

Meeting Minutes: UASRA General Assembly January 16, 2019  
3200 Sawtelle Community Centre

- 1) Public Comments: none
- 2) Apartment Coordinator Announcements:
  - No personal items in the halls way or stairwells
  - No animals in the common areas
  - Laundry rooms close at 10pm for quiet hours, please observe this rule
  - Now wearing shirts when on duty
  - Check apartments hallways/ stairways bi-monthly - please do not leave any personal items in hallways or stairwells. They will try to locate owners but will remove items that have been unattended for a long period
- 3) UCPD Report (Officer Briggs)
  - Arrest of person who lives in an RV for mail theft following a resident report of suspicious activity. Found that he was repeat offender.
  - Residents feel unsafe and are now scared to call in because they fear they will be accused of racism. If residents see suspicious activity feel safe to report regardless of the race of the person.
  - UCPD officers can advise on child car seat installation (Action: possibility of hosting a child seat installation even)
  - Following an attack on a resident, Housing is installing additional cameras at the north end of Sawtelle (by the gas station)
- 4) UAS Management Report
  - Guest visit from Erin Fabris, Sustainability Manager UCLA Housing and Hospitality: Composting will be reintroduced to the community. 13 “one yarder” bins for composting will be added to dumpster areas; these will be picked up 3 times a week. This will necessitate the Athens truck driving through the complex. This will be at around 11am. Programme expected to start in 3-4 weeks.
  - ResLife adviser: Housing is considering producing magnets w/ important information regarding compost
  - Sep A rep: Residents may not speak English - it would be helpful to use images
  - Discussion of other possibilities - a video about properly composting
  - Sep C rep: Trash being put where it shouldn't be is an ongoing problem
  - No further questions for management
- 5) President's updates on ongoing issues
  - Dog walking in the community:  
Housing is planning to amend rules and provide potty areas so that residents can walk dogs in the community for safety. Walk through with management to scope potential areas in coming weeks. Residents are urged to treat dog owners with compassion and assume positive intent.

- Discussion of safety and shuttles/ Bruin buses followed this update - residents would like to see buses stopping directly at UV. The shuttle goes from Venice Barry and Keystone Mentone as they are not served by city buses to campus; the cost of this is borne by residents' rent
- Study rooms- Housing plans to conduct a survey of residents to ask what they would like to see in the study rooms. The current study rooms will not be brought offline until new study rooms are available. Housing is now looking at constructing new buildings to accommodate study rooms.
- Rose residents who were relocated to Mentone and saw a 12% rent increase: Rent increase will be refunded. They will remain at the Rose Ave baseline and community rent increases will be applied to that.
- 2018-19 budget and housing affordability (update from meeting with AVCS Peter Angelis & Suzanne Seplow)
  - Rent increase maximum of 3% will be effective July 2019
  - Rents will no longer be benchmarked against commercial rents outside the community
  - Housing remains unaffordable on graduate stipends. Suzanne Seplow has promised a meeting that will convene decision makers in graduate pay, healthcare, childcare and general well being, possibly to be convened by the Graduate Dean of Students.

6) ResLife update

- Collection bins for toys/ clothes, shoes, old books are planned for outside laundry rooms. Third party company who will shred and everything gets recycled. They will pay the university per pound. Funds get given back via Economic Crisis response. On campus revenue averages about \$2-3k per quarter. Timeline- pending on fire marshal approval . About a month or so out.
- Current study rooms are being upgraded while we wait for new study spaces, including wifi and lighting.
- Housing eligibility check was done: in December 43 residents did not meet eligibility requirements. In January this was down to 22
- Lighting is being increased at entry gates
- Amazon lockers are being assessed. If installed they will only be for residents they can be private (management to check if lockers are work at the village)
- ResLife event on January 26th, pot luck lunch, all residents are welcome.
- Movie Nights planned by ResLife through the spring: Have a poll and have what ppl would like to see.

7) Creation of the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion UASRA officer: budget proposal

Motion proposed by Treasurer, seconded by VP:

Health and Safety delegate stipend will become the new position. The new position to have a starting stipend of \$200, and an additional \$500 for events

Vote: 14 in favour, 0 abstain, 1 against.

- Discussion of the creation of the position by laws: What does the community want to see?
  - Role in moderating Facebook
  - Responder ie mediator with proper training etc.
  - Events: can participate in the existing schedule of events (\$1,000)

- Resident education
  - Example: Greeting others, and accepted behavior
  - Generating materials etc.
  - Unit rep training at the beginning of the year
  - Cultural/ diversity events
  - Please reach out to the President with any suggestions etc.
- 8) Community Centre Maintenance Coordinator
- Key community position is vacant from end January  
Unit reps please feel free to let people know. Need help we have 2 weeks left  
It's best if they live on Sawtelle due to the nature of the work
  - Unit Reps will be getting keys for the UASRA office and the community center  
Everyone using the spaces must adhere to cleanliness standards, UASRA Secretary to draft  
Access to office provides printing
- 9) Unit rep event plans and updates
- Sep B: Craft and bake fair- residents selling their goods and services  
Reserve the community center in case of rain
  - Mentone: 3rd garden convention- successful at composting. Creates a lot of soil.  
Lunar new year – Taiwanese neighbor to get more information
  - Sawtelle D: 35 ppl went to happy hour. Success as a result of talking to ppl at the playground and getting them to commit to the event. If they didn't go, asks why they didn't go.
  - Sep A Movie night with wine & cheese. Have someone take picture for them at the events
  - Sawtelle E: Yoga event-
  - President: on upping attendance at unit events
    - talk to residents and personally invite them
    - Delegate some of the tasks to involve neighbours. Ask to other to help to increase engagement
  - Sawtelle A rep is hosting first event and is nervous, would like ideas / support
    - Magdalena to start email chain for unit reps to share ideas
- 10) Treasurer status
- Treasurer has left the community
  - The Board feels that her 2+ years of expertise is important to retain for the rest of the year, particularly as fee increase proposal is planned and ResLife management is changing
  - Motion to maintain Treasurer in position  
15 in favour, 0 abstain, 0 against - motion carries

Attendance

UNIT REPRESENTATIVES					
Sepulveda A	Linda Castillo Sanchez	P	Keystone	Traci Ramirez	A
Sepulveda B	Magdalena Cline	P	Mentone/Clarington	Aleksandar Kondic	P
Sepulveda C	Natalija Markina	P	Rose Avenue	Michelle Luna	A
Sepulveda D	Ashely Neph	A	Sawtelle C	Talya Cohen	A
Sawtelle A	Sufia Sadaf	P	Sawtelle D	Ali Savas Zorlu	P
Sawtelle B	Miranda Chichetti	P	Sawtelle E	Leila Ensaniat	P
OTHER UASRA OFFICERS					
President			Helena McDermott		P
Vice President			Negar Omidakhsh		P
Secretary			Marbet Munoz		P
Treasurer			Tracy Martison		P
Website Editor			Rob Farley		Excused
Event Coordinator			Umut Tok		P
Community Center Coordinator			Lukas Smith		P
Community Center Maintenance Coordinator			Deevi Soumyasri		P
Sepulveda Maintenance Coordinator			Position Vacant		n/a
Green Coordinator			Lauren Seaman		A
Community Gardener Supervisor			Abigail Nateghi		A
Safety and Health Delegate			KT Bender		Excused
Management & Visitors					
UAS Area Manager			Leslie		A
Area Facilities Director			Regis Mesko		A
Residential Life Advisor			Addae Jahdai-Brown		P
Residential Life			Josh O'Connor		P
Housing & Hospitality			Erin Fabris		
UCPD			Officer Briggs		