Talking Points – Second Year Living – FOR NEW MEMBERS

- Sorority and Fraternity Houses can apply for approval to have rising second year students (class of 2015 students) live in the facility next year.
  - We are in the process of accepting applications for 2nd Year Living for those with a facility that you wish to have approved
    - Approval is a two part process
      - First – complete the on-line survey tool and attach applicable documents
      - Second – schedule a walk through with Ohio State Student Life to verify submitted information and answer questions
  - Until both parts are completed, a facility is not approved
    - Approved facilities will be posted on both the Sorority and Fraternity Life website as well as the STEP / University Housing website

- Even if a facility is approved, it does not guarantee that you can live in as a second year student
  - Some facilities have limited bed spaces for members, including new members
    - If housing in the facility is of interest to you, plan to ask the chapter about this
      - Are they approved or applying for approval for second year living?
      - Where are they at with this process
        - Application submitted?
        - Is the walk through scheduled?
      - How many bed spaces are they planning to offer to second year students?
      - If there are not enough for ALL second year new members, how will the chapter determine who gets the spaces?
        - Lottery, first come, first served, point system, grades, all of the above?

- Housing Renewal and Greek Housing Application Process
  - The University’s on-campus housing renewal portal will open in late January or early February (date has not yet been set).
    - There are 4 options on the initial screen of the renewal portal
      - Repreference – allows on-campus students to select their housing preference for next year
      - Going home – you are living or moving home (live within 25 miles of campus)
      - Not enrolling – you are not planning to return to school or are seeking an exemption for the on-campus requirement
      - Going Greek – you are planning to live in your fraternity or sorority chapter facility and the chapter has GUARANTEED you a spot.
    - Our recommendation would be to select “Repreference” even if you think you’re going to live in the chapter facility next year. This would allow you to make a selection of an on-campus location that you would desire. If you then choose to live in the chapter house or the chapter selects you to live in the approved chapter house, we can remove you from the on-campus system (no penalty) and move you into the chapter house.
- If you select “Greek” and for some reason you don’t end up in the facility, you will be placed into an on-campus location but it would not coincide with your selection as you would not have made an on-campus selection at that point.
- Chapters are required to notify the university no later than March 1st of who is living in their facility or whom may be living on campus.
  - Chapter have until May 15th to have their house certified for 2nd Year living
    - If a chapter is approved after March 1st for on-campus living, we will move applicable second years into the facility without penalty.
  - All living locations must be finalized by June 1st
    - If a student is switching between university housing and a Greek chapter house (house needs to be one approved for second year living), the cost is $2000 to make the change AFTER June 1st.