

Housing Committee Meeting Minutes

Date:Thursday, April 10, 2025Time:2:00PMLocation:Boyd Conference Room, Conley Hall

Members Present: Shannon Remines, Chair; Anthony Tolley; Tim McKenzie; Luke Roberts; Charlie Cole.

Guests: Dr. Darrin Martin, President; Brent Benjamin, EVP & General Counsel; Joshua Grubb, Chief of Staff; Ron Shidemantle, Vice President, Student Affairs; Chuck McGonagle, Vice President of Capital Projects; Dr. Darrel Malamisura, President of the BSU Faculty Assembly; Professor; Dr. Sudhakar Jamkhandi, Professor; Cynthia Higgins-Atwell, Director of Accounting

1. Call to Order:

Mr. Remines called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM in the Boyd Conference Room.

2. Facilities Update – President Martin; Mr. Benjamin; Mr. Shidemantle; Mr. McKenzie and Mr. McGonagle

a. Tiffany Manor–Mr. Benjamin reported that an appraisal is needed. No other changes.

b. Heritage Site – Mr. McKenzie reported that SFI (Student Freedom Initiative) is still in Phase I of their funding model. BSU is interested in Phase II. Documentation is needed from BSU, and then the University will know whether it made it for Phase II consideration. Mr. McKenzie is working with Mr. Benjamin to ensure BSU is compliant in its pursuit of this opportunity.

- c. MEC Building
 - 1.) Occupancy Mr. Shidemantle reported that 211 out of 254 beds are occupied.

2.) Operational Update – Mr. McGonagle reported that boiler and compressor repairs are needed. The total estimated cost for both is approximately \$50,000.

d. Food Services

1.) The committee asked how much revenue the University earns from meals. Ms. Higgins-Atwell said she would follow up with that information.

2.) The committee discussed access to the food from main campus. Plans are being made to serve food on the main campus. Due to the repairs needed to the kitchen in Mahood Hall, the meals will need to be prepared at the MEC and brought over. The committee felt like this was a viable option to ensure students have access to meals on campus.

3.) Mr. Shidemantle reported that, based on student surveys, student satisfaction related to food services has increased.

e. Other Matters

1.) Mr. Benjamin reported that as of right now Building A at the MEC is not an option for housing. The current occupants are not interested in moving. Other options are being explored.

3. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Josh Grubb, Chief of Staff