

Policy to Govern the  
Funding of New Residential Facilities

Summary

The Commission has recommended to the Budget and Control Board that dormitory projects requested for funding in fiscal year 1982 be deferred pending the results of the Commission studies of possible programs shifts and undergraduate enrollment limitations. Since it does not appear that such studies will affect the dormitory projects proposed, consideration should be given to a policy to govern the funding of new dormitories. The following policy statement is proposed for consideration by CHE.

Recommendations

Residential facilities are defined as dormitories, graduate student housing, apartments, etc., which are used to furnish living accommodations for students. Criteria for the expansion and/or construction of new residential facilities are:

1. The Role of the Institution - The agreed upon role of the institution and the long-range plans of the institution must justify the need for increased residential capacity;
2. Current Occupancy Rate - The current residential capacity of the institution must be fully utilized;
3. Project Enrollment - Supportive enrollment projection studies must demonstrate a need for additional residential capacity;
4. Current Unmet Demand - The current unmet demand for additional residential space must exceed the planned addition;
5. Related Facilities - It must be demonstrated that existing non-residential facilities (such as classroom, library, student services, and dining facilities)

will accommodate the increased student load after completion of the proposed residential capacity; and

6. Adequate Auxiliary Enterprise Revenues - It must be demonstrated that auxiliary enterprise revenues (beyond current obligations) will be adequate for the retirement of the construction costs and to meet operational, maintenance and up keep of the proposed residential facility.

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Education, February 3, 1983.