ANNUAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE ON HOUSING, 1971-72

The Committee on Housing (34.26) 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 may delegate its responsibilities or parts thereof to appropriate subcommittees or administrative offices; such delegation, however, does not abridge the responsibility of the Committee. The Committee recommends for faculty approval general policies affecting housing. In unusual circumstances, the Committee may establish interim procedures concerning housing which have temporary effect until requisite faculty action can be taken or relevant policy issue.

This year, the Committee held meetings to discuss topics which included: the possibility of undertaking a careful survey of the housing needs of UWM students; the establishment of a realtor liaison for faculty housing; discussions with members of SHACK concerning Sandburg dormitory policies; and the decline in University Housing Office involvement in the inspection of rht quality of housing being listed in the University list of available housing. Suggestions for action were received during a meeting with Assistant Chancellor Ernest Spaight, and ex-officio committee member Elmer Hamann helped the committee with a clear report on the financial realities facing the Housing Office. After discussion and urging from both faculty and student members of the committee, and in conjunction with a bill approved by the University Student Senate (O11-USS-23), this committee respectfully submits to the Faculty Senate the following recommendations for action.

Recommendations

In view of the fact that approximately 9,000 students attending the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee live in "off-campus" housing and since in the past the administration of the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, through the Housing Department, has served students by listing housing available to them and by carrying on inspection of these listed dwellings, this committee urges the Faculty Senate to adopt a resolution requesting the administration, through its Housing Department, to:

1. continue the practice of publishing a listing of off-campus housing available to UWM students;
2. resume and increase the practice of inspecting listed off-campus housing;
3. investigate complaints from students of non-compliance with the fair housing code;
4. consider charging a nominal fee to landlords for the service of having their housing listed in the Housing Department's publications, the fees to be used to partly defray the expense of resumed inspection.

We further recommend that adequate funds be made available to the Housing Department for the expanded service this proposal will offer to 9,000 University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee students.

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