ON CAMPUS - HOUSING, DINING, HOSPITALITY
Advisory Committee Meeting
Minutes #17
April 25, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT: SIMRAN ANAND, REVELLE REPRESENTATIVE
PAUL DEWINE, CO-CHAIR & WARREN COLLEGE DEAN
MARK CUNNINGHAM, ASSISTANT VICE CHANCELLOR
JACKIE CLAVIN, AS REPRESENTATIVE
CONNIE CHEN, RA REPRESENTATIVE
ANDY GEE, TMC REPRESENTATIVE
MARIO GUMINA, MUIR REPRESENTATIVE
CHARLENE LIU, ICRA REPRESENTATIVE
ESTEBAN MARQUEZ, FINANCIAL AID REPRESENTATIVE
MATTHEW MONCAYO, WARREN REPRESENTATIVE
RUSSELL KING, HDH REPRESENTATIVE
WINDI SASAKI, HDH RES LIFE LIAISON
PA CHIA VUE, SECRETARY
STEPHANIE YI, SIXTH REPRESENTATIVE

MEMBERS ABSENT: KIMIA AZIMI, VILLAGE REPRESENTATIVE
FELIPE CHEN, ICRA REPRESENTATIVE
MALIK ISMAIL, RESIDENT DEAN REPRESENTATIVE
COLLETTE MAX TAMEX, ERC REPRESENTATIVE

The minutes for the April 18, 2013 meeting were read and approved.

Mark provided an update on Room Selection, part two (the selecting of space).
- He shared that today is All Campus and Loyalty program Room Selection day. The first group took 31 seconds to select a space. Some students are happy and some are unhappy. He stated that there is a space for everyone. It may not be the space the student wanted, but there is space. The spaces open today were determined by Residence Life.
- Next week is General Room Selection.

Mark provided an update on the Freshmen numbers.
- He stated that Frosh numbers are up about 250 students, as of today.

Plaza Renovation Update
- Mark showed a design of the servery, where the current walkway is. Customers will be able to see their food prepared in front of them. He asked the committee how they felt about the look and feel of the environment.
Connie liked the look and stated that she also liked being able to see the food prepared fresh, right in front of you.

Matt said it looked refreshing. He liked the openness and transparency of the environment.

Mark then showed a possible design for the south side of Plaza, where the HDH HR office is currently located.

Connie liked the simplicity. She liked the transparency, visibility, and openness of the environment.

Mark then showed a possible design of the north side of Plaza. The architects have made the environment warm and used more wood as opposed to metal.

Charlene likes the privacy provided by the screens.

Mark said the architects are still trying to come up with a solution to provide privacy (whether they will use metal screens or something else, etc).

Stephanie thinks the design is really clean but does not like the metal screens.

Windi asked about the wooden slats under the fireplace and if the purpose was to create a divider.

Mark said the purpose of the design is to make the space seem less big.

Stephanie likes the look of the wood.

Since wood is being incorporated into the design, Windi believes the wood dividers would be a better fit than the metal ones. She stated that it looks cleaner.

Mark shared that the aerial view of the front of Plaza, south side, was presented today and was received well. The original proposal was to have a “beach-like” environment with sand.

Connie is unsure of how she feels about the sand.

Mark said it was a cool idea, but is not sure that it’s the right idea.

Matt said the sand reminds him of a sandbox. He also pointed out that the beach is within walking distance to the campus.

Mark said the lighting around Plaza will be softer. There is a proposal to have the lighting in the concrete. The area will be lit comfortably and not too bright. Also there will be more controlled lighting around the building so that students are more comfortable walking around.

Mark asked if there is anything else the committee would like to discuss.

Simran asked about the food truck.

Mark said it was ordered and asked the committee if they wanted to talk about possible menu items.

General consensus of committee - yes.

Andy asked about the no smoking policy.

Mark explained that the policy is educational in nature. At this point, tickets will not be handed out for violations of the policy. He shared that the Graduate Advisory Committee would like to discuss penalties for not following policy.
- Mario asked about Extension and the portables currently located at Marshall College. He asked if the land belonged to the University and suggested the site be considered for possible development.
  - Mark stated that the portables are sitting on space that is designed for future housing. Extension’s permanent home is on the east side of campus but they don’t currently have the funds to move. He shared that HDH met with Extension two years ago and even offered to partner with them to help with the move but they just don’t have the funds for the move.
- Mario asked for an update on the landscaping at Muir.
  - Mark said the project is over budget and cannot be completed in one summer. The architects are meeting with Dr. Smith to show her their designs today. It is minimally going to take 20 weeks to complete.
- Stephanie asked about any future plans for a dining hall at Sixth College.
  - Mark said that the plans for a dining hall are linked to the light rail. He stated that the light rail will go through the canyon and through Sixth College. The current plan is to have a dining location by the light rail station. In the interim, Sixth College will get the food truck once the renovation on Plaza is complete.
  - Stephanie asked if there will be a light rail stop at Sixth College.
    - Mark said yes, right where the classrooms are currently located.
  - Windi shared that she once lived by the trolley and didn’t hear it when it passed by.
  - Mark shared that HDH has put together a mitigation plan that the trolley has to pay for. This plan includes items like double pane windows in the Matthews Apartments, fencing (because the general public will be using the trolley), and possibly air conditioning for Matthews A and E. He assured that it should be fairly quiet.
- Simran asked if Rogers was moving to Why Not Here.
  - Mark stated that Dining and Malik collaborated to find a location for Rogers. Until the renovation is done, Rogers will be located at Why Not Here.
    - Simran asked what the old Roger’s space will become.
      - Mark stated that there are no concrete plans for that space yet. It might become a meeting or study space.
- Mario asked what the expected numbers for Room Selection were.
  - Mark shared that the numbers are off the charts. He stated that the 3rd and 4th year figures have quadrupled over three years. He thanked the RAs and people responsible for programming for doing a great job. He believes that students are happy with living on campus and these numbers are a result of that. He also believes the uncertainty of the shuttles may have some influence over the situation.
- He stated that 3rd and 4th years students are important because they have experience and are student leaders. They are a valuable resource and he does not want to lose them.
  - Simran asked if students, who did not know about the no smoking policy for 2013-2014, can still cancel their housing contract for next year.
    - Mark said yes. Students should live on campus if they want to and if it will make them happy.
    - Windi shared that information regarding the no smoking policy was provided during Room Selection and was included in the contracting process. All students had to acknowledge that they read the no smoking documentation before signing their housing contract.
    - Mark shared that incoming Frosh and transfers will be provided with the same information when they contract for housing in June.

Mark announced that next week’s meeting will be the last one unless an issue arises that requires the committee to reconvene.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting is scheduled on Thursday, May 2, 2013, at 12:00pm.

Sincerely,
Pa Chia Vue

Cc: Committee Members
    Resident Deans
    S. Relyea
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