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With the summer winding down and the Fall 2020 semester approaching, I am writing today with updates for how the Residence Hall Association and Executive Board will operate during these uncharted times.

First and foremost, **the Executive Board on-campus living requirement will be waived for the Fall 2020 semester**, with the Spring 2020 semester to be decided at a later point. This decision was not made lightly, but as an organization we will be more successful with the talented Executive Board members already selected, rather than scramble to find replacements. This being said, there are a few requirements that will need to be met in order to remain an Executive Board member if living off campus this semester. They are as follows:

- Weekly Executive Board meetings will be held remotely via Zoom, at a time/date to be decided, until the September 20, 2020 guideline from Student Activities has been met. All members must attend these meetings unless something has been worked out with me.
- The preplanned week of training will still occur during the same time frame, but it will be moved virtually via Zoom and to a more condensed schedule. All members must be available to attend all sessions unless something has been worked out with me.
- Off-campus Executive Board members must be able to coordinate transportation to and from campus for all Executive Board meetings and Residence Hall Association events once restrictions are lifted to hold in-person meetings and events in accordance with CDC, State and UConn guidelines. This is non-negotiable.

In addition to the Executive Board operating differently this year, the Residence Hall Association as a whole will be unlike anything experienced in the past. Given the strict guidelines from Student Activities and our commitment to the [One UConn COVID-19 Promise](#), **Hall Associations for the Fall 2020 semester will not be active**. This decision was made by both myself and our advisor Rachel Connors, as well as reaffirmed by the Program Coordinator in Residential Life Mark McDonald. Programming will be completed per floor/building through Hall Directors and Resident Assistants, who can request RHA funding for socially safe events

through Mark. Students on each floor/in each building will have the ability to and be encouraged to connect with their RAs if they have a specific event in mind they would like to see occur. This relieves the pressure of trying to create and oversee virtual Hall Associations off of us and allows us to focus on our organization initiatives and campus-wide programming. If it is safe to do so, **Hall Associations will resume in the Spring 2021 semester** in addition to Executive Board elections.

As previously stated, Executive Board training will still occur during the week of August 24, 2020. The training will be moved virtually with the exception of office key distribution and brief office tours. More information will follow once an updated schedule is created, but please keep August 24-26, 2020 blocked off as if we were back to normal operations and in-person for training. If there are any conflicts please contact me immediately.

These are all the updates I have to share, but please stay tuned for more as we learn new information and establish new processes. I cannot wait to be back in RHA mode with you all, see you soon!

Best,

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