

Future Housing for UCM Fraternities

University Housing is providing this email to all UCM fraternity members regarding the university's position about the future of university provided on-campus housing.

After careful consideration of options and given the current condition and long-term viability of the Fraternity Complex, we have decided to permanently close the facility and relocate fraternity student housing to Fitzgerald Hall. President Roger Best shared this decision with Fraternity Presidents and Advisors on Sunday evening, November 10, 2019. Although President Best was not a participant in the meeting and conversations a few years ago with UCM's former president and senior leadership, he does want to ensure we will maintain open communication with our fraternity members as we transition into this new living facility.

The university for many years has verbally allowed fraternity organizations to pursue off campus fraternity housing, as long as the property is a suitable living environment and designed intentionally for a multiple person dwelling. The University in conjunction with each National Office will recognize only one official fraternity property as the chapter's living unit. This recognition pertains to both on or off campus properties.

The university will begin moving forward to work with those interested chapters who wish to maintain living on-campus. This process will involve several upcoming meetings with fraternity representatives, architects, engineers, UCM facilities, housing and fraternity and sorority life personnel. No completion date has been predetermined.

We look forward to working with the chapters as we begin renovations and refurbishments in Fitzgerald Hall to accommodate this transition.

Respectfully,

Patrick Bradley
Associate Vice President for Student Auxiliaries

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