**Off-Campus Life Advisory Board Minutes**

**February 9, 2015**

**In Attendance –** Jeannie Ortega, Lindsay Mason, Mike Katz, Forrest Orswell, Jake Christensen, Alan Nash, David Wallace

**Preliminary Budget –** Jeannie introduced our preliminary OCL budget to the board. Our increase falls within the expected percentage for mandatory fee increase.

**Housing Fair –** We advised the board about our upcoming Housing Fair on March 4th and invited them all. We currently have 53 tables reserved and 42 vendors (31 paying vendors and 11 non-paying).

We also brought up our idea of a new marketing tool during Housing Fair – to have students get stamps from various vendors to be eligible for a separate drawing. The boardagreed that it would be a good idea. A couple of questions were brought up: “What would the incentive be?” and “What would constitute a connection with a booth for a stamp?”. We decided the incentive would not be major – a tshirt or $5 Ramcash card. The connection level would be up to the booth. They would have to have at least a conversation with the representative – can’t just be walk up and get a stamp.

**SAHE Practicum –** The new SAHE student has been hired. He will be working mostly on the RamRide project (about 70% of his time). A member of the board asked what the plan was for the research that this student is conducting. We will use it mostly for program improvements, but also to have better data collection and determine the need to revisit/reimplement some past policies.

**Rental Survey –** Jeannie gave some background on the Rental survey. It was an attempt on the part of UniverCity Connection group to communicate and get information to and from the University and Rental Housing entities. We are attempting to shorten the survey. The question was asked if the transportation questions only related to those close to campus and what was the purpose of those questions. Jeannie explained that originally they were for MAX to get a sense of what people want in relation to MAX.

Some suggestions for consolidating questions were given. It was suggested that we look at trends to see if we can give this survey every 2 years instead. It was also suggested that the questions from page 6 of the survey could be moved to the Housing Fair survey.

Lindsay brought up the 2 questions we want to add to the survey to determine if there is any correlation between what students pay for rent and when they sign a lease.

**Sophomore Transitions –** We let the board know that we are in the middle of our sophomore transitions period. We shared the cover of our handbook as well as a copy of our residence hall bulletin boards that will be up in the Residence Halls soon.

**Social Hosting Ordinance –** Jeannie brought up this proposed ordinance. The city is determining whether to hold hosts liable if they provide alcohol to minors. She will keep the board advised of the process.