

Advisory Committee on Residential Life (ACRL)

Charge: The ACRL is charged with providing recommendations and assessment for the implementation of the processes and changes associated with the opening of the Bechtel Residence and the changes to residential life following the guidelines in the February 1, 2018 *Plan for the Future of Residential Life and Opening the Bechtel Residence*. This committee is advisory to the Vice President for Student Affairs, (VPSA).

Composition: This committee will be composed of three faculty members including the Dean of Students and the Head Faculty-In-Residence, and three staff members, all appointed by the VPSA. The committee should include in their discussions the Director of Student Housing and designated staff members in Housing, Residential Life and Undergraduate Deans office. The ACRL will consider the processes for the representation of the student committee members that reflects the values of shared governance and accountability to the Caltech community. The number and distribution of students will be subject to the approval of the Chair of the committee, who will make a recommendation to the VPSA.

- I. Guidelines for decision making are the February 1 *Plan*, but the committee must be pragmatic in decision making during the transition period of the first year.
- II. The committee will make recommendations to VPSA. Whenever possible, the committee should strive to reach consensus on its recommendations.
- III. The committee will be transparent by regularly making interim reports available to the Caltech community via website.
- IV. The committee should build a consensus through work within and outside of the committee and whenever possible, make a single recommendation that the VPSA can approve and help implement.
- V. The process and outcomes must respect the values of shared decision making in residential governance with a partnership between the administration, faculty and students resulting in accountability, transparency, openness and a respect for the roles of each member of the community.

Immediate committee tasks in preparation for the fall of 2018 are outlined in the attached work plan, which is subject to review and revision by the Chair with input from the committee. The long term roles of the committee are as outlined in the February 1 *Plan*.