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# GLBT Center Minutes from October 2010 Gender Neutral Bathroom Meeting

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Notes from Gender Neutral Bathroom Meeting  
October 6, 2010 – Held in Memorial Union 305  
Present: Joe Santiago, Riley Davis, Kevin Cruz, Chip Yensan

- I. C. Yensan distributed printed materials from internet on gender neutral bathroom initiative at other colleges; examples of GN signage
- II. Confirmed that HRL supports request to convert bathrooms on Adams 1S and 1N to gender neutral
  - a. R. Davis ask if we could look into installing doors on the shower compartments instead of shower curtains for privacy purposes
    - i. C. Yensan indicated that he would look at the feasibility of that conversion to existing shower wall/partitions
    - ii. C. Yensan indicated that Adams 1N would be assigned at some point during the year and that residents assigned to that floor would be advised that that restroom is gender neutral
- III. Confirmed that HRL supports request to convert all existing “unisex” single compartment restrooms in residence halls to gender neutral
  - a. C. Yensan requested to proceed with this initiative
  - b. Will conduct a complete inventory of all such locations – believe that the only residence halls currently without such bathrooms are Butterfield and Bressler
- IV. Agreed on signage to be ordered and installed for all residence hall gender neutral bathrooms
  - a. Consistent with signage used at Emerson (see distributed handout)
  - b. C. Yensan will inform Director of Capital Planning and Design T. Frisbie-Fulton of this preference and request related endorsement and permission to purchase said signs
- V. General discussion of gender neutral bathroom conversion in other URI buildings
  - a. R. Davis asked that the University explore the conversion a bathroom in Kelley Hall because the female bathroom is currently poorly located
  - b. GLBT Center will further examine continuing this bathroom conversion initiative into various campus academic and general meeting buildings
    - i. C. Yensan offered to assist in any way interested
- VI. Explored future residence hall gender neutral conversions
  - a. Heathman, Fayerweather and Gorham have potential to include some form of gender neutral living option
  - b. Garrahy, Wiley and Eddy currently operate pretty close to gender neutral already due to suite and apartment configurations and total coed option
  - c. Gender neutral conversion in residence halls with community bathrooms will require further review and careful consideration