



Western Washington University Associated Students  
**University Housing Representation and  
Advocacy Committee**

Thursday, February 15th, 2018

5:00 PM

VU 460

**Members:**

**Present:** Annie Gordon (ASVP for Student Life), Soumya Ayelasomayajula (Resident Adviser), Anne Lee (Resident Adviser), Maeve Eickelberg (Resident Adviser), Yashaia Van Leeuwen (ESC Rep), Sandra McCall (Resident Adviser), Dee Mooney (DOC Coordinator) and Casey Hayden (Assistant Director of Student Representation & Governance).

**Absent:**

**Advisor:** Casey Hayden

**Secretary:** Chloe Callahan

**Guests:** Tabitha Dorn, Rowan Daetwiler, Aimee Gaza and Hunter Stuehm.

**Annie Gordon called the meeting to order at 5:14 PM.**

**The committee did not have quorum but still met for an informal discussion.**

**I. Introductions**

Gordon asked the committee to share their name, pronouns and position.

**II. Discussion Items**

**a. Committee history**

Gordon reviewed the charge and charter. She said this was the first year the committee existed to collaborate between the AS and University Residences. She said the updated charge and charter was more inclusive regarding university residences representation. Gordon shared the UHRAC proposal and stated that the committee had a two year grant of \$15,000. She said if the grant was not spent it would go back to the reserves.

**b. Committee expectations**

Gordon acknowledge her role in the Resident Adviser movement the previous year and recognized the harm that came out of it. She expressed that the form of advocacy used previously was not sustainable. She stated the committee was not there to continue that form of advocacy and there was a different way of going about getting action done.

The committee discussed why they were there and why they had wanted to be involved. The committee then spent time creating a list of issues they felt could be improved that academic year.

Gordon provided the committee with updates in regards to University Residences. She shared that the AS had looked into safety in residence halls. They were looking into implementing one-way windows for first floor rooms. She had been working with University Police to rework their Green Coat program in terms of thinking about a community policing model. The relationship would be focused on a public safety and allocate specific green coats to specific regions so you know who was there for you. Gordon shared that she was working on a safety assessment survey to gather data on how residents felt on campus. She said RHA would be distributing that survey within the next few weeks. This data could help in the decision regarding cameras in residence halls. She was working to move the lighting in Tot 20R to a higher priority. She was also trying to figure out a more centralized way of alerting students about safety and criminal activity on campus. She had spoken to the city of Bellingham in regards to a cross walk to Tot 20R. She was informed that they focus their funds on high accident areas, which did not apply to Tot 20R.

***Annie Gordon adjourned the meeting at 6:18 PM.***