

RLC 2015-16 Meeting 5, Nov. 14th

Location: Hans Bethe Seminar Room

absent w/t excuse: Dustin, Carly, Sharon, Linda, Allison, Walter, Patricia

absent w/ excuse: Chris, Anusha, QingQing

Hope:

Project 2: “The Fault in My Roommate” Program and Roommate Communication Campaign

- Goal: encourage communication and conflict resolution among roommates living in residence halls
 - o The program will offer peer-mediation training and resources to encourage residents to communicate problems that they may have with their roommate, that otherwise would go unheard.
 - o This program is targeted toward freshmen and transfer students who may not have selected to live with their current roommate, but it is open to all students on campus.
- Proposed date: mid-Spring 2016 semester
- Purpose:
 - o As the semester gets busier, it can be difficult for roommates to communicate roommate issues. This leads residents to build up frustration and aggression toward their roommate, without effectively communicating their thoughts/annoyances.
 - § As such, roommate conflict may ensue, and residents may feel uncomfortable in their living environment or annoyed with their roommate.
- This program seeks to address some of these roommate concerns by encouraging and empowering residents to communicate with their roommates. Through an informal training/tutorial opportunity, the program offers residents the skills to voice their opinion and concerns with their roommate.
 - o At the beginning of the program, residents may place anonymous suggestions about topics that they would like to be discussed at the program or concerns that they are having with their roommate.
 - § The program facilitators will use these suggestions/comments to direct the topics covered in the program.
- Example program topics:
 - o What to do/what not to do to address a roommate conflict?
 - o How to talk to your roommate about your pet peeves?
 - o How to ask your hall mate to turn down their music
 - o Resources to talk about roommate/hallmate conflicts: RAs, RHDs, EARS

Resources:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2012/07/22/education/edlife/experts-advise-on-roommate-conflicts.html>

<http://thechoice.blogs.nytimes.com/2012/07/19/communicate-college-roommate/#respond>

1. Communicate
2. Clean
3. Be Considerate

4. Coordinate socializing
5. Compromise

Tony

Housing Timeline and Residential Life Leadership Opportunities

- Goal: Make and distribute a timeline that portrays housing opportunities and application processes for undergraduate students. Include on the timeline:
 - o Housing lottery schedules
 - o RA application schedules
 - o Co-op applications and mosey processes
 - o Program houses
 - o Off-campus housing options
 - § Resources for off-campus living
 - § How/when to rent an apartment space
 - § Is Greek housing right for you?
- Simultaneously, this project will encourage continued on-campus housing and encourage students to consider leadership opportunities in residential life. This will require the program to communicate student leadership opportunities in residential and new student life through improved publicity campaigns. The project will increase the awareness of opportunities to become involved in/as:
 - o Tatkon student assistants
 - o Residential Student Congress
 - o Resident advisors
 - o The Peer Review Board
 - o Orientation Steering Committee
 - o Orientation Leaders
 - o Senior Advisors (SAs) on West Campus
 - o Off-campus housing leadership positions

Sasha

Light project

Recruitment – everyone should be helping recruiting new members for the next semester (current member stay in unless didn't meet the attendance policy)

Dustin, make poster?