

UNH FACULTY SENATE
MOTION # XIII-M14

Family Housing

1. Motions presenter: Ruth Sample
2. Date of Faculty Senate discussion: 4/6/09
3. Rationale:

Several years ago the university raised the rents in the family housing at Forest Park and demolished a number of housing units there; and the administration had agreed at that time to replace the demolished units by converting some of the Woodside Apartments from undergraduate to family housing; but that did not happen because the administration admitted more undergraduates and did not actualize the plan. The senate's Campus Planning Committee and many other faculty are concerned about where graduate students and new faculty can live. Any housing at Leawood Orchard would be far in the future, if it ever exists. Immigration law for foreign graduate students limits the number of hours the student may work and prevents the family members from working; and so housing is an important problem. Senators Brigitte Bailey and Anita Klein were present at that agreement on housing, and the senate chair said that the provost and the dean of the graduate school also remember it. However, the Campus Housing Office has not been directed to implement the agreement. Mimi Becker said that she has a 2003 email from former Vice President for Finance and Administration Candace Corvey discussing this agreement. Another senator said that this matter was detailed in articles in the Campus Journal and The New Hampshire at that time as well.

4. Motion:

Consistent with the previous agreement, the Faculty Senate asks President Huddleston and Dick Cannon to convert the Woodside Apartments to family and graduate housing as soon as possible; the senate recommends that graduate housing be increased as part of the vision expressed by the Blue Ribbon Panel on Research at UNH, because the current level of housing is not adequate to support this vision; and there should be some faculty representation on the ad-hoc group on family and graduate housing conducted by Dick Cannon et al. The senate chair should send a letter to the university president and Dick Cannon in that regard.

5. Senate action: approved unanimously

6. Senate chair's signature: 

Forwarded to: President Mark Huddleston, on April 14, 2009

Forwarded to: Provost Bruce Mallory, on April 14, 2009

Forwarded to: Vice President Dick Cannon, on April 14, 2009