

Office of Residential Life

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Division Housing Statute

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Section 1: Definition

Division housing is defined as continuous and contiguous housing granted to long-standing recognized student organizations.

Section 2: The Specialty Housing Board

The Specialty Housing Board oversees division and theme housing and is chaired by the Associate Director of Housing and Operations, Office of Residential Life.

The Specialty Housing Board is comprised of seven members: a student member of a Greek organization having division housing, a student member of a non-Greek student organization having division housing, a student who is not an active, regular member of any organization having division housing, a North Community Advisor, a South Community Advisor, the Vice President of Student Council's Student Life Committee and the Chair of the Student Council's Housing and Dining Committee.

The members of the Specialty Housing Board shall advise and make recommendations to the Chair in all matters regarding division and theme housing. Four or more members must be present to advise or make recommendations to the Chair.

The Chair shall have final authority in matters of division and theme housing.

Section 3: Initial Eligibility for Division Housing

Organizations seeking division housing must be in good standing with the Office of Student Engagement and the Office of Residential Life, as well as completed at least five consecutive years of Theme Housing.

Section 4: Granting of Division Housing

Proposals for grants of division housing will be reviewed by the Board. Proposals that receive support from a majority of the Board members present will be forwarded to the Chair for final approval or disapproval. The Office of Residential Life may rescind grants of division housing for violation of the rules outlined in this document, or if circumstances make such termination necessary to achieve College and/or Residential Life goals.

Section 5: Requirement of Organizations Granted Division Housing and Residents of Division Housing

75% of the membership of an organization granted division housing must live in assigned division, as space permits.

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Organizations granted division housing must complete four campus contributions as outlined in the Student Organization Handbook between each January and December, with no fewer than one campus Office of Residential Life contribution happening per semester. A Campus Contribution Form must be completed and accepted for an event or program to be counted towards a division housing's campus contribution requirement. Should a campus contribution be rejected by the Office of Student Engagement, the division housing organization may appeal to the Specialty Housing Board for additional consideration by submitting the original campus contribution form to the Chair/Associate Director of Housing and Operations. The Specialty Housing Board will make a final determination on whether to accept the event or program as a campus contribution requirement. All campus contribution forms and appeals must be submitted by the last day of the semester in which a program or event was held. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Organizations granted division housing must select a division housing coordinator to maintain good relations with the Office of Residential Life. Division housing coordinators will attend one meeting with a staff member from the Office of Residential Life each semester, including one in the first two weeks of the fall semester and the spring semester Division Housing Review.

Section 6: Review of Division Housing Review of the division housing program shall be conducted once per semester by the Division Housing Board. Review of organizations granted division housing shall be conducted in the spring semester for the prior spring and fall semesters. The Office of Residential Life may call the Board together for additional meetings, as necessary.

The Division Housing Board shall make recommendations to the Office of Residential Life for consequences to organizations, based on compliance with these rules. These consequences shall include, but not be limited to:

- Imposition of additional educational [campus contribution] sanctions
- Modification of division housing allocations
- Warning or Probationary status for division housing
- Suspension or Termination of division housing

Should organizational consequences occur, written appeals may be filed with the Director of Residential Life/Assistant Dean of Students within three calendar days of written notification.

The appeal must be based upon one or more of the following criteria:

- Procedural error(s) made in the consideration of the review
- New information unavailable at the time of the review
- A decision not supported by the manifest weight of the evidence

Upon receipt of the appeal, the Director of Residential Life/Assistant Dean of Students will review all of the relevant information and provide a written response within 5 business days granting the appeal and modifying the initial decision, or denying the appeal and maintaining the initial decision. The Director's decision is final.