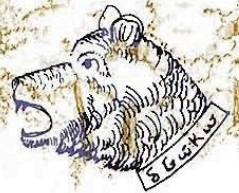


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The topic of tonight's discussion concerned campus facilities, including those involving student housing, dining, and other campus departments.

Topically, Senior Hall was brought up to start the discussion as an example where accessibility is an issue. Keeping the ensuing Cal Day in mind, Fellows wondered if and how facilities' upkeep and standards influenced prospective students' decisions in attending the University.

In discussing the relationship between students and their facilities. Fellows remarked that the University is now at the point where students must raise their own fees to improve basic facilities for their use, such as the Recreational Sports Facility expansion.

The issue of impacted housing dominated a large part of the discussion, as Fellows commented on how dormitory lounges have been converted into "quads" with four students living in the same space. This decision directly reduced the prevalence of available study spaces in student dormitories. Other Fellows remarked that the over-enrollment has likely been due to a greater-than-predicted proportion of admits accepting their admittance to the University.

In discussing possible solutions to the issue of impacted student housing, some Fellows commented that the ebb and flow of housing expansion and development has historically been lead by a chancellor's priorities. For example, Fellow Heyman believed strongly in expanding the availability of student housing, and proceeded to vigorously pursue the acquisition of the Clark Kerr Campus as well as the construction of the Foothill Student Housing. Fellow Berdahl likewise added Infills to Units 1 and 2, and constructed the Ida Jackson graduate housing, as some examples.

Other Fellows noted that there is no culture of donation or private giving to the development and maintenance of student housing. While some Fellows suggested adding student housing as a reason for soliciting private donors, others urged students to organize and tell the administration their needs. Another topic of facilities and housing, though tangential to on campus facilities, was the issue of students' transitioning to off-campus housing. From this, Fellows commented on the lack of University resources for

students in this transition, noting that students are often left to their own devices when it comes to navigating Berkeley as a renter.

In addressing additional possible solutions to the overall issue of facilities, Fellows emphasized that the priority should be placed on student spaces, keeping in mind sustainability with buildings that are revenue-neutral or revenue positive even, and accountability to students and their needs.