Division of Campus Residences
Frequently Asked Questions – Temporary Housing

1. WHY DOES STONY BROOK ASSIGN STUDENTS TO TEMPORARY HOUSING?

- The University guarantees enrollment to all new Freshmen who apply for housing by May 1st. Transfers are provided housing if space is available after all freshmen are accommodated although it is anticipated that most new Transfers will receive housing by the start of the Fall semester.
- Housing requests from returning students are significantly ahead of last year and new student requests are at the same levels.
- Enrollment is increasing and despite plans to build additional housing, demand is out pacing available beds.

2. HOW LONG WILL TEMPORARY HOUSING LAST?

- Approximately 150 of our residents will not check-in. As soon as these spaces are confirmed, we will immediately begin reassigning residents out of tripled rooms. This will not take care of everyone in temporary housing.
- The University expects to be able to offer students in temporary housing a permanent space no later than the beginning of the spring semester. Most residents of triples will be offered a permanent space by the end of the fall semester.

3. HOW WAS IT DETERMINED WHO WOULD BE ASSIGNED TO TEMPORARY HOUSING?

- Over 5,500 returning students renew their contracts annually.
- Almost 50% of the entering freshmen class and a couple hundred new transfers can expect to begin the year in temporary housing.
• Placement into triples is quad specific based on the available bed spaces in relation to the number of new students that need to be assigned to each quad.

4. HOW ARE THREE RESIDENTS SUPPOSED TO SHARE A SPACE DESIGNED FOR TWO?

• The key to living successfully in a triple is open communication and sharing of resources.
• Stony Brook has created a space allocation formula to help residents decide how to allocate the furnishings within their room. Residents may also come up with alternative solutions to facilitate the equitable sharing of resources.
• Residents of temporary housing will also need to manage their time effectively in order for sharing to work.

5. HOW WILL THE UNIVERSITY DECIDE WHEN MY ROOM WILL BE DETRIPLIED?

• Detripling offers will be made based on a lottery drawn of all tripled residents and the proximity to the vacancy. For instance, if you live in Irving College and are the earliest triple in the lottery, you will be offered the first space to become available in Irving College.
• When the detripling offer comes, it will be sent electronically to all three residents of the room. It will be up to all three of the residents to decide who is going to accept the new space and move.
• If none of the residents can decide who will move, the RHD will draw names to determine which resident will be the one to move.

6. HOW WILL I MOVE TO MY NEW ASSIGNMENT?

• Once you receive notice of your new assignment, you can immediately sign in and start moving.
• If you need assistance, Campus Residences will provide a work crew to help you move your larger items. A specific time schedule will be posted in each quad.
• Work Crew will only move items that are in luggage, boxes or bags and all must be clearly labelled with the student’s name, former assignment and new assignment. Loose items cannot be transported.
7. WILL I RECEIVE A DISCOUNT FOR LIVING IN TEMPORARY HOUSING?

- All residents of temporary housing will receive a $5.00 per day credit to the University account for each day that they reside in temporary housing, up until the point they are offered a permanent space. This credit will be applied once the room is detripled. The maximum credit each semester is $565.00 per resident. If a detripling offer is made and the offer is declined, the credit will be discontinued as of the date of the detripling offer.

8. CAN I REQUEST TO BE REASSIGNED TO ANOTHER BUILDING OR QUAD?

- Freshmen in temporary housing can request to be reassigned to another building within their quad. Requests to be reassigned to another quad cannot be considered due to the impact on their Undergraduate College placement.
- Transfer students may request reassignment to other quads once every triple in that quad has been offered an opportunity for reassignment.
- Priority for spaces in every building goes to the triples of that building. If there is a triple in the building you want to move to, you will not be granted permission to move to that building until all residents in triples have been reassigned to a permanent space.

9. CAN I HAVE A ROOM CHANGE WHILE I’M IN A TEMPORARY ROOM?

- You can request a room change through your quad office after occupancy verifications have been completed. Only 1:1 swaps to like-type assignments will be considered as long as we are over 100% capacity (i.e. doubles to doubles, temporary triples to temporary triples).

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE DETRIPLING PROCESS, PLEASE CONTACT CAMPUS RESIDENCES:

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