



**Residential Planning Group
Final Report
May 2022**

Members:

INTRODUCTION

- a. Are the existing residence halls past their useful life and economically not worth keeping?

Recommendation: As above, the College should do a complete Facilities Assessment of the residence halls to determine what the deferred maintenance issues are.

- b. Does a future strategy for housing indicate an increase or decrease in demand compared to the existing capacity?

Recommendation: For now, develop flexible contingency plans for a decrease or increase in enrollment that does not involve tearing down or building a new residence hall.

3. Do the existing buildings meet the needs of current students and provide the type of accommodation that competitors provide?

Students

Admissions

Recommendation: In a master planning exercise, develop plans to upgrade the existing residence halls to provide more singles, fewer students per washroom, more communal kitchen space, and more community space that meets the specific interests of students.

4. How should we address parking problems?

Recommendation: Analyze the fiscal resources that are necessary to secure the right people – and give them the resources that they need – to build community.

2. What will it take to build community in our residential program?

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Recommendation: Empower Residence Life and other campus departments to experiment with low -budget projects that may develop into community -building traditions.

Recommendation: Assess the space in Mohr Student Center for a commuter lounge and prayer/meditation space.

3. What kind of spaces create community?

Recommendation: Include residence hall furniture replacement in residence hall master planning. Capitalize on any donor interest or surplus

5. What is the financial role of summer programs that utilize the residence halls?

- 1) **Develop a Facility Master Plan that will outline the needed renovations to the residence halls and address the parking situation.**

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- 2) **Rally the relevant campus departments around building community in the coming year(s), especially as we seek to revivify the campus after a pandemic kept us apart.**

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