

October 22nd, 2020

UF Appeals Committee,

Let it be known that on October 14th, 2020, I visited the housing and residence education office. I was met by Brittany Weintraut, who made me aware that I had supposedly received two housing cancellation notices, one in May and another "final notice" in June. However, looking at my email history (documentation attached below) it is clear that I only received the May notice, thus reducing the chance of taking action while there was still time.

I lost my Academic Bright Futures scholarship in August 2020. This shows an severe and unforeseen change in circumstances following the cancellation period which has forced me to put much of my allocated study time to the side to remain debt-free.

My GPA fell .03 points short of the scholarship requirement. In September, I have been put in a probationary group, AFTER the cancellation deadline of my 2021 UF Housing Agreement.

Due to my reduced scholarship, I am required to pay a total of \$2,300 for tuition over the next academic year, without parental assistance.

In combination with any further denial of contract release, I will be looking at a 3x increase in my foreseeable debt to the University over the academic year (approx. \$8100). In order to remain debt-free, one can imagine how much time I will be deprived of studying to make up for this, as before, without parental assistance.

As stated in the housing contract, 'Time is of the essence'. I am working to recover my GPA, increased debt will undoubtedly hinder my ability to ensure my time as a student is allocated properly.

Due to this hardship, I've been required to find more affordable and optimally located housing options that will fit my limited budget and allow me to get to and from a job located in downtown quicker to pay for my current housing and tuition.

There is not much I can do regarding my tuition payments, because I am getting an education in return for this price. However, the impact of one student to the housing financials can not possibly be as impactful to the institution as it would be to an individual, especially since I am not even living there yet.

Finally, given the new normal we live in, very little is set in stone as it was prior to the pandemic. I am asking - begging - for you to take a final look at how this is going to affect my next academic year. Look at the situation from a new perspective. Without thoughtful consideration, the true 'significant change in circumstance' is yet to come. I acknowledge I have made mistakes, and have learned from them. Please, relieve me of this contract to avoid paying 800x my net worth for them.

09/03/2020 10:45pm	UF Housing: Your appeal to cancel your housing contract	charlesrichardsonusa@gmail.com,crichardson5@ufl.edu
06/09/2020 10:47am	UF Housing - Housing Selection for Spring 2021, Summer A 2021, Summer B 2021	charlesrichardsonusa@gmail.com,crichardson5@ufl.edu
04/30/2020 09:17am	UF Housing--Contract Cancellation Deadline Tomorrow, May 1st	charlesrichardsonusa@gmail.com
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