Student Housing & Residence Life

Student Housing Advisory Committee
Tuesday, September 21, 2020, 8AM-9AM
Via Zoom

AGENDA – Absent: Laura Mammone, Jessica Hall, Nadira Sharif & Hannah Kroeker

1. Group Introductions (ALL)

2. Introduction to SHAC and Expectations (Chad) – see PowerPoint in SHAC folder

3. SHAC Handbook & Ground Rules (Jess N)
   - Mutual respect
     - Respect one another's opinions & ideas
     - Avoid speaking over one another
     - Assume good intentions
   - Participate fully
     - Ask questions of us and one another
     - Do what you can to best represent your community of peers
   - Zoom
     - Mute your mic if you’re not speaking
     - If comfortable, leave your camera on so we can get to know one another better in the virtual environment
     - Utilize reaction buttons when you agree with a thought or opinion

4. Other Consultation – How has the start of the year gone so far?
   - Feeling academic stress already
   - Current lower occupancy numbers in some areas have made community building trickier
   - Community meet-ups are going well – overall a positive experience
   - Students are still making connections in residence
   - From a FY perspective – it is going better than expected
• Even the pandemic can’t stop new friendships!
• Students are having a hard time connecting academically with other students in their course
• Hard to form study groups and academic supports

Feedback on COVID protocols
• Not all students are wearing their masks indoors
• Students are congregating in the smoking area and not following social distancing protocols
• Laundry room in RIH – there are wipes and sanitizer, but no sign indicating to sanitize the machine, and no garbage bin to throw out used wipes/paper towel
• Response to UTMSU positive cases lacked transparency
• Students are concerned about the university closing again
  o TO DO: talking points at the Desk on how to respond to these concerns
• Feed options during quarantine were poor (dietary restrictions not met, food undercooked, etc.).
• Concerns students will leave residence as a result of their COVID anxieties

Other feedback
• SWB laundry room is getting hot, concerned about mold developing
• Food services overall is an area for improvement
• Chad to connect with Vicky re: information on meal plan change

5. Upcoming Meetings:

• SHAC Meeting #2 – Tuesday, September 29 (Budget Process & Governance, Feedback on Move-In and Orientation)
• SHAC Meeting #3 – Tuesday, October 6 (Draft Budget, Consultation)
• Break for Fall Reading Break
• SHAC Meeting #4 – Tuesday, October 20 (New Budget Draft, Consultation)