things
    - Possibly to look into changing the pet addendum policy paperwork to include other pets.
      - Something that is written down and can rely on as a policy.
    - How do we as animal owners still be responsible residents? Putting educated initiatives is not going to harm anyone.
    - What does it currently look like to expand the policy currently existing and that isn’t on a case by case basis.

**Open Floor & Call for Agenda Items**
- Ross explained that there is currently a situation with someone who has graduated and saying that he can stay here for a year.
  - The policy in the rental agreement states that you must submit your 30-day notice once you graduate.
- Can there be a consistent message for the GFHAC advertisement?
  - Madeline will talk with Mariko on leaving this.
- Can we email the communities when there is spraying occurring instead of just a posting?
  - Also possibly put it in the Newsletter?

**Final remarks:**

Meeting adjourned at 11:58PM.