HOUSING CONTRACTS
Honors and Presidential Leadership Students

ISSUE
Board of Trustee approval is required for housing contracts for students in the Presidential Leadership and Honors programs because of the monetary level of contracts.

BACKGROUND
The Center for the Advancement of Leadership and the Honors Program annually submit requisitions for RFP’s for student housing. The RFP is prepared to insure that the current vendor (Ventana student housing) remains competitive. Current year contract is $174,000 each.

The community of learners concept was introduced with the Presidential Leadership program. Students are chosen to participate through a competitive process, and are awarded a housing allowance. Students are housed together to take advantage of such things as advising, service, and social opportunities. They each have Resident Assistants who also live at Ventana and work closely with these students. Honors programs students occupy the 1st and 2nd floors of the apartment complex and the Presidential Leadership students the 3rd and 4th floors. Both serve around 72 students each. Competition for these spots is keen, as this year there were over 300 applicants for the Presidential Leadership program alone, and 40 1st year students were chosen. Students are given a two-year award upon acceptance. These programs are designed to attract and recruit top incoming freshmen. The Presidential Leadership housing program is in its sixth year, and the Honors program in its fourth year. They have both been very successful in providing a university experience for these outstanding students.

RECOMMENDATION
UVU administration recommends approval of the Ventana housing contract for students in the Presidential Leadership and Honors programs.