

Annexure A

MINUTES OF THE PLACEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON RESIDENCE PLACEMENTS, WHICH WAS HELD ON MONDAY, 26 MARCH 2018, IN HOUSING AND RESIDENCE AFFAIRS' COMMITTEE ROOM AT PRES. STEYN ANNEX

1. PRESENT AT MEETING

Prof Prakash Naidoo	Co-Chair
Prof Nicky Morgan	Co-Chair
Mr Quintin Koetaan	Housing and Residence Affairs
Mr Pura Mgolombane	Dean: Student Affairs
Dr WP Wahl	Director: Student Life
Mr JC van der Merwe	Director: Institute for Reconciliation and Social Justice
Mr Abel Jordaan	Residence Head: Khayalami
Mr Sonwabile Dwaba	SRC: Campus Residences
Ms Donae Loggenberg	Prime: Madelifi
Mr Hein Badenhorst	Chief Officer: Placement Administration

2. ABSENT WITH APOLOGY

Ms Pulane Malefane	Assistant Director: Residence Life
Mr Frank Makhabane	Residence Head: ConLaurês

3. WELCOMING

Prof Naidoo welcomed all attending and introduced Mr Koetaan to conduct the meeting in cognizance of the time constraint.

Mr Koetaan indicated that this is a special feedback meeting and status report on Placements 2018.

4. NEW MATTERS

4.1 Offers made to prospective students 2018

The Committee received statistics prior to the meeting indicating the number of offers made to prospective students as well as the diversity distribution of these offers.

The percentage (%) offers made to white prospective students was noted compared to the number of white first years in residences by the end of March 2018.

Prof Morgan remarked whether all students in crises were assisted. Mr Koetaan confirmed that most were assisted.

Prof Morgan indicated that the focus must be on Top Achievers to support the drive of UFS Marketing and the University.

Prof Naidoo asked what the plan for 2019 is taking into consideration the high turn-up rate in 2018. It was noted that the turn-up rate in 2018 was 90% and higher at almost all residences.

4.2 Current diversity distribution of first years in junior residences

Statistical feedback provided indicates that 11.25% of first years in residences are white.

It is noted that by the end of March 38.75% of junior residence capacity is occupied by first year students compared to the target of 40%.

4.3 Overall diversity distribution

Feedback provided on the status and diversity distribution on the Bloemfontein campus indicates an almost 100% occupancy rate.

The overall diversity distribution on the Bloemfontein campus was noted as 72.69% black, 12.39% colored, 1.15% Indian and 13.37% white.

5. Review of Policies

5.1 Policy and Additional Regulations concerning the placement of students in junior residences, Bloemfontein and South Campus

Mr Koetaan indicated that to go forward the approval of the changes to this policy is crucial.

Following a discussion with regard to the Policy concerning placements of students in junior residences the following remarks were noted:

- The pressure for placement from returning students must be taken into consideration (Prof Morgan).
- The Application Process and the communication during this process is vital (Mr Mgolombane).
- Do we have a percentage beds reserved for students with disabilities? (Prof Naidoo).
- Consideration should be given to the placement of first year students together in a block in accredited off-campus accommodation (Prof Naidoo).
- It is important to distinguish between first time entering students and first year students (Prof Naidoo).
- Is it possible to determine beforehand whether bursaries awarded to first years pay for off-campus accommodation? (Mr Mgolombane).
- What if there are students with a 100% pass rate but the residence is full? (Donaé Loggenberg).
- Challenges experienced during the renewal process will be avoided in 2018 where students who have reached the age limit will be seconded to senior accommodation (Mr Koetaan).
- How is the process driven to migrate students from Legae residence to residences on Bloemfontein campus (Sonwabile Dwaba).
- In 2018 first years from Legae residence were managed into residences on Bloemfontein campus as part of the first year intake (Hein Badenhorst).

- There is a concern that students may grow old in senior residences (Prof Morgan)
- The mechanism to prevent the above is the policy and regulations concerning the placement and placement renewal on senior accommodation facilities (Mr Koetaan).

The following recommendations were approved:

- The number of first years in junior residences will be increased to 50% in 2019.
- For 2020 the number of first years in junior residences will be increased to 60%.

5.2. Regulations concerning the renewal of placement in junior residences, Bloemfontein Campus

Item to be discussed at next meeting.

5.3 Policy and additional regulations concerning the placement and placement renewal of students in senior accommodation facilities, Bloemfontein Campus

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6. CLOSURE

The meeting adjourned at 15:00.