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Functions of Faculty Advisers in Student Houses

Faculty members designated as advisers for student houses receive a rental \$10 a month less than the rate charged others. Non-resident faculty advisers receive \$10 a month for their service as advisers.

The faculty advisers do not have any disciplinary or police functions in relation to the House or Community. They do not have any special duties or obligations for student entertainment.

Function

Their function is to serve as active members of the House with an understanding and appreciation of the educational purposes and values of the community government.

They will establish contact with the House officers and serve as advisers in dealing with any difficult problems of government in the House. They are not active parts of the House government, but are advisers to those students who are active.

They do not need to attend all weekly House meetings, but do need to keep in touch with the House officers and government.

There will usually be occasional meetings (perhaps two a semester) of the Faculty Advisers with the President and Chairman of the Student Personnel Committee (Mrs. Garrett) to discuss educational problems in the community government.

A possible function as adviser is that of criticizing House officers in their management of group discussion, decision-making, and leadership.

Note: Where two people occupy a faculty apartment in a student house, they may share the advisory function, or one of them may be designated for the purpose.

Extracts from "Faculty and Staff Housing Policy":

Faculty apartments in student houses are assigned each year (by the President's Office) primarily according to interest in, and ability to assume successfully, responsibilities as advisory members of the student houses and to furnish leadership in the community government. The suites were designed to serve this specific function, not as general housing for faculty convenience. The rents are fixed at a smaller amount to take account of the function as adviser. No attention is paid to priority of

faculty membership in allocating those suites, nor is retention beyond any year guaranteed, especially where the responsibilities are not successfully assumed. The faculty suites are designed for single women and married couples without children. Temporary occupancy (one year) is possible for families with children.

If, in any year, faculty or staff members acting as advisers are not available for one or more of the twelve apartments, the apartment may be rented for the year to those not performing the advisory function, but with the rent reduction eliminated.

from the President's Office