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Dear Members and Parents:

We hope this letter finds you having a good summer. One of the initiatives the staff in the Office of Conference and Fraternity Housing have prided themselves on during the past six years has been our commitment to communicating with families. This is another such effort at insuring everyone is aware of our policies and procedures and how these impact our fraternity men and thus, their families.

As we hope you are aware, each man in the fraternity system is required to reside in his fraternity house for a minimum of four academic semesters. Surprisingly, there are a number of men who choose to pay for both a fraternity house room and an off campus apartment. In our terminology, we call that individual a “draft” resident.

Another policy is that a member of each chapter must decide as to whether he wants to live in a room by himself (private room) or with a roommate (double room). The current cost of a double room is $1800.00 per semester while a private room is $2700.00. Each of the houses is required to have a certain percent of the house occupied (currently 85%) to meet the house’s expense and renovation projects. Some houses meet their total amount due with a variation of both double rooms and single rooms. Knowing that some students function better in a private setting, we have made allowances in each larger house for this to occur. These decisions are made by each individual chapter.

We want to be sure you are aware that if your son decides to reside in his fraternity house at the single room rate, there is an increased cost associated with this decision. If applicable, your son’s student account in the Southern Miss Business Services Office will witness the assessment for the private room fee. We would encourage you to have a conversation with your son if you have any concerns about this fee or his decision. It is certainly easier, and less expensive, to make any alterations to his living preference at the beginning of each semester opposed to waiting until later in the semester.

Should you have any questions or if the staff in the office can assist you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us. We will gladly answer any questions.

Thank you for your support of your son’s decision to be a part of the Greek system at Southern Miss.

Sincerely,

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