

R-F2019-01: To implore President Kathryn Foster to refrain from presenting, to the Board of Trustees, the Student Affairs housing differential model.

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Student Government Strategy & Operations Committee

Date: October 26, 2019

WHEREAS, the Student Government of The College of New Jersey promotes and advocates for its constituents' best interests; and

WHEREAS, the Student Government of The College of New Jersey was informed by Residential Education & Housing on October 23, 2019 regarding a proposal to introduce a differential housing model at The College of New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, the Student Government of The College of New Jersey acknowledges the College's 2021 Strategic Plan states a commitment to "accessibility and affordability"¹ and to "make inclusiveness and diversity a part of planning and daily operations"²; and

WHEREAS, the Student Government of The College of New Jersey recognizes that the intended outcome of the housing proposal is to provide more equitable housing options for students, determined by single, double, triple, and quadruple occupancy rooms; and

WHEREAS, the Student Government of The College of New Jersey recognizes that square-footage for room types (e.g. single, double, triple, quadruple) vary based on residence hall and are not equal in size themselves; and

WHEREAS, the Student Government of The College of New Jersey emphasizes that, from the FYE experience alone, a single room in Travers & Wolfe is approximately 144 square feet, a single room in Centennial Hall is 124.8 square feet, and a single room in ABE and Norsworthy Hall is approximately 112 square feet³; and

¹ "Vision Statement." *TCNJ 2021: Bolder, Better, Brighter*. TCNJ Strategic Planning and Resource Committee and Board of Trustees, 2016. <https://academicaffairs.tcnj.edu/strategic-plan-2021/>.

² 89705 "Goal 1, Priority I." *TCNJ 2021: Bolder, Better, Brighter*. TCNJ Strategic Planning and Resource Committee and Board of Trustees, 2016. <https://academicaffairs.tcnj.edu/strategic-plan-2021/>.

³ TCNJ Housing, 2019. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiSigmxb6GetFIraB2Ka1aA/featured>.

WHEREAS, the Student Government of The College of New Jersey emphasizes that a differential housing model would not promote inclusivity and equity, as this model does not comply with the current housing “lottery” system, contingent on a random computer-generated time slot for housing selection; and

WHEREAS, the Student Government of The College of New Jersey stresses that a comprehensive proposal on a differential housing model, complete with projections, estimated costs, and a definitive purpose, was not presented to the campus community for well-informed feedback on the proposal.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Student Government of The College of New Jersey urges President Foster, and associated members of the College’s Cabinet, to refrain from presenting the aforementioned proposal on a differential housing model to the Board of Trustees.

ADOPTED: November 6, 2019 **Signature of Executive President:** _____