



## **Task Force on University of Wyoming Housing**

**Co-Chairs: Steve Harshman, Speaker of the House of Representatives and Chris Rothfuss, Senator**

**May 08, 2019 | 2:00 p.m.**

**Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center, Boyd Conference Room**

**222 South 22<sup>nd</sup> Street**

**Laramie, Wyoming**

*This proposed agenda is subject to change.*

1. [2018 Task Force Overview](#) - - Alex Kean
2. [HB0293 Overview](#) - - David Jewell
3. a) Potential Locations and Configuration of Residence Halls/Parking Complex - - Matt Newman  
b) Tie-Ins to Existing/Planned Academic Initiatives - - Sean Blackburn
4. a) Initial Projects (e.g., staff relocation from Wyoming Hall) - - Neil Theobald  
b) Options for swing space on campus - - Matt Kibbon
5. Room Composition of 2,000 Beds (e.g., % single rooms, % double rooms) - - Sean Blackburn
6. Other

In 2018, the Wyoming Legislature created the University of Wyoming Student Housing Task Force. The 2019 Wyoming Legislature passed HB0293 to continue the task force. The current task force is comprised of 10 members:

- Representatives Harshman (task force co-chair) and Nicholas have been appointed by the speaker of the house,
- Senators Rothfuss (task force co-chair) and Landen have been appointed by the president of the senate,
- Mayor Shumway has been appointed by the Laramie City Council.
- Trustees Brown and McKinley have been appointed by the UW board of trustees,
- Vice Presidents Blackburn and Theobald have been appointed by the UW president,
- J.T. Walsh appointed by the Governor,

In his letter that accompanied HB0293's signing with line item vetoes, Governor Gordon emphasized five items:

1. Student housing has long been an issue needing attention;
2. Making student housing functional, adequate, and attractive - - he stated that UW student housing does not currently meet any of these standards - - is critical to UW's ability to act as a primary driver of Wyoming's economic development and economic diversification.
3. The UW must improve its student housing planning process.
4. The UW must be more nimble in developing alternative approaches to keeping the University competitive.
5. UW must use state funds efficiently.

In its first meeting on May 8, the task force will discuss:

1. Phase 1 of the UW student housing project will provide housing for approximately 2,000 students in buildings that conform to UW's historic preservation plan, are built in a construction method consistent with the useful life expectancy of campus buildings in proximity, are reviewed by a UW exterior design committee, are approved by the UW board of trustees, accommodate 300-600 students each, are a maximum of 6 stories, and replace existing dormitory rooms on the UW campus. They shall be located on two footprints:
  - a. Bounded to the north by Bradley Street, to the east by 15<sup>th</sup> Street, to the south by the Business School and Coe Library, and to the west by the Wyoming Union, Half Acre, McWhinnie Hall, the west edge of the Wyoming Hall parking lot, and (north of Lewis) 13<sup>th</sup> Street.
  - b. Bounded to the north by Ivinson Avenue, to the east by 15<sup>th</sup> Street, to the south by Grand Avenue, and to the west by 14<sup>th</sup> Street.
2. Phase 2 of the UW student housing project will demolish or renovate existing dormitories on the south side of the UW campus.
3. Parking added north of Lewis Street and south of Flint Street, as well as on the south side of campus.