

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Regents
From: Board Office
Subject: Report on Closing of Helser Residence Hall
Date: May 10, 2004

Recommended Action:

Receive the report on the closing of Helser Residence Hall for the 2004-2005 academic year, and other cost saving measures planned by the Department of Residence.

Executive Summary:

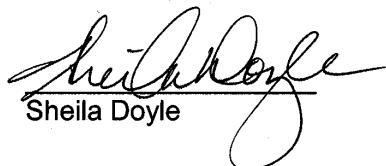
The University has adjusted downward its enrollment projections for the fall 2004 semester by more than 300 students.

This has reduced the Department of Residence operating budget for FY 2005 and requires the Department to reduce its operating expenses by \$1.7 million.

As part of the effort to reduce expenses, the University plans to close Helser Residence Hall for the 2004-2005 academic year; the resulting savings are estimated at \$640,000.

- Helser Hall, located in the Union Drive neighborhood, can accommodate more than 700 students. The University reports that 163 current Helser residents had planned to return to the residence hall for the fall 2004 semester. (Room assignments for incoming freshman have yet to be completed.)
- The University has notified the affected students of the closing of the residence hall and provided options for the relocation of these students to other residence halls.
- The University also plans to relocate three Helser Hall learning communities to Friley Hall.
- The closing of Helser Hall is not expected to be permanent; however, the building is scheduled to be decommissioned in 2008.

Formal Board action would be required, in accordance with bond covenants, when the University recommends permanent closure of the residence hall; no Board action is requested at this time.


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Approved: 
Gregory S. Nichols