

Verano Resident's Council Meeting 3/21/08

Present at the meeting:

1. Suzanne Kaasa
2. Tia Peterson
3. Sameer Patil
4. Donna Willis
5. Carrie Carmody

Academic Senate Update (Suzanne):

- UCI is considering including law and medical students in the housing guarantee. As Grad Studies is already planning higher numbers of new PhD recruits each year than Housing originally anticipated, there may be problems with Housing's ability to meet the guarantee in future years.
- Academic Senate would like higher recruitment numbers than what had originally been projected, this is creating an issue for housing who based their projections on earlier figures.
- Length of stay limits for those who had no stated normative time to degree in their catalogs will be addressed at a future meeting.
- Housing for late admits discussed but no decision made at this time.

Meeting with Verano Place Housing Update (Carrie, Suzanne, & Tia):

- Gazette will soon carry a segment on VRC members and the function of the VRC.
- Updates on the Unit 6 fire alarm project, upcoming VRC elections, upcoming Cyber Café manager hiring, landscaping, recycling, laundry rooms, new online maintenance request system to come online soon, removal of mailbox cover at the 200 building due to poor condition, shuttle service reroute, possible lot re-stripping, current state of the budget process, and new machines for all laundry rooms when card system is installed.

Labeling of trash cans near mailboxes (Sameer):

- Suggestion that they be labeled clearly that they are not for recycling. Sameer will look into the cost of such labels.

Upcoming VRC election for the 2008-2009 year

- An vote was held on who to elect to be the elections commissioner and compensation was also approved for the position.
- An announcement regarding the election will be forthcoming from Verano Housing and the Elections Commissioner in mid-April.

Suggestions for possible community enhancements and activities for the rest of the year:

- Another joint event with PVRC (approved)
- Other entertainment and recreation options proposed for further discussion t the next meeting.

VRC Newsletter

- Approved pending a few minor revisions, to be posted in laundry rooms and online