

To Dr. Carter

UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO

From Tom Richardson

Inter-Office Memorandum

Subject BSU House, 1972-73

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In several different sessions held with black students this spring Mrs. Bush and I have tried to evaluate the operation of the BSU House. We now have in hand some specific program commitments from BSU. I would suggest that the Board review this matter in an agenda item.

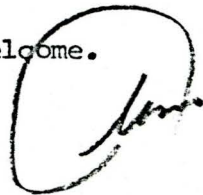
This past year the Board affirmed its interest in minority student programs by designating a family housing rental unit for use by the Black Student Union (item 4.812, p. 173, April 2, 1971). Evaluation of this operation has been made for the past year and the following change in procedure is recommended:

Effective August 1, 1972, the 706 Deakin Street dwelling will cease to be rented as a family housing unit and will be administered as a minority student center. The University will provide utilities, except telephone, and maintenance through the Intercultural Programs Office budget. Students, primarily through the Black Student Union, will be responsible for program development and funding and for operation of the center. Operation of the center will be subject to annual review by the University administration.

Members of the Black Student Union have prepared a comprehensive program outline for the center including: a reading room, cultural awareness activities, an orientation program for black students, a pan-African exchange and cooperation with black studies courses offered by the University. The house will continue to meet organizational and social needs of minority students but will not be used as a residential unit, except to meet emergency temporary housing needs of minority students.

This approach has the blessing of BSU leadership and, I believe, most of the black students with whom we have spoken. Mr. Surfus of Family Housing is also of the opinion that this is a more realistic approach than we had this past year.

Your questions and suggestions are welcome.



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