Emergency Housing for

Graduate Students

October 14th, 2:15pm-2:45pm

<https://uoregon.zoom.us/j/98374771730>



**Attending:** Jimmy Howard, Francis Pastorelle, Missy Matella, Kiana Nadonza, Natascha Reich,

Jean-Baptiste Simon, Mushira Habib, Rebecca Corral (minutes)

**Introductions**

Office of the Dean of Student Staff

University Housing

Employee Labor Relations/Human Resources

Graduate Employee Representatives

**Overview- Francis Pastorelle**

On the topics of new construction and housing, and additional hardships, we were encouraged to meet and discuss housing and COVID challenges as it relates to GE’s and international students.

**Group Discussion**

* **Available Resources – Dr. Jimmy Howard and Jessica Haymaker-Parsons**
* **Title IX Concerns** – The Office of the Dean of Students helps with safe housing (short/long term accommodations, for on and off campus locations and family housing)
* **Student in Crisis Fund** <https://dos.uoregon.edu/> - **International and Dreamer Students are eligible for this fund.** This supports housing, security deposits, food, medical costs and are reviewed to meet the needs of the individual student.
* **CARES Fund** <https://financialaid.uoregon.edu/cares> - Federal Emergency CARES Act Grant available to students who qualify and have filled out a FAFSA.
* **Dean of Students -** <https://dos.uoregon.edu/> - additional resources are provided to support student safety that include hotel rooms, emergency loans, and food security.
* **Off-campus Housing Resources** <https://dos.uoregon.edu/offcampus>
* **International Student Challenges**
* Students don’t meet common requirements (i.e. credit score and references)
* Not having a driver’s license
* Limited to living close to appropriate public transportation or near campus
* Availability to financial assistance funds
* University cannot provide emergency housing to GE’s
* **Action Items:**
* Francis will follow-up with Anna Schmidt-McKenzie and Silvina Sousa-Ransford regarding campus housing questions and Krista Dillion with Safety and Risk Management.
* Better guidance and awareness regarding international student hurdles
* Missy suggested an education component for local landlords concerning the needs of international students
* Consolidate and post resources (lease offices that work with international students or waive fees)
* Possible 2nd meeting with group

**Chat Comments 10/14/20:**

From Natascha Reich to Everyone: 02:17 PM

I'm posting in the chat 2 links to the information that Francis asked for last time (testimonials from students about their UO housing experiences)https://docs.google.com/document/d/16NFcuievJAh7JAMzyRqzJ2Myc0FNZjAL9ePvO0Of514/edithttps://drive.google.com/drive/u/2/search?q=housing

From Kiana Nadonza to Everyone: 02:17 PM

Thank you so much, Natascha

From Me to Everyone: 02:18 PM

Rebecca Corral is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.Topic: Jimmy's Mtg Emergency Housing for Grad StudentsTime: Oct 14, 2020 02:15 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)Join Zoom Meetinghttps://uoregon.zoom.us/j/91333268598Meeting ID: 913 3326 8598One tap mobile+12532158782,91333268598# US (Tacoma)+13462487799,91333268598# US (Houston)

From Natascha Reich to Everyone: 02:24 PM

Please try if it works now: https://docs.google.com/document/d/16NFcuievJAh7JAMzyRqzJ2Myc0FNZjAL9ePvO0Of514/edit?usp=sharinghttps://docs.google.com/document/d/1qi3oiUQrHpiBuUxORBWVPvBtyD1im1cn1Q6CKUEUl3s/edit?usp=sharing

From Kiana Nadonza to Everyone: 02:24 PM

They work!

From Natascha Reich to Everyone: 02:24 PM

thx, Kiana!

From Jessica Haymaker-Parsons; she/hers to Everyone: 02:24 PM

Yes, thank you!

From Kiana Nadonza to Everyone: 02:28 PM

Sorry, quick point of clarification- how long are we able to meet today?

From Jimmy Howard to Everyone: 02:28 PM

we go until 2:45

From Kiana Nadonza to Everyone: 02:35 PM

One suggestion that got brought up was requesting UO look into short-term emergency leases for those who are not necessarily Title IX but housing crises.As well as UO Housing working with the community to start creating on- and off-campus information, e.g. particular leasing offices that work with international students and can waive certain fees.As well as Graduate aAssistance Fund potentially expanding to incorporate more types of qualifying events. Currently, it is limited/restricted to new child, medical issue, and childcare expenses. Unless we qualify for CARES Act and have not already received other funds like Students in Crisis, students are not necessarily protected with the financial hardships that affect students from COVID.

From Kiana Nadonza to Everyone: 02:45 PM

Yes, sorry if any miscommunication- that is the issue! COVID problems are arising that require emergency funding for studentsI agree with Mushira. As a domestic student who feels I have a good rapport with folxThat showed me resources and it was still overwhelmingI think one issue is that you can only apply once per year, correct? (I could be wrong)So if they received it already, then come COVID or displacement, they cannot apply again and the short term loans might not be enough to cover rent, etc.I had a qualifying event but the paperwork needed was not even accessible due to COVID!

From Missy Matella to Everyone: 02:47 PM

I have to jump off. Thanks for letting me participate and I will follow up with more info when I get it.