

A RESOLUTION OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY, HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, KY, REQUESTING THAT THE OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY HOUSING IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM, KNOWN AS "UPPER-DIVISION HOUSING," WHICH PROVIDES STUDENTS OVER THE AGE OF 21 WHO HAVE COMPLETED 60 OR MORE CREDIT-HOURS, WITH THE PRIVILEGES OF GENDER-BLIND ROOMMATE SELECTION, POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL, AND THE ABILITY TO CUSTOMIZE ROOMS.

WHEREAS, students with 60 or more credit-hours made up approximately 48% of the undergraduate student population in the Fall of 2011 [according to statistics gathered by the Office of Planning, Policy and Budget], and

WHEREAS, students with 60 or more credit-hours make up approximately 20.4% of the residential population [according to Arnie Slaughter, Interim Director of University Housing], and

WHEREAS, upper-division students have attained knowledge and skills necessary for independent living through their experiences in residential living, academics and Campus Life, and

WHEREAS, University Housing currently has policies in place to handle the distribution of alcohol to minors and cohabitation, negating the need for additional policies to handle abuses of these privileges, and

WHEREAS, an increasing number of universities [54 as of 2010, according to the National Genderblind Campaign, which amounts to 8.5% of all public 4-year universities, based on a 2006 report of the National Center for Education Statistics] are implementing or have implemented programs for gender-blind housing, whereby students may room with members of the opposite sex, and

WHEREAS, research at universities with gender-blind programs have shown there to be no increase in incidences of sexual harassment/assault or cohabitation [according to studies published on the website of the National Genderblind Campaign], and

WHEREAS, the majority of public universities in the United States allow students to possess alcohol [2 out of 3, according to a study by Harvard University], and there is a current movement on many campuses across the Commonwealth [including the University of Kentucky] to allow students to possess alcohol, and

WHEREAS, research at universities that have alcohol policies similar to NKU's has shown that such policies are not practically effective at preventing alcohol consumption [such as a random survey at the University of Kentucky which found 75% of underage students had consumed alcohol in their time at UK, and that 63% had done so in the residence halls], and

WHEREAS, a program that takes a realistic approach to controlling and containing alcohol use on campus would most likely be more effective at addressing the issues of binge-drinking, drinking and driving, and distribution to minors, and

WHEREAS, the ability to customize residential rooms beyond the generally accepted standards, i.e. to paint the walls, use thumbtacks, hang shelves, etc. would greatly increase the overall experience of the upper-division resident, and

WHEREAS, a simple down-payment, decided by University Housing and agreed to in contract by the resident, would prevent Housing from incurring unnecessary debt in those instances where residents did not return customized rooms to their original condition, and

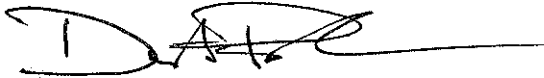
WHEREAS, the creation of a corresponding "upper-division living and learning community" in Woodcrest Apartments would allow for University Housing staff to monitor the success of this program and make changes where necessary, and

WHEREAS, these privileges would likely increase interest in campus living for upper-division students, and improve the overall experience of students in their time living on campus, and

WHEREAS, these privileges would further prepare students who participate in the program for the responsibilities of independent living after graduation.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, ON THIS 20th DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2012, THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION REQUESTS THAT THE OFFICE OF UNIVERSITY HOUSING IMPLEMENT THE ABOVE OUTLINED PROGRAM, KNOWN AS "UPPER-DIVISION HOUSING," AND CREATE A CORRESPONDING LIVING AND LEARNING COMMUNITY.

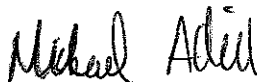
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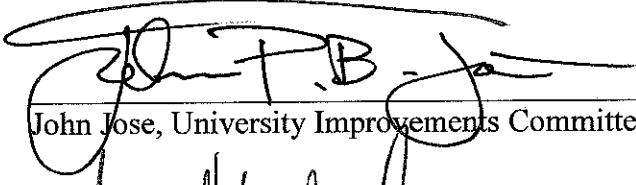
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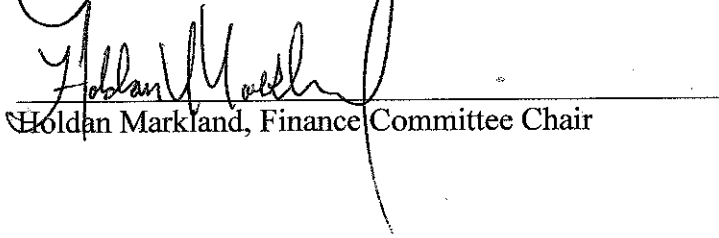
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