

Notes from the SPARC Meeting on February 14, 2017 Suggestions to Grow the Number of Voluntary Residents

In this meeting that included a segment on the Campus Master Plan and the Housing Master Plan, SPARC participants were asked to identify things that we could do to make our housing offerings more attractive to grow the number of students staying on campus voluntarily.

1. Provide 12 month options in the residence hall
2. Living learning things to include not only honors programs, but programs like Music Industry Management, Management, Criminal Justice, Construction Management, etc.
3. Price is a big factor; must make price comparable to the market
4. Proximity to the program is also a big factor
5. Provide an opportunity for short-term leases or contracts that recognize students coming and going based on student teaching, internships that start or end at different times, etc. will have easy housing accommodations with University.
6. Allow on-campus voluntary residence to register for classes before others get to register for classes
7. Affordable childcare
8. Make it an option to stay on campus during breaks and publicize it well.
9. Make it convenient for students to make their own food in the residence hall so that the voluntary resident does not have to be on the meal plan
10. Semester long contracts, rather than full academic year contract
11. Offer three free credit hours if an individual chooses to voluntarily live in the residence hall