

## Breakout Group # 1 – Bed Count and Bedroom Mix for West Campus Village

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- **If your FSILG were to move into the village, how large should your FSILG's house be (how many beds total)?**
  - Consensus that 30 is a reasonable number that is likely to be filled. 40 person houses are often not full due to freshmen living on campus.
  - Observation that about half of non-resident chapter members don't move into the house because they prefer to stay on campus. Perhaps this would change if the house was on campus and there would be more interest in moving into the house.
  - The other half of non-resident members don't move for other reasons (parents don't want them living in frat house, etc.) and would not be likely to do so even if the house was on campus.
  - Note; cleaning services have been helpful in recruiting and increasing student interest in living in the house.
- **Should there be a range of house sizes? If so, what range, and about how many of each size?**
  - Initial discussion was that 30 was an appropriate maximum bed count, but that perhaps there would be interest in larger houses (60 beds) for sororities and/or with better proximity to campus. A permanent house on campus would help with recruiting.
  - Ideal size should not be smaller than 25-30 people
- **If your FSILG were to move to the village, what is your FSILG's ideal mix of singles, doubles, triples and quads? Should some rooms be oversized to allow for 'crowding' (i.e., a large double crowds to a triple)?**
  - Examples around the table;
    - 2 single, 2 triple, 6 doubles
    - Mini communities by floor - each floor has 5 single, 4 double, 3 triple, 2 quad and an RA
  - Two points of view;
    - Trend toward students wanting more singles (seen as an advantage for recruitment) VS houses with empty singles and student preference for doubles / triples / quads
  - Discussion about the trend toward co-ed living and an open question about what this will mean for the future of bed mix
- **Bonus Question: Consider what should happen when an FSILG has poor recruitment for 2 years or more consecutively. How should the beds be filled?**
  - Student House looks for resources inside of MIT (student aid office) to find students of need and to help with recruiting
  - Most frats would rather pay higher rents than share rooms with other fraternities or grad students
  - Consensus about a strategy to segment individual floors (elevator access and separate kitchenettes) so that MIT could use one floor for other dorm-style housing if not filled
- **Miscellaneous:**
  - Discussion about faculty representation (HOH) in the village - this would help the alumni stay in touch with students that are in trouble academically, which is missing from the system today