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Student Affairs Division (Residence Hall Association) Response to UCC 0169 10F

Jeanette,

Attached is one of several responses I shall send you regarding UCC 016910F which calls for a university housing committee.

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From: Schmidt, Colleen
Sent: Thursday, December 09, 2010 12:16 PM
To: Lee, Elwyn C
Subject: FW: University Coordinating Commission: Reminder - Student Affairs response to UCC 0169 10F
Importance: High

Hi Dr. Lee,

Regarding RHA:

RHA Currently has a President, VP Internal, VP External, Sec/Treasurer, and a National Communications Coordinator.

This is the executive board of RHA and were voted on by all Residence Hall Students. These individuals meet weekly and are responsible for programming elements as well as student issues/concerns.

VP Internal works to develop the General Assembly and Hall Councils (which we don't have this year). However, we do have the General Assembly. The RHA Exec board hosts a General Assembly Meeting once a month with representatives from all halls. We're hoping to grow our numbers at these meetings, but they do discuss building specific concerns. At least one representative from each building has voting power.

VP External works specifically with programming for all buildings. Programs so far this year have included 1) Game Nights 2) Study Breaks 3) We do the care package program

The National Communications Coordinator is a position that works with our national and regional affiliation.

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This year has been a lot of re-building and getting our name out there, we actually didn't get going until the 1st week in Oct, but they've been busy.

We do have a vision for our future structure that we hope to implement next year. It will include looking at re-implementing hall councils.

-Colleen

From: Hidalgo, Javier J
Sent: Wednesday, December 08, 2010 9:46 AM
To: Lee, Elwyn C
Subject: RE: University Coordinating Commission: Reminder - Student Affairs response to UCC 0169 10F

Dr. Lee,

I think this committee could have the potential to provide a wider net in terms of what RHA is doing; nonetheless, I think RHA should be given an opportunity to regain its place and presence. I believe the group of student leaders involved in RHA this year have proven to be serious about their involvement. Colleen has been working with the group to get them regional and national recognition. I will support your decision whatever the outcome.

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Why would this committee need to review the housing budget and housing prices? Does the food service committee review the budget for auxiliary services?

Currently RHA is the "Housing Committee", why not expand what we currently have instead of creating a "University Residential Life and Housing Committee." RHA can expand its current operations/process and have a grievance committee which would include staff, faculty and 1 non-residence student.

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The University Residential Life and Housing Committee would add a layer of bureaucracy and some confusion for our residents. Who would hear the complaints RHA or URLHC? My fear is the lack of experience or knowledge could violate fair housing. We should not start a trend but follow industry standard practice.

Tier One University's have the RHA component who address student grievances. There is a large support for RHA through National Association of Colleges and University Residence Halls.
<http://www.nacurh.org/>

RHA is very strong nationally. Here are some examples: <http://rha.unc.edu/> (UNC), <http://rha.tamu.edu/> (Texas A&M), <http://rha.gatech.edu/> Georgia Tech and <http://www.rha.msu.edu/newsite/> (MSU).

I would not recommend starting a "University Residential Life and Housing Committee, but to grow RLH RHA stronger. Colleen has great experience with RHA and is currently working with RLH RHA to expand.

Thank you,
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