

To Dr. Carter

From Tom Richardson

Subject Board Agenda Item on BSU House

MINORITY FILE
UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO
Inter-Office Memorandum

Date June 19, 1972

Thank you for your response to the draft agenda item I sent along. I have discussed your paper with Dr. Coonrod and Mrs. Bush and would offer the "compromise" wording below. I believe we are all in agreement that the live-in provision should be completely eliminated. I believe this, plus specific instructions to the group, is the best way to deal with the fire hazards of the old place. It simply is not realistic to impose 8 to 5 hours on a unit used for this type of programming. Also, even if sleeping quarters are not part of the use of the upstairs, that area can be used for a small library and for a study room. Corky proposes that after the Board gives a green light to the new agreement a set of instructions be issued to BSU on use of the unit. She is willing to draw these up. I agree with her and think this is an important step.

5.0 Physical Plant

5.7 Facilities Use

5.71 University Property at 706 Deakin Street

Re: Regents' Minutes for 1-3 April 1971, page 173.

Student ~~Student~~ The house at the above location is across the street to the east of the ~~Student~~ Idaho Union Building. It is an old two-story dwelling owned by the University and scheduled to be demolished in 1975 to permit the extension of a parking lot. The condition of the house is such that if major repair costs, such as replacing the furnace, arise it will be economically sensible to remove it before 1975. Therefore, plans for the use of this house until 1975 are being reassessed on a year-by-year basis.

Per the Regents' action referenced above, the house has been used for the past year by students of the Black Student Union. Evaluation of their program for the year past indicates that the original rental agreement has not worked well. Live-in renters have limited the use of the house for full development of different programs. It is proposed that effective August 1, 1972, the house no longer be the responsibility of the Family Housing Division, financed on a self-supporting basis, but that the responsibility for maintaining the building be assumed by the Physical Plant Division of the University.

Under the new arrangement the house will continue to meet organizational and social needs of minority students, but it will not be used as a residential unit. A comprehensive program is planned for the house to include a reading room, cultural awareness activities, an orientation program for black students, a Pan-African exchange and cooperative programs with the Black Studies courses of the University. It is proposed that the University provide utilities, except telephone, and cover maintenance and related costs, ~~through the Intercultural Programs office budget.~~ Students, primarily through the Black Student Union, will be responsible for program development and for funding the operation of the house.

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Moved by _____, seconded by _____, and carried that the responsibility for and use of the property at 706 Deaking Street as proposed above be approved.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. Hartung', written in a cursive style.

cc: Dr. Hartung
Dr. Coonrod
Mrs. Bush