ANNUAL REPORT OF THE UW-M COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

1970-71

MEMBERSHIP: Five faculty members appointed by the Chancellor; three students appointed by the President of Student Government, one of whom is a dormitory resident and one living off campus; the Director of Housing, ex-officio.

FUNCTIONS: The Committee on Housing serves as an advisory body to the Housing Office in implementing faculty-approved policies related to student housing and gives assistance to the faculty concerning the availability of housing. The Committee recommends for faculty approval general policies affecting housing.

In view of the fact that all members except one were new and unfamiliar with the areas of the Committee's concerns, considerable time was spent becoming acquainted with the entire housing situation at UWM including the function and organization of the Department of Housing.

The Committee identified for consideration the following areas related to housing:

1. Sandburg Hall - the student residence owned and operated by the University.

2. Recreation facilities available to students particularly those living in the residence halls.

3. Off-campus housing - privately owned facilities available to students.

4. Married student housing.

Disposition of each area:

1. Sandburg Hall

In view of the fact that a special student-faculty committee was appointed by the Assistant Chancellor for Student Services and Special Programs to advise the Housing Director on the operational aspects of policies governing Sandburg Hall, the Committee on Housing decided to concentrate its efforts on other aspects of housing unless called upon to serve in an advisory capacity by the Director of Housing.

2. Recreation Facilities for Students.

On the recommendation of the Committee on Housing, a Special Student-Faculty Recreation Committee was appointed to investigate present recreational facilities for students and faculty and to make recommendations to the faculty and appropriate administrative officers.
The Committee on Housing is presently making plans to follow up on these recommendations made by the Recreation Committee on May 8, 1969.

3. Off-Campus Housing - deferred for the present.

4. Housing for Married Students.

On May 8, 1969 the UWM faculty went on record recommending that the Administration proceed with all possible speed with the planning for married student housing.

At present, no evidence is available that this recommendation has been or is being implemented. There is considerable evidence, however, that the need for housing facilities for married students is increasing rapidly and constantly. Since 1968-69, the number of married students at UWM has increased from 4735 to 5715.

Immediately after the Milwaukee Journal article appeared on December 1st, 1970 indicating the possibility of converting Purin Hall into living units for married students, over 30 inquiries were received concerning dates of availability, rental fees, furnishings, parking, waiting lists, etc.

The University owns one facility which is suited to the needs of married students, namely, Purin Hall, which the Committee feels should be made available as soon as possible.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Committee on Housing recommends that immediate steps be taken to provide rental housing for married UWM students in the 16 apartments in Purin Hall starting Semester I, 1971-72.

General guidelines for the implementation of the above recommendation.

A. At least one of the couple is to be a full-time (or equivalent) student at UWM. This housing is for bona fide students in degree programs, and clearly not for those who might enroll in courses to be eligible for housing.

B. The apartments are to be rented unfurnished, or with minimal furniture as available. Major appliances, including refrigerator, range, garbage disposal, will be supplied and maintained by the University.

C. Rents will include heat, hot water, electricity, but not parking; however, residents will have priority in applying for parking space in Purin at regular fees.

D. Rentals will be on a 12-month lease basis.

E. Applications should be processed on a first-come-first-served basis, following adequate notice. (No priority as to category of student, as graduate/undergraduate, seems desirable).
APPENDICES

1. Since 1965, studies and reports have been made to the faculty, to the University Committee, and to the Chancellor on the need for married student housing at UWM.

   Chronologically stated briefly:

   1965 - Survey made of the needs for housing for graduate students. Report given to Housing Committee by Professor R. Paull.

   1968 - Recommendation of Housing Committee sent to Chancellor indicating urgent need for married student housing.

   1968 - Letter sent to Chancellor by Chairman of University Committee urging action on recommendation of Housing Committee.


   1969 - May 8th, faculty went on record approving the Committee's recommendations.

2. According to a cost study made by the Director of the Department of Housing, Purin Hall Apartments (16 one-bedroom units) can be quickly and reasonably reconverted to the purpose for which they were originally built and be ready for occupancy in September 1971 for a rental fee which would be competitive in the open market.

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