

Division Housing Statute

approved by the Division Housing Board Spring 2017

Section 1: Definition

Division housing is defined as continuous and contiguous housing granted to long-standing student organizations recognized for their commitment to the campus community.

Section 2: The Division Housing Board (a.k.a. The Specialty Housing Board)

The Division [Specialty] Housing Board shall be chaired by the Associate Director of Residential Life or other housing staff member, who shall not have a vote, except in the case of a tie when a member is absent. The Board shall be made up of the Director of Student Engagement or designee; a Greek representative, an independent student representative, a North Community Advisor, and a South Community Advisor who will be affirmed by the Chair of the Housing and Dining and/or Committee; the Student Council's Vice President of Student Life; and the Chair of the Student Council's Housing and Dining Committee.

The Board shall advise the Director of Residential Life (DRL) in all matters regarding division housing. The Office of Residential Life shall have final authority in matters of division housing.

Section 3: Initial Eligibility for Division Housing

Organizations seeking division housing must be recognized by the College, must have completed five consecutive years of Theme Housing, have a recommendation from the Theme Housing coordinator, and must be in good standing with the Office of Student Engagement and the Office of Residential Life.

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 DRL for approval or disapproval. The DRL may rescind grants of division housing for violation of the rules listed below, or if circumstances make such termination necessary to achieve the housing and residential life goals of the college.

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.

Each organization granted division housing must have an administrative, staff, or faculty advisor who is employed by the college, to guide the organization in continued presence on campus and in fulfillment of division housing requirements.

Organizations granted division housing must complete four campus contributions as outlined in the [Student Organization Handbook](#) between January and December, with no less than one campus contribution happening per semester.

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 two semesterly meetings with a professional staff member of the Office of Residential Life, including one in the first week of Fall semester and the 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 DRL may additionally call the Board together as necessary.

The Division Housing Board shall make recommendations to the DRL 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 Vice President for Student Affairs within three calendar days of 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 (i.e. updated medical information);
- A decision not supported by the manifest weight of the evidence

Upon receipt of the appeal, the Vice President for Student Affairs 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 VP's decision shall be considered final.