

Verano Resident's Council Meeting 4/8/08

Present at the meeting:

1. Suzanne Kaasa
2. Tia Peterson
3. Donna Willis
4. Carrie Carmody
5. Community Resident Interested in the VRC

Expenditures from the VRC fund

- Forms signed for upcoming elections costs
- Request from the Queer Graduate Caucus for their upcoming Spring party
 - Discussed and approved (Carrie to contact the club regarding procedures for reimbursement)

Campus Governance Group (CGG) Update (Suzanne):

- Projected rent increases are still not final
- Graduate First Year Initiative hiring on hold due to campus-wide hiring freeze
- Vista Del Campo may soon begin accepting applications from married graduate students without children (and those with domestic partners)
 - Graduate students would be eligible for 1, 2, and 3 bedroom places
 - All VDC apartments are furnished and no removal of furniture would be permitted
 - Further discussion about assignment to VDC is needed as the bedrooms are not designed for couples, they are designed for singles and this may be an issue for some.
- Fire department is still pushing for fire drills and fire inspections in apartments.
 - As this appears to be a UC wide issue Suzanne will contact the President of AGS about it. Perhaps it should be an issue for the UC Graduate Student Association.
- More information was received about who is accessing our childcare facilities.
 - In addition to faculty, staff, and UCI students, there are also some community members who use our facilities.
 - As Verano residents are subsidizing this service we feel that costs should be shared with both Palo Verde and Campus Funds.
- Transferring between graduate communities is still a problem as the system is not set up to handle moving residents from one community (such as Palo Verde) to another (such as Verano). This will be discussed in future meetings.