

Order of The Golden Bear

ESTABLISHED 1900

Temporary Meeting Location, October 23rd, 2018

Items for the Good of the Order:

Reminder of the protocols of the Order

A fellow then reminded the rest of the fellows to RSVP to meetings and as well as sign into the meeting when they get there.

A fellow then brought up the CEO of Microsoft's ideals aligning with that of the Order's on Diversity.

Elections are coming up: November 13th is the final date that people can have to sign-off on fellows at 11:59.

The discussion then went to the intricacies of the Order election process.

The Warden then announced that the Order Council will talk about the standards within the order at the next order council meeting.

Items for the Good of the University: Housing Crisis

The Warden began the discussion with the notes presented in the email on the housing crisis.

A fellow brought up their experience working with housing issues. Historically, the state never supplied any housing. Supply always followed demand, and during the anti-war Berkeley era, nobody wanted to live in student housing. The issues started beginning when the number of students increased dramatically. The fellow brought up the issues and solutions going on right now in the local ballots to help build housing as well. All of the new housing will be built is through is private. This is a very difficult situation that could be remedied by voting.

The fellow brought up the fact that many students aren't bringing to light the housing issue and that they need to be more vocal.

A fellow brought up that although they don't have much expertise on the subject, that they were curious about a centralized housing system, similar to URAP, but for housing.

A fellow brought up that there used to be an office next to Crossroads diner about housing. A fellow brought up that there is "campus cribs," but it is very fraudulent.

A fellow then brought up that some freshmen don't even get housing.

A fellow brought up that a lot of the resources people have to seek them out themselves and brought up tabling on Sproul as early as January and February to add.

A fellow brought up that the university needs to partner with the private sector to stop people from raising prices too high.

A fellow brought up that campus ambassadors are no longer able to say that housing is guaranteed for freshman which makes prospective parents extremely worried.

A fellow brought up that as students move further away from campus people feel less connected with the campus making it seem like people aren't able to connect with the campus.

A fellow brought up that there are legal officers in 102 Sproul that we fund to help disputes with our landlords. Furthermore, when you get a bid from a Fraternity, people just joined the Fraternity

A fellow brought up that the Cooperative system has become a cultural phenomenon instead of a financial solution, as many affluent people are using it to get good housing.

A fellow brought up the fact there is value in staggering the student prices for others involved.

A fellow brought up that there are locations on campus for registered emergencies but not "overnight" emergencies.

A fellow brought up that we need a major resource for housing emergencies, a resource needs to be widely known to students.

A fellow brought up that we should be more politically active about our leaders to make this positive change, instead of academic buildings we need bay area movement to live here productively.

A fellow brought up that Subletting is also a huge issue at Berkeley, and described several instances of them not being able to be involved.

A fellow brought up that the city and the University are at odds with one another causing stagnation in movement.

A fellow brought up that the resources exist, but do not have the infrastructure to support more students, and more things on Cal-Central.

A fellow brought up that the division of student affairs could take on these issues.

