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Liz Van Lysal – University Housing Update

In Fall 2009 there are 4,300 students living on campus. About 3,200 of those students are FY students which total about 80% of freshman living on campus. Sandburg has 2,800 students in the four towers, while Cambridge Commons and Riverview together have 1175 residents who are also primarily freshman. Cambridge has 550 FY students as well as 150 upper classman. Cambridge is similar to Riverview in that the rooms have large closets and air conditioning. Cambridge is included on the shuttle route. The building is a Gold LEED certified building which include solar panels and environmentally focused assistance with run off. Cambridge Commons also includes a cafeteria, Grind, computer lab, floor kitchens, fireplace lounge, and music practice rooms. The 1st floor includes retail space which houses the UWM Foundation office and a UWM Bookstore satellite location.

Within the Living Learning Communities there are anywhere from 20-72 students that live on a floor together based on a common major or interest. The LLC also has a specially selected RA, cooperating staff/faculty member, classes within the residence halls and are located in all 3 first-year student buildings. The 2010 LLCs options and more information can be found at www.LLC.uwm.edu. Some of the community topics include American Sign Language, Beyond Borders, Community Leadership, Creating Your Future, Dance Foundations, Film, Video, & New Genres, Healthcare Careers, Information Society, Innovation House, Lab Rats, Speaking to Make a Difference, Visual Art, and Writing & Visual Culture.

The Housing contract timeline starts with the UWM Application where a student checks “yes” in the housing box. A postcard is sent to confirm 1 week after the application has been submitted. Contract “guarantee” letters are beginning to be sent out this week and will continue to send “guarantee” letters to students 2 weeks after their acceptance to UWM. The University Housing Director will determine when housing stops accepting contracts.

The first round of housing contracts will be mailed January 6. This is when students are able to choose a room and roommate preference, apply to join an LLC, and choose a meal plan. Housing contracts are due by Feb 1st with a \$300 deposit and a completed contract. Students accepted after mid-December can expect a contract about 2 weeks after acceptance. Confirmation letters are mailed 2-4 weeks after payment deadline.

What happens next? A student can cancel until May 1st and still receive their \$300 deposit back. Room assignments become available online in late May. Students can sign up for a move in appointment date and time online in mid July. Housing and meal plan charges will be posted to PAWS account in late June. A housing staff member will be available at orientation to speak with students and their families. Move in dates are August 28th – 31st and staff should think about volunteering.

If students have any additional questions, have them visit the University Housing website at www.universityhousing.uwm.edu or call the office at 414-229-4065, email: contract-list@uwm.edu. If staff have any questions please contact Liz Van Lysal, Program Outreach Coordinator at 414-229-3253 or vanlysal@uwm.edu.

Michael Hostad – PantherLink Subscription Center “Zimlet” and “Important Dates and Deadline” Calendar

Students now have access to their class schedule through the calendar system on PantherLink. Hopefully in the future students will also have access to data added by faculty including quiz dates and exams. In PantherLink we now have the option of adding Important Dates and Deadlines to your calendar. Dates that affect students, including financial aid deadlines are all in one central location. You can also go to the Subscription Center, a zimlet category that lists publically available calendars to

browse through and subscribe to areas you are interested. These calendars then appear as a list in your calendar options. These times do not go against your scheduled events and still show you as available to meet. Facebook events can also be added by contacting help@uwm.edu or (414) 229-4040. Class schedules are updated nightly once a student makes a change to their schedule. This calendaring function can also work with Outlook for departments that choose to use Outlook. If you are interested in creating a calendar, please be in contact with mhostad@uwm.edu. There is about one day of work that goes into creating a calendar for the subscription center.

Jen Singer – International Admissions Update

Katja Maertens-Wilsing is sick so she will not be able to join us today. International Admissions SU09 and FA09 numbers are in and are up. Undergraduate international student admissions are up 10% for new freshman as well as about 10% for new transfer students. International graduate students are up 15% with 87% of those graduate students in Engineering. Actual enrollment is up 45% from the previous year for undergraduate students. The national trend occurring is a drop in international undergraduate students. The Center for International Education is down one staff member and are currently in the process of replacing that position with a hope of a January 1st start date.

The international transfer process was implemented last year and seems to be going very well with little feedback. Hopefully that is the case and no one has any additional questions.

WACADA/NACADA Experience Sharing

Kristin Roosevelt shared that she was able to attend some interesting pre-conference sessions. Kristin also learned more about the electronic transcript in the UW System. This is currently being piloted with a few high schools with the hopes of this being available for transfers from college to college. This would be extremely valuable for students to transfer with more ease. The UW System Advising Taskforce is currently in Phase 4 of the TIS update. Another aspect that is being worked on is the ‘What If’ transcripts. This would allow a more full program and degree picture before a student transfers. This information is not official but hopefully will be coming down the pipeline to UWM soon.

No additional staff shared their experiences from either WACADA or NACADA. Possibly in a future meeting more information will be shared from a conference experience.

Campus Community Reports

- Enhancing Advising Subcommittee
No report
- Graduate/Retention Workgroup
Will be removing this group from future ACN agendas until this workgroup begins to meet again
- Financial Aid
Financial aid updated their student worker handbook from 1999. There are federal brochures that UWM would like input from ACN.
- Center for International Education
International Education Week is this week, November 16th-20th. Flyers with details of the events are still available. Thursday, November 19th from 3:00-4:30 will be an Open House – all are invited. New brochures are now available for Study Abroad.
- LGBT Resource Center
No report
- Women’s Recourse Center
The Center is in the midst of the budget process currently. LINKS was eliminated this way a few years ago. Are currently looking into ways to increase student awareness of Student Government, how the budget process works and how to get more involved. Is anyone has any outreach avenues please contact Sue.
- Orientation Leadership Team
There will now be a 30 minute college meeting in the morning for the day of spring NFO with only one afternoon registration group. CA’s will do activities in the afternoon with the incoming students. There will not be an Amazing Race race style challenge but instead will focus on what

the students need to know. Students will continue to hear about Safety and Health, the Union, the Klotsche Center, will walk through Bolton and the Library. If advisors have any questions that are regularly asked of them or other ideas, please pass that information along to the OLT to be added to the tour or day.

- Enrollment Services
DES will sponsor its 10th Annual Bake and Media Sale on Thursday, Nov. 19, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Bolton Hall breezeway. Proceeds to benefit the Hunger Relief Fund.
- First Year Center
No report
- Student Accessibility Center
Jason Altmann was welcomed to ACN as he is a recent addition to the Student Accessibility Center staff. Jason started here last month and received his Master's from UWM.
- Panther Academic Support Services
PASS is located on the 1st floor of Bolton. There is a full slate of final reviews before finals begin. PASS continues to expand their online tutoring. More information about tutoring is posted online, signs are updated on the office doors, students can drop in and just show up for assistance.

General Announcements

- Korea Day is this Friday in Bolton Breezeway
- 2009 Academic Staff Holiday Social at Cuvee on Thursday, December 17th 4:30-6:30. RSVP and monies to Sarah Schillinger or Kim Omachinski
- Reminder for any ESL students with writing struggles – ESL-PIC test and ENG 102 sections for ESL students
- Deadline is noon today, November 17th for the ACN Recognition Award
- Indian Taco Sale is tomorrow, Wednesday, November 18th from 11:00-1:30 at Point of Grace Church.

Next ACN meeting: No meeting will be held in January. The next ACN meeting will be on Tuesday, February 16th 8:30 a.m.