Ramona showed a video of the Mesa Nueva construction site.

Cory announced that the next meeting will be a joint meeting with the Building Advisory Committee (BAC) for the upcoming project, Mesa Nueva West.

Cory opened the floor for any business items that need to be discussed.
- Sophia said there are several underrepresented students in STEM that are leaving UCSD. She said some of their issues relate to housing. She is meeting with them to discuss their concerns and will bring those back to share with the committee.
  - Cory asked if she could ask when they moved in since they enacted a new roommate process this year.
- Tatiana would like the committee to review the Community Assistant (CA) contract and update the verbiage since their duties have changed.
  - Ramona shared that they are in the process of reviewing that contract. They are just about done and will be ready to show the committee the updated contract next week.

Cory asked the committee for agenda items for this quarter.
- Kim asked what the deadline for the budget is.
  - Cory said before July because all those that move in after July will need rates two years. He also mentioned that they need to discuss rates for Mesa Nueva.
  - Mark agreed. He asked the committee to consider the following questions: Should the costs be spread over the entire existing ARCH community? Do they differentiate between new, less new, and old? When Mesa Nueva opens on July 1 next year, will existing residents be able to transfer into the complex first? Or, do they fill the spaces from the waitlist? Will the spaces be occupied by single graduate students, couples, families? Should it be a 12 month lease or month to month? Do they allow a 30 day notice, if a resident wants to vacate the space? Should there be for rent, daily rentals, or emergency units? Should they price differentiate between new and not new? Is there a price difference based on the floor? He asked the committee to think about what they want.
- Sophia said Dean Barrett is stepping down. She has discussed domestic violence with council and will be writing a resolution. The resolution will be sent to Dean Barrett and Chancellor so they can validate whether or not they should appropriate funds for this. Her vision is to include this in the budget. She doesn’t think specific units should be set aside because anonymity is very important.

- Mark asked the committee to consider the following questions: What should the CA staffing ratios be (so they can hire them)? How will they take care of this large population? Should they add more RSOs? Or should they consider a different model? Should utilities be included in the micro units? Will there be an upcharge for the units with a washer/dryer? Mark said these items need to be discussed so they can start thinking about the budget. The highest priority is to keep it affordable for everyone. He then asked if the committee wanted to manage the parking or if it should be free flowing.
  - Sophia doesn't want to do assigned parking.
  - Mayra asked if these new developments available for summer programs.
    - Mark said no because residents will live there year round.
    - Mayra asked why the Village is available during the summer.
      - Mark explained that UG residents are on a nine month contract. He said they want to use next week to talk about the amenities they want in Mesa Nueva West.
  - Sophia asked what a micro unit is.
    - Mark said it is a single occupancy space that is about 800 square feet.
    - Sophia asked if it is like a studio.
      - Mark said yes and that the committee will get to see a mockup.
  - Tatiana said one issue at Rita is that there aren’t any public restrooms that are accessible to nonresidents.
    - Cory said there will be restrooms because Mesa Nueva will have pools.
  - Ramona showed the committee a picture of a sample micro unit.
    - Sophia suggested adding more storage. She said the shelves are nice but she’d like more hidden storage.
    - Cory asked if they’ve looked into providing a microwave in the alcove.
      - Mark said there will be connectivity in alcove, if the residents want to add it.
      - Cory said the alcove can be used as a shelf, if the resident doesn’t want to have a microwave.
    - Amanda asked if there will be blinds/curtains on the windows.
      - Ramona said yes.

- Cory asked Tatiana to highlight the changes she’d like to implement in the CA contract.
  - Tatiana said she went through the old contract and crossed out the duties they don’t perform anymore. She suggested adding language about summer employment and start/end dates of employment. She said they should consider following the academic year. Another possible change is to allow current CA to reapply for the position, even if their two year housing limit is up.
    - Sophia asked if CAs are an exception to the two year housing policy.
      - Tatiana said no.
    - Jasmine thinks this is a great idea. She said prior to this year, CAs did not take their jobs seriously. She thinks if the incentives are better, the program would be better.
    - Sophia agreed and said the CAs foster the community.
Jasmine asked the committee what objections they would have to making the CAs an exception to the two year policy.

- Cory said the main one whether or not it would be fair.
- Dan agreed and pointed out that there is currently a 2000 person waitlist for on campus housing.
- Cory shared that when he lived at Rita, his roommate was an CA. He received a housing extension so he could continue to be a CA, and quit shortly after getting the extension. He doesn’t think that was fair but at the time, they didn’t have a policy for it. He said they would need to make sure they specify all these details so the program is clear.

- Jasmine added that at least one of the CAs should be an international student. She also suggested having workshops on how to navigate campus as an underrepresented and international student.
- Sophia agrees. She referred back to Cory’s comment and said they should stipulate that if a CA surrenders their duties, they surrender their housing as well.
- Tatiana said she drafted some language and can send it out to the committee.
- Sophia said their contract should be month to month.
- Ramona asked Tatiana to forward the verbiage to her and Bob because they may have already incorporated similar changes into their draft.

Sophia said SHORE is a recruitment tool. She said if a SHORE student decides to live off campus, the department loses that housing space. She said each department is given a certain number of SHORE slots. She understands that SHORE is a recruitment tool, but thinks it should also be used as a retention tool because there are students that they should be working to retain (i.e. those with housing, roommate, or medical issues). If the department chooses to not use the space they were given, she thinks the space should be used for retention.

- Mayra explained that departments are given offers to extend. They don’t get specific housing spaces to offer.
- Cory reminded the committee that while they can discuss SHORE, it is not under the committee’s purview. They can make a recommendation and endorse a position, but changes will have to be made at another level.
- Sophia asked who deals with SHORE.
  - Mayra said the Graduate Division.

Mark said they will be bringing on single units at Mesa Nueva that may be able to accommodate these students in a different way. This may resolve some of the issues. He said this is a very dynamic time for them because the committee has a lot of opportunities to do things in a different way.

- Cory said some would like to see the program go away.
- Sophia thinks some of the departments are using the program the wrong way. She thinks the program should be opened to those that actually need it.
- Cory asked the committee to table this discussion for another time.

Mark asked about GSA elections.

- Sophia shared the following elections results:
  - Vice President of Student and Campus Affairs – Betty Ramirez
  - Vice President of Financial Affairs - Sara Rivera
  - Vice President of External Affairs - Mark Derdzinski
  - President - Garrett Bredell
  - Vice President of Academic Affairs – Tatiana Zavodny
Vice President of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Affairs hasn’t been elected yet.

- Cory referred back to the question about whether the committee would like to distribute the cost of Mesa Nueva to the rest of the complexes. He said this was done with Rita. He’d like to do a straw poll to see where the committee stands and said this will frame next week’s meeting.
  - Sophia said she’d like to wait because she believes Mary Beth offers very valuable input. She also thinks this discussion needs to be more extensive.
  - Dan thinks it is important to spread the cost all over grad housing. If they choose not to do this, they’ll be impacting those units.
  - Cory said he would still like to do a straw poll.
    - Kim said one of the reasons why they decided to spread the cost was to avoid having to break down every single variable. When they tried to look at all the different variables, the committee could not agree on what certain items were worth. She said they could spend hours debating how much each detail costs. She said the only thing they could agree on was square footage, so the rates were based on that.
- Jasmine suggested having a bus take new incoming students to the store so they can pick up items for their home. She said HDH may be able to partner with to get deals if they are guaranteeing customers.
  - Mark said they have been looking into that. They are hoping to partner with a vendor so that students may place an order prior to move in and have the items delivered by the time they arrive.
- It was decided that a straw poll regarding the distribution of Mesa Nueva’s cost, will be done at the beginning of next week’s meeting.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 20 from 2pm to 3pm at Eucalyptus Point.
Jennifer Skowlund introduced herself, Adam Seniel, and Scott Steffes from Skidmore Owings & Merrill LLP.

- Jennifer explained that they want to build communal spaces where residents can engage others. They are really interested in the future of the LRT and how it will impact the university and car ownership. She said their overall plan is to take residential open space and create defined common areas. They want to create a common park that the community can use. Later on when the committee looks at programming, they’d like to look at what is more appropriate on the ground level and what would work better with the views on the upper floors. The next thing they’d like the committee to think about is the right mix of programs to create a sense of community. They want to create spaces that will help give a sense of home.
- Jennifer showed the full buildup plan.
  - Cory shared that these slides are from the community plan. It is just an idea and not necessarily an indicator of where the buildings are going yet. This idea will change over time, but this is the tentative plan.
  - Jennifer added that the committee should keep in mind how they want to connect this neighborhood with the rest of the campus. They want amenities to be complementary and not redundant.
  - Sophia asked what Regents Road Commons is.
- Cory said they are stores.
- Jennifer explained that they are integrated commercial amenities that cater to the graduate student population.
  - Jennifer said they are interested in lowering the density and height for the south facility so that it relates with the other buildings in the south. It'll be a more appealing model for families. She said the feedback they've received indicates that families want to be housed in the same communities.
  - Sophia clarified that families could technically live anywhere.
    - Jennifer believes this to be true. But, if they prefer a townhouse setting, this area in the south would fulfill that. Also, this area will be closer to Regents Road, since many parents will be dropping their kids off at ECEC.
- Sophia asked if all the Mesa Apartments are going to be replaced with new facilities.
  - Jennifer said yes, except for One Miramar.
  - Tatiana added that ECEC will be repurposed.
- Jennifer asked the committee for ideas on how to foster interaction within Nueva West.
  - Bob added that this project is planned to have an 800 bed capacity. OMS has 800 beds and Mesa Nueva will have 1300+ beds.
  - Cory added that this design will be integrated with the Gilman Bridge, which will become the western gateway from campus to Mesa. He’d like the committee to keep this in mind.
  - Jennifer said between that bridge and Mesa is a canyon so there is a separate project to look at creating a gateway and how to design it.
  - Cory asked if the committee had any questions or needed clarifications before they began their discussion bout amenities.
- Sophia asked if there are any considerations regarding having smaller gathering areas, in addition to the centralized park that Jennifer spoke about. She said parents love having their children play right outside their homes. If this centralized community park is too far, it may not be utilized.
  - Jennifer said absolutely. They will look at courtyards and how they are intertwined within the communities.
- Tatiana asked if the paths in yellow throughout the community will be paved.
  - Jennifer said they haven’t gotten into those details yet. This is just a concept. They can notate this request. They were going to recommend that these paths also serve as fire access.
- Sophia lives in West Mesa. She said there is lack of ADA access, with respect to parking. She said they need to keep this in mind when designing this new project.
  - Jennifer said Nueva West will have some onsite parking and there will also be a parking structure by One Miramar.
  - Sophia added that people in wheelchairs need to be able to get from one area to another so they need to make all paths accessible for anything that has wheels.
    - Jennifer said absolutely. All pathways will be designed with appropriate ADA requirements.
    - Adam added that there is an ADA specialist on the team that will be looking at all of these things.
Sophia said they need to think about convenience too, not just the angle of the slope per ADA requirements.

Bob reminded the committee that they are not designing this project at the current time. They are trying to get a loose framework.

Mike said to not worry about accessibility because it’ll be there. They’d like the committee to tell them what they think would make Nueva West better.

Adam asked what amenities graduate students want. He said to keep in mind they can put some on the ground floor and on the upper floors.

Jennifer said they know students are more mobile now and utilize the common areas more than they did five years ago. She’d like to know how graduates are interacting with each other.

Sophia said she’s talked with her constituents and they want places to play (i.e. a pool, indoor rock climbing, indoor court that can be converted to racquet ball or basketball).

Jennifer said there is a pool at Mesa Nueva but not Nueva West.

Cory said if the committee thinks of other ideas later, they can email housingbac@gsa.ucsd.edu. Cory will relay the ideas to the BAC.

Tatiana said they’d like a large indoor gathering space for 30-40 people. Also, there should be accessible bathrooms.

Bob shared that they just came back from a conference and the common theme there was reconfigurable furniture that can be moved and changed for different functions.

Sophia suggested storage space.

Betty said she’s into fitness and would like them to keep in mind the workout space. She said there should be enough space for both cardio and weightlifting. Also, the space should be well ventilated. The workout space at Rita is really cramped.

Jasmine said it would be better to have a ground floor common space. She said there should be a common professional room with a fireplace where faculty can meet with students. She reiterated what Tatiana said about having accessible bathrooms.

Adam asked for further clarification on how they plan to use this space.

- Tatiana said it would be great to have this indoor space for all events. It is sometimes too cold to have events outside.
- Jasmine said it’ll be better on the ground floor and not the upper floors.
- Sophia said if it’s on the ground floor, it’ll be easier to access and students can see it. If they see an event going on, they’re more likely to attend.
- Tatiana said the room should be made less of a bottleneck. She said it would be nice if the entrance was large and if some of the walls could be slid open, to open up the space. The space should be inviting.
- Cory said Mesa Nueva has a dedicated space that can hold 50 people with doors that can slide up, to open up the space.

Jasmine suggested having a piano.

Sophia suggested having art space. She said it would also be nice if these spaces had white boards that they can pull down to use if needed.

Amanda said she’s lived in Mesa for three years. She loves having indoor space with a BBQ outside. She thinks these types of areas should be kept smaller so multiple groups...
can have gatherings at the same time. Also, there should be small study rooms throughout the community.

- Jennifer asked the committee to elaborate on the smaller spaces and smaller gatherings.
  - Sophia said it’d be nice to have small rooms so groups can use them to pray in. She said they should keep placement in mind (i.e. not next to the laundry rooms where there is a lot of noise).
    - Jennifer said she has received feedback that students need space for retreat and recharge.
    - Sophia said it should be a neutral zone where students can pray and reconnect.

- Jennifer asked how they can facilitate and assist with studying.
  - Sophia said the rooms should be sound proof.

- Jennifer asked how big study groups typically are.
  - Tatiana said 2-5 and the rooms should be homey. They should have comfortable chairs and bookcases.

- Jennifer asked if students prefer to study at home or somewhere else.
  - Betty said somewhere else. She said when she is at home, she doesn’t want to deal with work or school. She said the current study spaces available are too sterile and not inviting. She agrees it should be something homey and comfortable.
  - Bob said he’s gone through the communities and the spaces that are not used often are usually dark, small, and cave-like. He said there should be lots of natural light and open ceilings. He said it shouldn’t be just a 10x10 box with a door.
  - Sophia likes the idea of having a study space with lots of windows. It’ll eliminate the feeling of being enclosed in a cave. She agrees with natural light. She said the lights shouldn’t make her feel like she’s in a hospital.

- Adam asked if there are other amenities the committee would like to have.
  - Sophia said everything should be kid friendly. She suggested having a distraction corner with games so parents can gather for an event and have a space for their kids.
  - Malia said they want to be really considerate and thoughtful about interactions between students, families, and staff. She said touchpoints are really important. At Rita, the hallways are so long that they can’t see anyone. They want students to see each other and interact. She likes the idea of having a central courtyard so residents can visually see what events are occurring and maybe join in. She likes the idea of having art space. She added that there should also be a Resource Office. Mesa will be the graduate hub and students may need support. She said it would be great to have spaces where these resources can be brought out to them.
  - Sophia agreed and said it would be nice to have a counseling center or rooms where counseling sessions can be held.
  - Ramona suggested having a community kitchen, maybe in conjunction with the space that Tatiana had suggested. She likes the idea of having the space be all glass on the outside with movable or sliding glass walls. She also suggested having a wellness center that could have spaces for meditation, offices for counseling sessions.

- Cory asked the committee how big the committee thinks the community kitchen should be.
- Sophia said there should be enough for five cooks who can work on different sides or entrees for an event.
- Betty said the minimum should be three people. She said when she was an undergraduate, there was often three people cooking for a group of 10-15.
- Sophia added that there should be lots of ventilation.
- Bob said there should be enough space so that things can happen simultaneously in the kitchen (i.e. prep and cleanup).
- Amanda said kids should be allowed to walk around so everything needs to be safe.
- Tatiana said there needs to be a good cleaning crew for the kitchen. She also said it should have a sink and microwave, at bare minimum.
  - Tatiana referred back to the comment about the workout space and added that as a woman working out at night, the space should be open so it is not scary.
    - Sophia suggested having a round workout room where people working out can see around them, but those on the outside can’t see in (mirrored).
- Adam asked the committee for feedback regarding laundry spaces and whether they prefer to have one large communal laundry space, multiple laundry spaces on each floor, or if they prefer machines in each unit.
  - Betty said laundry should be in units or on each floor. It should be easily accessible.
  - Jasmine prefers that the laundry rooms are small. If they are busy, residents will come back later. In a bigger space, people are more likely to take clothes out of the drier and set them aside instead of waiting.
  - Tatiana suggested having more laundry rooms, instead of smaller laundry rooms. Also, the rooms should be wide and well lit.
  - Ramona said the communal laundry rooms at Mesa Nueva are designed to be wider and have a balcony. Half the space will be lounge space and they are looking into the various ways they can utilize that space (i.e. watch the world cup or run on the treadmill). There will be communal laundry rooms on every other floor for the micro units. Whereas the apartments will have laundry units within each apartment.
  - Sophia said there should be communal laundry spaces on every corner, on every floor. At least one washer/dryer and folding space.
  - Jasmine said they should look into getting a laundry app so residents can see when their laundry is done.
  - Amanda suggested the communal laundry rooms have lots of windows so people are less likely to take other people’s clothing out of the driers.
- Dave asked if the committee would like to have space to hold office hours.
  - Mary Beth said yes.
  - Sophia said yes.
  - Tatiana said she has mixed feelings about this because it might be too close to home.
  - Betty feels the same as Tatiana and believes home and work should be separate.
- Scott said they are looking for opportunities to have more economical spaces. He’d like the committee to think 2, 4, and 6 bedroom units.
  - Sophia said the shower and toilets need to be separate.
  - Bob agrees.
  - Scott showed a sample two bedroom layout with the communal living room and kitchen in the center.
    - Sophia asked if both bedrooms would have access to the bathroom.
• Scott said yes.
  o Scott asked if the committee would be interested in four bedrooms with a communal space in the center.
    ▪ Sophia said absolutely.
  o Scott asked how the committee feels about having six bedrooms and if graduate students would be interested in this option.
    ▪ Sophia thinks this is too many people in one space.
    ▪ Cory said this would be an economical option available to graduates seeking a cheaper alternative. He said those that live at Single Grad, in a similar setup with four bedrooms, really enjoy it.
    ▪ Malia manages Single Grad. She believes the convenience of being on campus and being close to their discipline makes it work.
    ▪ Tatiana asked if there is a possibility of having micro unit bathrooms so that each room has its own bathroom. She thinks having six bedrooms and two bathrooms is not enough.
    ▪ Cory said the committee can go into further discussion later about ratios and what makes sense.
    ▪ Jasmine lived with five other people but said she didn’t mind because the unit was leveled and had different floors. The different levels created an illusion of more privacy. She thinks if the units were multi-floored, graduates wouldn’t mind having that many people in the same apartment.
    ▪ Sophia said if they plan to have multiple floors, they need to consider sound and heavy walkers. She likes the idea of a duplex. She said it is important for her to feel safe and her home should feel like a home. She needs to have natural light. She wants to be able to work from home, but wants alternate study spaces if she doesn’t feel like working at home.
    ▪ Adam said they’d like to create more efficient and economical options for graduate students and asked the committee what the limit is – four or six.
    ▪ Malia said she used to work at the Village and they ended up having to triple the spaces due to demand. In some units, they had 12 people to 2 bathrooms and there were no issues. She believes it is possible to have some higher density units. She thinks the toilets should be separate from the showers. Also, if there are more people, there should be more counter space in the kitchen to prepare food. Since graduate students don’t have a dining plan, they will be utilizing their kitchens.
    ▪ Adam said they have been discussing what the right ratio of beds to bathrooms is.
    ▪ Cory said he and Mark discussed this and he doesn’t think a ratio works well. He believes they should look at each unit, how many people are there, and build the number of bathrooms that would work for the number of occupants. There isn’t a ratio that would fit every possible scenario.
    ▪ Adrienne said they want to make sure they have a diversified variety of units available. They’ve been getting a lot of pressure to provide affordable housing options to students.
    ▪ Amanda likes having both the four bedroom and six bedroom options. With the micro units next door, this will create an opportunity to build community. She also likes the idea of a duplex-like unit.
    ▪ Cory asked if a single mom would want to live in a big unit like this.
• Amanda said possibly if there were other parents in the unit.
• Mike said there are other units that might be better for families.
• Amanda said a parent might want to live in a six bedroom unit if it's more affordable.
• Cory agrees and could see a single parent wanting to live in a micro unit if it's affordable.
  ▪ Jasmine said these are great ideas but reminded the committee that they are speaking on behalf of the entire graduate population. They need to consider the entire population and not just what they would want individually.
  ▪ Bob said there is a diverse population of students from all around the world here on campus. A lot of cultures feel differently about personal space and may not mind it. He said they should be considerate and respectful of how others would feel about these spaces.
  ▪ Sophia said she wants privacy. She pointed out that the apartment will be dirtier because there are more people.
  ▪ Malia said they could cut costs by having communal kitchens and laundry facilities.
    • Tatiana reiterated that she liked the idea of having six bedrooms if everyone has their own bathroom. They could all still share a living room and kitchen.
    • Sophia said these units will be party units. She doesn’t think it’s fair to not give them a kitchen. Sharing a larger community kitchen is hard and there will be lots of issues. She believes students want to cook in their homes. She agreed with Tatiana and said everyone needs to have their own bathroom.
  ▪ Jasmine said they need to find a compromise. She doesn’t think it’s realistic to provide this as an economical option if they each bedroom is going to have its own bathroom and a full sized kitchen. She also reminded the committee that this is just one layout, out of the many that will be available.
  ▪ Mike said the challenge is that all of the bathrooms need to be made ADA accessible so they can’t legally have a micro bathroom. They could give everyone their own bathroom, but that would cost more.
  ▪ Malia shared that when they toured USC, they saved costs by not putting doors on the closets. She said Rita has curtains.
    • Cory thinks there should be something to cover the closets.
    • Tatiana likes the idea of having curtains instead of doors. She too, agrees there should be something to cover the closets. She referred back to the comment from Mike about having ADA accessible bathrooms and asked if they all have to be ADA accessible or if they can have a mix of units with them and without them.
      □ Mike said 5% of the units have to be ADA accessible and have lower counters, grab bars, etc. They have to be considerate of where these units are though because they shouldn’t be grouped onto one floors or it could be seen as discrimination if they want to live on other floors.
  ▪ Cory asked about balconies and whether the committee feels they are important to have. For Mesa Nueva, the general feeling was that balconies were not necessary for micro units.
• Tatiana doesn’t think added cost is worth it.
• Cory thinks they should all have balconies.
• Tatiana asked if the units with balconies are going to be priced differently.
• Cory said they will determine this when they do the ARCHAC budget.
• Betty thinks some of the units should have balconies. There are a lot of surfers that put wet suits and their surf boards out there. She said she loves reading out on the balcony.
• Dan loves balconies but if the goal is to be economical, then they shouldn’t have them and can cut costs by not having them.
• Adrienne asked if they would consider having a shared balcony.
  ○ Tatiana said maybe.

- Scott asked what type of interior finishes they want to see.
  ○ Jasmine asked if there was a middle ground that is cost effective and not concrete. If not, then she said the concrete is fine.
  ○ Tatiana doesn’t mind the concrete floors because they are easy to keep clean. She doesn’t like the concrete walls though. It makes the unit feel like a bunker. She would also like lighter countertops.
  ○ Bob added that concrete is better for allergies. Carpets create an issue.
  ○ Cory said they spill oil on the concrete, they won’t be able to get the stain out. He’d prefer it not be concrete.
    ▪ Mike asked what he would prefer.
      ● Cory likes solid laminate or bamboo. Those surfaces are warmer and easier to walk on. He likes carpet in the bedrooms.
  ○ Scott asked if graduate students are open to getting their own rugs and putting them out.
    ▪ Jasmine said yes.
  ○ Dan asked if they could see a side by side comparison of the different finishes and costs associated with them.
    ▪ Cory said this will happen during the design process. He remembers a similar analysis being done a few years ago.
    ▪ Bob said they can get those figures for the next meeting.
  ○ Amanda likes linoleum that looks like wood. They have them in some of the Mesa apartments right now and those residents really like them.
  ○ Tatiana said the units need more lighting. She also suggested providing a kitchen table as opposed to having an island. She said that she and her roommate never use the island so it’s wasted space.
    ▪ Mike asked if they prefer taller bar height tables or shorter standard size tables.
      ● Tatiana said the shorter one.
      ● Mike said removing the island would get rid of counter space for food prep.

- Cory asked the committee to think about furnished units versus not furnished. Should the entire unit be furnished? Just the bedrooms? Some units and not others?
  ○ Betty chose Rita because it is furnished. She said the bedroom should definitely be furnished.
  ○ Tatiana agreed that the bedrooms should be furnished. She also thinks they should minimally provide a couch.
Jasmine disagrees and thinks it should be up to the residents to provide the furnishings that they want to have. She referred back to Tatiana’s comment about lighting and said the lights are not the issue. The issue is the shade on the lamp, which blocks the brightness of the light.

Dan said there is a good chance of over-furnishing when there are 4-6 people in a unit. He thinks it’s a good idea to minimally furnish the units.

Malia said the furniture should be movable. The beds at Rita are so hard to move.

Mike asked about storage under the beds.
- Tatiana said there is storage on either side of the bed but they can only access one side because their beds are pushed up against a wall.
- Cory prefers to have his own furniture. In the long run, graduate students will need to start acquiring furniture anyway since they will eventually be moving.

Jesus asked how the committee felt about fixed desks. Yes or no?
- Tatiana has mixed feelings about it. She likes that it’s a space saver but doesn’t like how it’s placed in her room. It makes it harder for her to open her window.
- Betty had a fixed desk and now just has a table. She prefers to just have a table because it is flexible and easier to move. She’d prefer to have more bookcases.
- Cory said a fixed desk was nice because it was already there. He prefers the furniture at Warren though. It was easy to move and could be arranged in six different ways. He also pointed out that some people don’t do work in their rooms and would prefer to not have a desk at all.

Tatiana thinks the units should be furnished. She asked how much it would cost to have furnished units in comparison to unfurnished units. She said they should look into possibly having residents pick and choose if they want to have a furnished unit or an unfurnished unit.
- Cory said this would require that they have a storage unit with staff to monitor the furniture and check in/out what is needed. That could get very expensive. They would also need to make sure they had backup furniture, just in case something gets damaged or needs to be replaced.

- Cory asked about lamps. He asked if the committee wanted more lighting and if so, via floor lamps or ceiling.
- Tatiana thinks the rooms should be well lit and the bulbs should be energy efficient. She thinks there should be more lighting in the ceiling so they don’t need to purchase so many floor lamps.
- Mike said LED has evolved and is equal with fluorescent lighting. The issue is that there is a UC policy with a certain energy requirement. So, they don’t add a lot of lights in the units because of this energy requirement. If more lighting is needed, it is assumed that the resident will supplement with their own lamps.
  - Tatiana asked if this includes lamps or just the ceiling lights
    - Mike said this includes lamps provided.
- Jasmine said the lights are fine and the real issue is the shades covering them. If they were switched out to something that could let out more light, the current light setup would be fine.

- Cory asked whether the indoor or outdoor corridor should be carpeted. The complaint at Rita is that echoes can be heard throughout the corridor.
  - Tatiana said no because it’ll get dirty.
  - Jasmine said if it’s a public corridor, then no. If it’s a corridor that only residents have access to, then yes.
Meeting adjourned at 4.28pm. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 27 from 2pm to 3pm at Eucalyptus Point.
Cory asked the committee if there were any items they’d like to discuss.

- Sophia said she’s received requests for special interest housing. She said she’d email the committee feedback from the community policing town hall. She said a lot of items were brought up with regards to housing and roommates.
  - Cory asked if she knew if the roommate issues occurred before or after the new roommate system was implemented.
    - Sophia said the issues occurred after. She said the roommate selection process did not resolve some of the issues.
    - Cory asked her to elaborate.
      - Sophia suggested they add a sliding scale so prospective roommates can indicate how important items like doing dishes is to them. She suggested they use 1 to 5, with 1 indicating that they don’t ever do the dishes and 5 indicating that they do the dishes as soon as they are finished eating.
      - Cory thought there was a scale from 1 to 5 to indicate cleanliness.
      - Bob said there are questions where an applicant can set their preferences but reminded the committee that those answers would be based on the honesty and integrity of the person.
      - Sophia said they need to be able to indicate how often they clean their bathroom, listen to music, host gatherings, etc.
      - Mayra asked for clarification. She thought there would be an opportunity to touch base with their potential roommate once they are matched. She thinks it’s the responsibility of each person to bring up concerns or ask questions.
  - Cory asked what happens if two people are paired and a connection does not happen.
    - Bob explained that there is no connection until both applicants say yes. If no connection is made, it is dissolved and the applicants go back into the roommate system.
    - Ramona added that they can either choose to continue to look for roommates or be assigned a roommate/space.
    - Cory asked what happens when a current resident wants to room with an applicant currently in the roommate portal.
- Bob explained that the two seeking parties will be joined and placed in a new unit. He said they do not get to retain the existing unit. This process ensures that people don’t jump the list. If the current resident wants to stay in their unit, the vacant space will be auto filled. If they want to pick their roommate, they will be placed together in another space.
- Ramona added that there is a room swap option if two current residents want to live together.
  - Tatiana asked about current residents who have not filled out the roommate questionnaire and how a roommate is selected for them.
    - Bob said existing residents are matched up based on their gender preferences.
    - Sophia said there is a problem with that system.
    - Ramona reiterated that current residents do have the option of doing a room swap if they want to live with other current residents.
    - Tatiana asked if there is a way for current residents to fill out the same roommate questionnaire.
    - Ramona said not at the current time.
    - Bob said they could look into restructuring the portal.
    - Sophia said that people need to feel safe in their homes and reiterated that additional questions need to be added to the roommate portal.
    - Cory said they can review the roommate selection process and improve it, if needed. He will add this to the agenda for an upcoming meeting.
    - Russ suggested having helpful processes/tools available to students to assist with roommate relations.
    - Ramona shared that they do have resident relations coordinators that meet with roommates to help sort things out. Sometimes it is as simple as working out a schedule. If it is a matter of feeling safe or for well-being, the process is different (and the resident is most likely moved to a different space). If needed, they reach out to the campus resources available.
    - Sophia said it would be nice to gather details in the questionnaire that would help make this a homier place for everyone. For example, she said it would be nice to pair a deaf person with someone who knows sign language. Or to pair a non-English speaker with someone who may know the same language. She reiterated that everyone should feel safe and comfortable in their home.
    - Ramona said they have thought about having different Living Learning floors at ARCH. They do have to be careful not to discriminate when designing these communities.
    - Sophia suggested asking them if they are interested in living in certain communities or to allow them to specify their needs.
    - Cory reminded the committee that there may be limited space available. If two people don’t get along and they only have two vacant spaces, that’s where they will be placed. Others shouldn’t be forced to move to resolve the situation.
    - Sophia understands but feels this could be resolved at the beginning with the roommate selection process.
    - Cory asked Housing to come up with a flow chart of the process for the committee to review at an upcoming meeting.
- Steve shared that he was an RA as an undergrad and they resolved roommate issues by having a roommate contract. Regardless of the dispute, they were able to refer back to that contract.
- Cory said they will review this process at a later date.

Ramona said Mark wanted the committee to provide more specific feedback regarding the suggestions provided at last week’s BAC/ARCHAC meeting. She first mentioned the larger units and asked how the committee felt about having 4-6 bedrooms.
- Cory shared that one of the BAC faculty representatives emailed him and is concerned about whether or not the international student voice is being heard. The faculty representative pointed out that international students’ criteria for living conditions is not the same as American students.
  - Sophia asked for more clarification.
  - Cory said, for example, size of units and the idea of privacy. He said they are speaking on behalf of the entire graduate population. They plan to reach out to the international graduate student population to gather feedback.
  - Sophia said she talked to a lot of international students to prepare last week’s meeting and collected a lot of feedback from them. She said the number one concern is that they wanted a place to gather.
  - Cory said there will be town halls and surveys to gather information for the BAC. One of those town halls will target International students.
  - Sophia asked if Mesa and OMS will do a Town Hall.
    - Cory said yes.
  - Sophia asked if there is room for another graduate student representative on the BAC.
    - Cory said there is usually only one graduate representative on the committee. Most of the BAC members are experts in what they do (and their job is to be that expert). He said the committee is already really large. All committee members report directly to the Chancellor and are appointed by him. He asked two years ago, when the committee was being comprised, and was told the graduate representative is usually the GSA president. He pointed out that there should be a second graduate representative because the President doesn’t always have time to attend the meetings. He talked with the Chancellor and the Chancellor OK’d adding a second grad student representative. He shared that the discussions are very long processes and often last all day from 9am to 6pm. It is a huge investment of time that not a lot of students cannot do. He was going to suggest to Lindsay that they get a dedicated person from international community to participate.
    - Sophia shared that she emailed Lindsay because she would like to be appointed to that committee. She has a lot of experience in design, hospitality, construction, and has been a part of ARCHAC for four years.
- Ramona asked for feedback regarding the 4-6 bedroom units.
  - Sophia thinks having 6 bedrooms will increase the number of issues. Also, there won’t be enough toilets.
  - Dan said the committee will decide how many toilets to put in.
  - Sophia said graduate students won’t live in those units.
  - Ramona said it would provide a more economical alternative to those that may need it.
  - Tatiana recommends having some 4 bedroom units.
Bob reminded the committee that there will be other layouts available like studios, 1, 2, 3 bedrooms in other communities. They could have varying degrees of 4 or 6 bedrooms. He thinks there is a place for those, but doesn’t think they should all be 4 or 6 bedrooms.

Russ agreed and said there is a larger portfolio of products available. This is just one part of it. It would be good to have more than one product to offer.

Cory said they should not have a fixed ratio for bathrooms though. He drew a diagram on the whiteboard of a possible layout, modeled off Muir’s Tioga Apartments. While there is a main living room and kitchen that eight people can share, there are smaller sitting areas by the bedrooms so there is privacy if needed.

- Sophia reiterated that showers should be separated from toilets.
  - Cory said yes they have noted that. He said there is an opportunity to be innovative and would like the committee to think outside the box.
- Russ can see the advantages to having a space set up like Cory’s design.
- Cory said the space should work for various lifestyles. Residents can have guests in the big kitchen or bring them into the smaller meeting space by the bedrooms. This big common room will help to create a sense of community and the small rooms will allow for privacy. He wants the committee to be innovative about the design. Everything is up in the air and this is their chance to do something great. The other facilities will still exist so he thinks they can be innovative with this one.
- Tatiana likes the idea of having one bathroom to two people. She also likes the idea of having smaller private spaces by the bedrooms in addition to the communal space.
- Sophia said they should have six burner stoves if they will have six bedrooms.
- Rosie said they should consider six bedrooms and talk details later.
- Sophia said it’ll be a party house. She said there should also be a bathroom by the living room so guests don’t have to go into a bedroom to use the bathroom.
- Rosie reiterated that 6 bedrooms isn’t going to be for everyone, but they should have this option available.
- Sophia asked if these will be furnished.
  - Bob said possibly. He said that hasn’t been determined yet.
    - Sophia said many students will want it to be furnished.
    - Cory said when he lived at Rita, he had wished it wasn’t furnished.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 4 from 2pm to 3pm at Eucalyptus Point.
MEMBERS PRESENT:  
CORY STEVENSON  
MARK CUNNINGHAM  
KIM CIERO  
MAYRA ESTRADA  
RAMONA FERREIRA  
ROBERT FRAZIER  
SOPHIA HIRAKIS  
DANIEL JACOBSEN  
ROSIE JIMENEZ-NEGRETE  
STEVEN REES  
JASMINE ROBERTS  
AMANDA SHELTON  
PA CHIA VUE  
MARY BETH WARD  
TATIANA ZAVODNY

The meeting began at 2:12pm.

Cory said the committee will need to review the budget by July. The budget will encompass setting the rental rates for the current facilities and for Mesa Nueva.
- Kim asked if they will be setting the rates for Nueva West too.
  - Cory said not yet because this is too far ahead of when they will be open.
- Mark said they will be discussing 2017-18 and 2018-19 budgets.
- Cory said they plan to do the budget every year, but with it being two years out, there isn’t a fast deadline that they must meet. By doing the budget this way, the committee has time to research and really think things through. This benefits ARCHAC, Housing, and especially the resident. It allows the residents to know their rates for the two years they will be living on campus and plan accordingly.

Cory said the committee will be reviewing the Roommate Selection Process and flow charts at the next meeting.
- Kim shared that she won’t be here next week.
  - Cory asked her to email him her proxy information.
- Mark asked if the committee wants to meet during Finals Week.
  - Amanda shared that her last day is June 7, finals week.
    - Cory asked Tatiana if she will be available to meet during Finals.
      - Tatiana said she leaves on May 23, week 8. She said she can communicate via email if needed.
      - Mark explained that the budget discussions and recommendations will require quorum.
      - Cory said he will touch base with all representatives to ensure quorum.
  - Kim asked if the committee will be meeting over the summer.
    - Cory said yes. He said the bylaws require that they meet two times over the summer.
    - Sophia asked if she could Skype in from out of town.
• Cory said he will read through the bylaws and let her know if this is ok.
• Mark said they need to double check if they have the right equipment to make it happen. He said Corliss will be contacting the committee to find a time slot for the end of the academic year Thank You luncheon.

Cory said the committee needs to discuss (1) the CA positions because they have been rewritten and (2) the items brought up at the joint BAC and ARCHAC meeting. But, before the committee discusses these items, he said Sophia has an agenda item she’d like the committee to review and discuss. He explained that dependents of residents can live with them, if they can provide evidence of dependent status. He said there have been times (quite recently and frequently) where a resident is unable to show dependent status. He asked the committee to discuss whether or not policy should be changed.

- Kim asked if the dependents are non-UCSD students.
  - Cory said yes. He said any dependent can live with an ARCH resident as long as they can provide evidence of dependent status. He said this could be a parent, sibling, etc.
  - Ramona said a resident has to be able to claim their dependent as a dependent on their tax return.
  - Cory said they currently use tax filing to authenticate dependents. If the committee would like to change this process, he’d like to them to think about what they’d like to change it to, and the pros/cons associated with that change. He shared that a committed couple has two paths they can take to provide authentication. They can either provide a marriage certificate, or they can meet the criteria another way by providing other documents (per the Housing requirements).
  - Sophia asked what those other items are.
    - Ramona said a joint bill, a will, joint bank account, etc. The couple has to meet three of the requirements and also meet with a staff member.
    - Cory said this committee decided to increase the requirement from two documents to three, to avoid the system being taken advantage of.

- Kim asked why this is being revisited.
  - Cory said the committee discussed this issue two years ago and issues have resurfaced recently.
  - Ramona said there have been three or four total at Mesa in the past two years.
  - Kim questioned whether this warrants changing an entire policy.
    - Cory said the office only knows about some of the issues. He said this comes up periodically and knows of two emails specifically. He said some have submitted appeals too. He said it isn’t a lot but it is enough to warrant having a discussion and to revisit the policy. If the committee decides the policy is still good, then it’ll stay the same.

- Sophia provided the following scenario: a current resident has to take care of his three younger siblings because their parents passed away. He is unable to claim them as his dependents but wants them to live with him in his apartment.
  - Mary Beth said the student would need to talk with Housing. If the student has a roommate, this wouldn’t be fair to them because they signed a lease to live with one other person. Housing would have to decide whether they want to move the family to another apartment. She thinks these should be considered on a case by case basis and the policy should not change.
  - Jasmine agrees that the student should talk to Housing about their unique situation. She doesn’t think the policy should change because these scenarios need to be reviewed on a case by case basis.
Cory added that this is just one example. The only document used to prove dependent status is a tax return. He asked if the committee thinks other documents should be considered.

- Mayra asked what these other documents are.
  - Cory said he doesn’t know. He’d like the committee to think about whether or not there should be another process or if another document should be considered. He excused himself briefly and appointed Tatiana as interim Chair until he returned.
  - Bob said there are nationally recognized forms and state documents that could prove dependency. He doesn’t think an ad hoc list needs to be created if there are already documents out there that they can use.

Ramona said this doesn’t happen all the time and thinks it is difficult to set the policy for all the possible scenarios. She said if the student talks with Housing, they will work with them. It may take time to find a full apartment, but they do have two emergency units they could use. If the student no longer meets eligibility, they would send it ARCHAC via the appeals process.

Sophia said there is an appeal coming for the committee to review. She would like to specifically focus on immigrants, undocumented family members, or partners. She believes a policy is needed for these types of scenarios.

Mary Beth said the committee does not set policy on immigration.

Cory said the committee did review a similar appeal, regarding the revocation of a visa.

Mayra said Housing wouldn’t be able to stop the deportation process by providing housing though.

Tatiana thinks these should be considered on a case by case basis.

Sophia said she knows five people who are dealing with this and won’t talk to Housing.
  - Ramona asked why.
  - Sophia said they are afraid they will be kicked out.

Mary Beth said she’s afraid for her students who may be living in this situation where they signed a lease to live with one person and are now living with a family.

Sophia said this is why she believes there should be a policy to protect both sides.

Kim said they would be violating current policy and isn’t sure if creating another policy would resolve the situation.

Sophia said they could create policy to assist with handling these types of situations.

Kim said there is already a policy in place.

Mayra said they can refer back to the minutes to understand why the policy was put in place.

Jasmine understands but agrees that these situations violate the roommate agreement. She’s lived in similar situations and doesn’t think a new policy would help. She reiterated that these should be considered on a case by case basis.

Bob thinks the committee should review the policy to ensure everyone understands it. If there is a gap that can’t be covered by existing policy or by the appeals process then they can think about new policy for that exception.

Kim said there is already a policy in place that isn't being adhered to so she doesn’t know who will be able to enforce the new policy. She is really hesitant to change the current policy because she doesn’t think this will resolve the issues.

Mayra agrees. She doesn’t think a policy should be created that might hinder Housing’s ability to review these on a case by case basis.
Sophia thinks the committee should think about retention and assistance. She shared that there are people leaving because they can't support families here. She thinks a policy can be created to avoid being flooded with appeals.

Jasmine doesn’t think this falls under Housing’s purview. She said it is hard to juggle a family and at some point, the student has to make a decision about what will be best for them mentally, emotionally, and physically. But, she feels these should be considered on a case by case basis.

Mark agreed that these can be handled individually. He said there has to be some kind of proof of relationship. With regard to roommates – if the roommate is unwilling to report the policy violation, a new policy won’t change that.

Rosie said the goal is to make this the best housing experience for everyone. She thinks the best way to proceed is to have these students submit an appeal.

Tatiana summarized that if the committee decided that the policy needed to be updated, they would need to decide if immigrant/undocumented and emergency situations should be different.

Cory said Housing does what they can within the current policy. When the situation is unclear, it is up to the committee to provide an exception. Although this committee changes over time, Housing is pretty consistent and provides background so the committee can make an informed decision. He believes there is continuity.

Kim believes the campus needs to get involved and all support services need to be utilized.

Cory asked the committee for a vote. He asked them if they wanted to change the current policy or if they think the appeals process can handle it.

- Sophia objected to the vote and said she'd prefer the committee continue to discuss the issue.
- Cory said the vote is to determine whether the committee wants to continue discussion or not. If the committee wants to update the policy, they'll vote to continue the discussion. If they feel the appeals process can handle it, they will vote to not continue the discussion.
  - The committee voted 0 in favor to continue discussion, 4 to maintain current policy, and 5 to abstain.
  - Sophia asked to table the discussion for another meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:03pm. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 11 from 2pm to 3pm at Eucalyptus Point.
MEMBERS PRESENT:   CORY STEVENSON  
                   MARK CUNNINGHAM  
                   RAMONA FERREIRA  
                   ROBERT FRAZIER  
                   RUSS KING  
                   MALIA MAHI  
                   JASMINE ROBERTS  
                   AMANDA SHELTON  
                   PA CHIA VUE  
                   MARY BETH WARD  

Meeting began at 2:14pm.

Mark shared that he got a “thumbs up” for the Nuevo West project from the Regents. He asked the committee what they think the community wants. He asked them for feedback on the best layouts. The more people in a unit, the cheaper the price but it does change the dynamic of living. The standard is two bedrooms and one bathroom. He said he doesn’t want the committee to think that cheaper is better though. Once a six bedroom unit is built, it is hard to change (with the exception of possibly removing walls). He’d like to revisit this discussion with the committee. If there is something the committee wants to toss out now, he’d like to make note of it. These changes will impact the rates.
   - Mary Beth said she spoke with her students and received an overwhelming absolute no on having six bedrooms.
      o Mark said closest they have to this size of an apartment is at Warren Single Grad (four bedroom units).
      o Mary Beth said they are excited about the studios and would pay more for them.
   - Cory said the one thing that was the most clear was the ideal ratio of bathrooms to people: 1 to 2. He said the International workgroup is having a discussion today and he's hoping to get feedback from them. With regards to the kitchen, a smaller one is OK as long as there is a larger group kitchen for the entire complex or per a certain number of units. When he shared the idea of having a mini fridge and microwave for every two people, many students loved that idea. He also said they would prefer to have community rooms that open up into a bigger outdoor space. With regard to washer and dryers, they preferred having a few units in each laundry room, and having more rooms distributed throughout the facility. They said having a washer/dryer in the unit is nice but if it’s more expensive, they don’t need it. With regard to dishwashers, the feedback is split – some love it and some would never use it. He believes they should have them in the group kitchens though.
      o Amanda suggested looking into countertop dishwashers because they are small.
   - Jasmine said she got a lot of feedback about gathering space like the living room. She said people want to be able to host events in their units every now and then. She said the rooms don’t have to be bigger but they could be strategic about how they are placed in the unit.
   - Cory said Math and Engineering students need more space for a dining room table. They want to be able to play board games and card games.
      o Mark asked how the committee felt about having smaller bedrooms and a larger living room.
- Jasmine said no. She said she spends most of her time in her bedroom. She needs her personal space. She said there is something about her current unit layout at Rita that doesn’t work. It forces everyone to constantly bump into each other and the flow does not make sense.
  - Amanda asked if adding more community rooms would resolve the issue. It would give residents a place to plug in or play games.
  - Cory said that is one solution but most graduate students are private people. Those rooms would work for bigger groups but if he only had four friends over, he wouldn’t want to move to a different space. It would be inconvenient for a small group.
  - Jasmine reiterated that personal space is really important.

- Cory shared that he’s received similar comments about the bathroom layout at Rita. He said if the roommates were close, it didn’t matter. But if they were not, having a separate shower and toilet would be better. He also mentioned that the bathrooms at Rita were too big.
  - Mark asked if they liked the layout at South Mesa better.
    - Cory said those layouts are more effective. He described a layout that he believes would work. He described a straight long bathroom where each area could be closed off from another. When entering, there would be a sink. The next room would be the toilet, and then at the end would be a shower. He drew the layout on the white board.
    - Mary Beth suggested having the shower in the center with toilets on either side.
    - Amanda said the residents would have to remember to lock the doors on either side of the shower though.
    - Bob drew the layout Mary Beth described on the white board, with the shower in the middle and toilets on either side. He also added the bedrooms on either side of the toilets.
    - Cory suggested having the shower and toilet in the middle, side by side in their own rooms. He then suggested having the sinks across from them. The bedrooms would be on each side. He said this could be the layout for a two bedroom, one bathroom unit for two people.

- Jasmine suggested having better wifi.
  - Mark said they will have a robust system. They don’t plan to open buildings without data connections.
  - Jasmine said if they want to be equitable, they should have a robust system in all ARCH facilities.
  - Mark said there is a plan to do that, ready to go. He will be bringing that to the committee soon.

- Mark asked for input about having a six bedroom unit for six people with three showers and three toilets. He said it would have more of a dorm-like feel.
  - Cory said most will be opposed to having six bedrooms. Even four is pushing it. But if the layout was innovative, students might be open to it.
  - Jasmine said it might work if they had levels in the apartment and had the living room in the middle.
  - Cory said they could have eight bedrooms with two kitchens if it was designed correctly. He said it depends on who they want to target. He said he wouldn’t want to live there personally, but first and second years may like it. He reminded the committee that first and second years are who they are targeting.
- Mark said the goal is to expand the portfolio of options for graduate students. He said Warren Single Grad doesn’t work for everyone, but it does work for some. He said they can talk about floor plans later, but they need to be clear about the number of rooms they would be OK with.
- Cory said what makes a bedroom size successful is not skimping on storage space.
- Jasmine thinks they are spoiled with the amount of space they have. She thinks they have a lot of space. She thinks the issue is the stuff in the space. A lot of students don’t study in their rooms, even though they are large.
- Cory said what makes a smaller bedroom successful is the modularity of it. A resident should be able to convert their space to how they want to use it. He said he would prefer a taller bed so he could put storage under it.
- Jasmine suggested building storage into the walls. She suggested looking up Tokyo units because they’ve learned to maximize the little space they have.
- Cory said the bedrooms would also depend on their shape. Squares are preferred. Also, where the door and window is, is important.
- Jasmine asked how many single units are planned. She believes graduates will want more singles.
- Mark said there will be 853 studios in Mesa Nueva. He said they can discuss adding more, but there are already a lot coming. He reverted back to the discussion regarding the six bedroom units and asked for clear direction. Once they get to eight rooms, it is no longer an apartment and is now a dorm. He shared that he’s seen them at Stanford. Single and double rooms, surrounding an open living room and kitchen. It’s a large space for about fifteen people. But, if a resident wanted to come home and relax, it would be hard with fifteen other people there. He pointed out that it would save money though.
- Jasmine said modeling the new facility after law schools is a good idea though because those students are only there for two to three years. She said this is temporary living and many students see it that way.
- Cory said the reason why he didn’t like living at Rita was because it felt like temporary living. He said it could have been the concrete floors or it could have been that it was furnished. He said some people love it. But he didn’t because no matter what he did, it didn’t feel like home.
- Jasmine said a lot of students know this is temporary.
- Bob asked what would make a student more comfortable and want to stay in their space longer.
  - Jasmine said she is comfortable but this isn’t her home. She said a lot of engineering and math students will be away during the summer doing internships and won’t be home. They won’t have time to see this as their home.
  - Cory said that is why he doesn’t want to eliminate the six bedroom option. He thinks there shouldn’t be more than four bedrooms to a kitchen though. And if there is a group bathroom, no more than four people should share it. If they split up the bathroom, they could have more bedrooms.
- Jasmine thinks they are being too picky. She said not everyone cooks and not everyone will use the kitchen. She thinks they should define who the target population is.
- Cory said it is hard to do that because these buildings will be here for at least fifty years and the populations will continue to change. The space shouldn’t be built for just one population.
Mark said whatever is built will be for single students. He believes families will want to live elsewhere in Mesa. He doesn’t think families will want to live in high rises and they will want units closer to the parking lots.
  - Amanda agreed.
Cory said they have to build something versatile because they won’t know what things will be like in 25 years.
Jasmine said the most she’d prefer is five bedrooms. She said this committee is biased though because they are mostly PhD students. For the school to bring in revenue, they will admit more masters students. There are more masters students than PhD students. Most PhD students live off campus.
Cory said he reached out to International students and hopes to bring their feedback back to the committee.
Jasmine said there are two town halls on Friday (CSE and ECE). If HDH comes up with three questions, she could ask them at the town halls.
  - Mark said they can do that and will touch base with her later.
  - Jasmine said she could also send the questions out via an electronic survey.
  - Mark said HDH will narrow down their questions and send the top three to her.

Meeting adjourned at 3:12pm. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 18 from 2pm to 3pm at Eucalyptus Point.
The meeting began at 2:07pm

Appeal 748
- Sophia motioned to vote on the appeal.
  - Mary Beth seconded the motion.
    - Appeal denied with 0 approve – 8 deny – 1 abstain vote.

Appeal 743
- Kim motioned to vote on the appeal.
  - Mayra seconded the motion.
    - Appeal approved with 5 approve – 3 deny – 1 abstain vote.

Appeal 760
- Kim motioned to vote on the appeal.
  - Amanda seconded the motion.
    - Appeal denied with 0 approve – 6 deny – 3 abstain vote.

Appeal 761
- Sophia motioned to vote on the appeal.
  - Steven seconded the motion.
    - Appeal approved with 6 approve – 0 deny – 3 abstain vote.

Appeal 763
- Jasmine motioned to vote on the appeal.
  - Amanda seconded the motion.
    - Appeal denied with 0 approve – 8 deny – 1 abstain vote.

Appeal 752
- Sophia motioned to table the appeal.
Jasmine seconded the motion.
  - Appeal tabled with 7 approve – 0 deny – 2 abstain vote.

Appeal 744
- Sophia motioned to vote on the appeal but for an extension through Spring Quarter 2017 only.
  - Kim second the motion.
    - Appeal approved with extension through Spring Quarter, with 5 approve – 1 deny – 3 abstain vote.

Cory asked if there was any other business the committee would like to discuss.
- Sophia asked about last week’s meeting and the survey Jasmine sent out.
  - Jasmine shared that she sent out a survey to Masters students and the general feedback was as follows:
    - Preferred a 2 to 1 bathroom ratio.
    - Preferred 1-2 roommates.
    - They typically use the kitchen 1-2 times a day.
    - They are not opposed to a six person unit.
  - Jasmine said she emailed the link to the results of the survey to the committee.
  - Cory shared that he set up a meeting with the International Student workgroup to gather feedback.
  - Mark said they want to be thoughtful and make sure they have the right kind of units, to give graduate students as many choices as possible. He said these buildings will be around for 50-100 years.
  - If there are any more comments about the new project, Cory asked the committee to email him via the BAC email address.
- Cory asked the committee for their summer schedules.
  - Jasmine said she will let Cory know at a later date.
  - Steven said he will be available.
  - Sophia is leaving on July 22 and will be gone the rest of the summer.
  - Kim will be gone June 16-29.
- Sophia asked if the committee is open to allowing a member of the committee to Skype into a meeting to meet quorum.
  - Cory said they’ve tried it and they have had technical difficulties. He is not opposed to it but there have been issues.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15pm. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 25 from 2pm to 3pm at Eucalyptus Point.
Associated Residential Community Housing (ARCH) Advisory Committee
May 25, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT: CORY STEVENSON
                     MARK CUNNINGHAM
                     MAYRA ESTRADA
                     RAMONA FERREIRA
                     ROBERT FRAZIER
                     ERIC HAHN
                     SOPHIA HIRAKIS
                     DANIEL JACOBSEN
                     ROSIE JIMENEZ-NEGRETE
                     RUSS KING
                     MALIA MAHI
                     REBECCA OTTEN
                     TARA-LYNNE PIXLEY
                     JASMINE ROBERTS
                     VALERIE SAPP
                     JANA SEVERSON
                     AMANDA SHELTON
                     PA CHIA VUE
                     MARY BETH WARD

The meeting began at 2:04pm.

Appeal 752
- Sophia motioned to vote on the appeal
  o Mayra seconded the motion.
    ▪ Committee voted 4 approve – 0 deny – 6 abstain. Appeal tabled until next meeting due to lack of majority.

Budget
- Mark provided background on the budgeting process. He said this is about what the residents need and the best possible way to keep costs low. He said these discussions are transparent and this information can be shared with anyone. Everything that exists in Housing today went through this committee at some point. A few years ago, they moved from doing annual budgets to having a multi-year rate. They wanted to be able to tell an incoming resident, up front, what their rates would be for the two years they would be living in their facility. This eliminated any surprises with the rent increases. He said they are close to reaching the end of that multi-year rate. He said they have 1350 beds under construction and 800 that will soon be going under construction. When they came up with the multi-year model, things were more static. They were able to forecast and be really close. He said this is a new world and things have changed. He said they are prepared to go down this road and do a multi-year budget again, but he is concerned about doing that. The construction is still in process. He asked if the committee would consider going back to a one year budget this year. If they wanted to do a multi-year budget, they’d have to do three years and he feels they would be rushed to do it. Also, they
would have to estimate costs and he’s concerned about doing that in this current state (especially since they don’t know the rental rate of the new facilities). He doesn’t want to run up rates if there isn’t a need to and wants to be as close to breaking even as possible. He said they already have rates for 2016-17, so he’d like the committee to consider just doing the budget for 2017-18 and revisiting the multi-year later. He would prefer the committee take their time to do the budget.

- Cory added that he was present when they made the decision to move to a multi-year budget. He said they moved to a multi-year budget to get ahead and allow ample time to really discuss the budget in detail and not feel rushed. He thought they were only going to do the budgets one year out.
- Rebecca said the original goal was to be able to provide a student with their rates up front when they signed their lease.
- Cory said yes, that’s why they initially had to do three years.
- Mark added that this would give residents the ability to plan ahead. He believes in the multi-year budget, but thinks they should take a break and do a one year budget this year. He wants the community to feel safe dollar-wise and doesn’t want anyone to get hit with a big increase. If they had to do a multi-year, he thinks they’d be really close but he’s uncomfortable with having too many unknowns. He said they can go back to a multi-year next year.
- Rebecca said if they project too far out, they have to project at a higher level because of the unknowns. She said they are asking the committee to think about the impact that going out too far in advance would have on the students’ budgets.
- Jasmine prefers to not do the budgets one year at a time, but can understand why doing a one year budget this year would be beneficial. Then she believes they should return to doing a multi-year budget after that.
- Mark prefers multi-year rates and budgets because it protects the students. Once the rates are set, they are locked in. After this year, they can go back to doing a multi-year budget.
- Jasmine motioned to do a one year budget this year.
  - Mayra seconded the motion.
  - Motion passed unanimously.

Bob handed out the 2016-17 budget to the committee members.

- Bob said they’d like to review the budget over the next three to four meetings. The 2016-17 budget is already approved but they wanted to give the committee a feel for what it looks like and where the current levels are at. He said this tis like “Budgeting 101,” to assist with initiating conversation. They’ll spend the next three meetings dialing into what the committee thinks the new property needs, what they need more of or what they need less of. Once they have those discussions, they’ll talk about how that looks in terms of rates.
- Sophia asked about Time Warner Cable and how that will be implemented in the budget since they’ve already solidified the 2016-17 budget.
  - Bob said the Time Warner contract will begin July 1. The expense was not built into the 2016-17 budget. The committee will have to look at how to incorporate this cost into 2017-18 and beyond. He explained that it is a highly discounted rate and includes premium channels, internet and HBO. Service would typically run about $75-$100 a month but the bulk rates is $30 a month. It’ll save residents money.
  - Jasmine asked if they will now be a part of UCSD Protected (with regard to wifi).
    - Rebecca said it’ll be Time Warner Cable.
- Mark said this is bundled with the UG contract. Campus mandates that UG use campus data. It is very expensive. So they negotiated with TWC and pulled in access to the ARCH communities.

- Sophia shared that she spoke with Nancy Wahlig from SARC. Nancy mentioned to her that the one resource they aren’t able to provide is housing. Sophia asked the committee to think about setting aside a pilot fund of $25,000 to go towards the rent of a space for one to two months, depending on the waitlist. She said this amount would allow them to help twelve people in a year. She said this is supported by the chancellor.
  - Rebecca added that she, too, spoke with Nancy and clarified that Nancy does not want to have a spot designated for them specifically. Nancy felt that Housing was meeting the needs of their students and that there isn’t a current need to specify a dollar amount for these students.
  - Sophia said the funds would be set aside, should they be needed. She said this would be a cushion.
  - Tara asked how Sophia derived the $25,000 amount.
    - Sophia said she budgeted $2000 a month for 12 months for one apartment.
  - Mark said there are 11,000 UG students that may need this resource too. He suggested working on it as a cohesive effort and possibly splitting costs.

- Jasmine said she doesn’t think the Mesa Nueva Office should be open 24 hours. She thinks the communication between staff and residents needs to improve. She also thinks there is a big gap in communication between the CAs and the residents.
  - Valerie suggested having a satellite office at Price Center because most students are on campus during the day and it’ll be more accessible to them.
  - Mark said they’ve had a discussion about that and they’ve talked about the possibility of having a space at Student Services Center (SSC). It’s a matter of whether or not there is space and what the cost would be.
  - Tara thinks SSC is a more logical place. After being at Mesa for four years, having to go to the office is not always convenient.
  - Cory said HDH has facilities all over campus so if the committee wants something on campus, they don’t necessarily have to narrow their options to just those two.
  - Mark said these are the conversations they want to continue to have. Also, he reiterated that anytime costs can be shared, it’s a good thing.

Meeting adjourned at 3:07pm. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 8 from 2pm to 3pm at the Student Services Center, Conference Room 554.
The meeting began at 2:13pm.

Summer Meeting Schedule
- Cory said a doodle poll will be sent out to all members to determine meeting dates and times for July, August, and September. He asked the committee to allot at least 1.5-2 hours for each meeting.

Roommate Finder
- Michael reviewed the Roommate Finder flow chart.
  - Mary Beth said applicants are offered a space based on their application date. She asked how this works in conjunction with the Roommate Finder system.
    - Michael said they use the person with the earliest housing application and move-in date.
    - Mary Beth is concerned about applicants jumping up to the top on the waitlist. She said it might be in their best interest to find a person with an early application and move-in date.
    - Cory said finding a space for two people is harder than for one person. So although a person might be pulled up on the waitlist if they pair up, finding them a space together will take a longer time.
  - Valerie asked if her current roommate moves out, could she use the Roommate Finder to find another roommate.
    - Bob said if she wanted to live with another ARCH resident, they are able to do so. If she wanted to pull someone from the waitlist, it would cause chaos because this person would be jumping the list.
Cory said in the past, they were allowed to pull in roommates. When one person left, they’d pull in another one, and vice versa. He said it got really messy so they decided to stop doing that.

Steven asked if the system shows only 100% matches or if it will show partial preference matches. He said it would be useful to see how much of a match a person may be with the preferences indicated.

- Bob said he will double check the system to see what it shows.
- Steven thinks it would be nice to see the distinction between the available candidates. He asked what the goal of the system was.
- Cory said people were complaining about roommate issues. The design of this was to allow two people to connect if they either knew each other or had something in common.
- Steven suggested allowing current residents to use this system as well.

Mark asked if a current resident would be able to pull someone from the waitlist.

- Bob said both students would need to fill out a roommate application. When a space becomes available, the current resident would move out of their space and into the new space with their new roommate. This prevents students from jumping the waitlist.
- Eric asked if a student is able to move out if they don’t get along with their roommate.
  - Bob said yes.
  - Eric asked if they would be able to select another roommate.
    - Cory said a roommate would be picked for them.
- Bob suggested adding more criteria and adding a mechanism that would show how much of a match a potential roommate is.
  - Steven agreed and added that current residents should be required to fill out a profile to have on file as well.
- Mary Beth suggested only allowing students to place their name on the waitlist, after they’ve accepted admissions at UCSD. She doesn’t think students should be allowed to take a space on the waitlist if they haven’t committed to UCSD.
  - Mark shared that UG just implemented this. Incoming UG students must SIR before they can apply for housing.
  - Eric said this might be difficult since grad students are admitted at different times.
- Sophia suggested adding a sliding scale from 1 to 5 in the roommate application. She thinks this would be more beneficial than providing a yes or no answer. She also thinks cleanliness questions should be added. And should have cleanliness questions.
- Cory said he’d like to move onto the appeals and continue this conversation at a future meeting.
  - Bob asked the committee to send their thoughts and ideas to Housing.
  - Eric asked if there are questions that cannot be asked on the roommate application.
    - Bob said they can always run questions by counsel to check.

Appeal 769

- Kim motioned to vote.
  - Mayra seconded the motion.
    - Appeal denied with 1 approve – 5 deny – 3 abstain vote.
Appeal 766
- Cory motioned to allow the resident’s mother to live with her for one year (from the date of appeal decision notification), so she can establish dependency.
  - Sophia seconded the motion.
    - Appeal approved with 9 approve – 0 deny – 0 abstain vote.

Appeal 752
- Mary Beth motioned to vote.
  - Sophia seconded the motion.
    - Appeal approved with 5 approve – 1 deny – 3 abstain vote.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05pm. A doodle poll will be emailed out to determine the time, date, and location of the next meeting.
The meeting began at 2:05pm.

Since there were a few new committee members, Cory gave a little background and explained that the committee had three primary purposes:

- To review appeals. He explained that these usually involved a request for an exception to a housing policy. Appeals are typically granted only if they are unique and extenuating.
- To advise on general policy issues (i.e. updating the handbook). The committee represents the students that live in grad housing and what they need/want.
- To be the liaison between HDH, GSA, and the residents/graduate students.

He explained that the committee meets once a month during the summer and once a week during the academic year.

Coast Update
- Cory provided background on the new internet roll out. He shared that Housing struck a deal with Time Warner Cable (TWC). Coast and SGA previously had ResNet. SGA will still continue to have ResNet but now Coast, Mesa, OMS, and Rita will have TWC. He shared that Coast residents have contacted him regarding their transition from ResNet to TWC. A town hall was held and both HDH and TWC representatives were present. He said all ARCH residents will have HBO and internet with 50mbps download speed, which is better than TWC standard (approximately 15mbps). The cost is cheaper and will be included in rent. He said a more focused FAQ is being worked on and will be provided to residents.
  ○ Mary Beth asked how residents will be informed of this change.
• Ramona said this information will be included in the move-in packet. Current residents were notified already. TWC has also been out at the communities for the last three weeks to answer any questions.
  - Sophia said she was surprised this information was not put in the newsletter. She said ResNet used to provide 100mbps. She’s heard from residents that everything is slow and many can’t work from home anymore. She asked if they have the ability to upgrade to faster speeds.
• Cory said yes. He explained that before the deal was made, an analysis was done to review usage. Nobody went above 50mbps. He said residents can go up to 300mbps for an additional $10 a month and will be billed separately for it.
• Mark explained that graduate students were added onto the UG package which is the reason why they were able to get such a good deal.
• Valerie said several people in her department are unable to work from home due to this transition.
  ▪ Sophia said if they are current TWC customers, they can go to any TWC location to pick up their equipment.
  ▪ Bob said they can call the 800 customer service number and have their equipment shipped directly to them.

Appeal 775
- Cory motioned to table appeal until May 2017.
  - Sophia seconded the motion.
    ▪ Appeal tabled with 9 approve – 1 deny – 0 abstain vote.

Other Agenda Items
- Sophia shared that she recently moved to West Mesa. As it gets hotter, residents are opening up their windows to let in some air. When she does this, she notices that her place is always dusty. She also notices children playing outside in the dust clouds. Her car is always dusty as well. She is concerned about residents exposing themselves to airborne particles. She wanted to bring this up with the committee to possibly find a resolution.
  - Cory asked Housing staff if there is anything that can be done.
    ▪ Ramona said there are car wash vouchers available at the office for residents. With regards to the air, testing was done before and is being done regularly to ensure they are in compliance with state regulations. Regular spraying is also being done to keep the dust down.
    ▪ Kim said they had a similar thing happen next to their building and they had to remind them regularly to spray to keep the dust down.
    ▪ Cory suggested asking them to water it down more often.
    ▪ Mark said they meet every Thursday and will bring this item up.
- Mark would like the committee to think about subleasing. This item has been on the list for a few years and needs to be discussed. He said the current process is really messy and shared a recent incident at Rita regarding a sublease. He said they need to look at who, how, and when. He shared that HDH wants to help residents sublease. He wants to have a process that will protect the residents. He wants to make it convenient for residents too.
  - Tara didn’t know that there was a sublease process involving the Housing Office. She thinks this is poorly advertised.
  - Mary Beth said she’s been on the sublease website and it doesn’t work.
Mark would like the committee to think about a better way to do it. He asked the members to talk with their constituents and they will discuss this in further detail at a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 3:05pm. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, August 3 from 2pm to 3:30pm in the Student Services Center, Conference Room 300.