“What We've Got Here is a Failure to Communicate:”

Bridging the Divide between Faculty & Student Affairs

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Who We Are

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Virginia Tech

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- (Repurposed) Physical Space ("Public" vs "Private")
- 850 Undergraduates ("Junior Fellows")
  - 4 Houses – Hawthorn, Hickory, Holly, Honey Locust
- 4 Live-In Graduate Students ("Grad Fellows")
- 1 Live-In Faculty Member ("Faculty Principal")
- 24 Live-Out Affiliated Faculty
  - 20 "Senior Fellows"
  - 4 "Associate Faculty Principals" (1 per House)
- 2 Live-In Administrative/Professional Faculty
  - 1 Assistant Student Life Coordinator
  - 1 Student Life Coordinator
Expectations towards Students (1)

Division of Student Affairs

- Carer
- Developmental
- Available
- Educator
- Human
Expectations towards Students (2)

Faculty

- Classroom

- Classroom-Related
  - Questions/Problems/Review of Course Content
  - Outside of Class Problems that Impact Ability to Meet Course Requirements
  - End of Course Thank Yous

- Service to Students
  - Requests for Letters of Recommendation, Special Programming (to moderate a student event)
  - Advising

- Say “Hello” or Talk About Personal Interests (relatively rare)
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