

University of Washington  
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To Whom It May Concern,

On 19 April 2019 Steven Caro and I appeared before a quorum of the EC including Jeanette (EC temporary chair), Tenaya, and Per. Staff present included Sandra and Tracy. Upon presenting our request for room change I was asked by Tracy what I would do if there were trouble with my roommate. I replied that I would follow normal procedure. Whereupon Steve and I were asked to leave the room, and we waited in the hallway for some time. Upon our return we were instructed that our request was denied, but that we could submit it again in a couple of weeks. The reason for the denial was my past history with roommates.

My past history with roommates consists of the following:

**Todd McGee:** When I arrived at the Aloha Inn I was assigned to Room #308. Todd McGee was the current resident. During the entire time that Todd and I were together neither of us took the other before the EC. Todd left the Aloha Inn because he had found an apartment for which he had been waiting even before his arrival at the Inn.

**Abu Berhane:** As I was informed by Todd that he had found an apartment and would soon be leaving I began looking for a replacement. As Berhane took an interest in me, I reciprocated. Berhane showed me his current room, and I showed him mine. We agreed that we would like to occupy my room together, and we submitted a request. This request was granted. During our entire time together neither Berhane, nor I took the other before the EC. Berhane left Room #308 because he was offered a single room on the 4th floor very distant from the incessant nightly chatter in the Smoking Hut.

**Clark Schlosser:** As Berhane warned me before he departed that he would be leaving I asked two other residents to move in with me, but both declined indicating that they were satisfied with their current living situation. Several days after Berhane moved out, Clark moved in. Clark was a heavy snorer who was three times negligent with the use of his C-Pak machine. On two of the three occasions I complained. On the first of these I slept in Room #410 with Denver's permission, and on the second occasion I slept in the Weight Room with Tracy's permission. Clark, according to his own words, did not like the Aloha Inn, was offered an apartment through a friend, and left shortly after he arrived.

In summary, of the three roommates that I have had since I moved into the Aloha Inn I have had trouble with only one. Of the three that left the Inn while I was resident in Rm #308 two of them left due to normal causes. The one roommate that I was able to select remained with me without complaint until he was offered a single room at the Inn.

These facts do not square with the reason that Steven and I were given for being denied our request to room together -- namely, "past history with previous roommates".

Now, at the time of this writing, Steven and I are living alone in Rooms #202 and #308, respectively. As such, no additional signatures are required other than those of the EC.. Our voluntary desire to live together in #308 was clearly expressed before the EC and Staff. Our reason for wanting to live together was clearly stated in our request. Neither Steven, nor I have a history with one another that has not been friendly.

In contrast, the reason given by the EC for denying our request was clearly in error. I had had trouble with only one of the three roommates with whom I had shared Room #308, and this trouble was related to a single problem -- my third roommate's failure to employ his C-PAC machine on three occasions, and his consequent denial of my own sleep.

To the best of Steven's knowledge he does not snore, and Steven has no history of trouble with his previous roommate.

**Conclusion:** The EC is either acting selfishly, stupidly and/or maliciously in our regard. Certainly, their inquiry in regard to our mutually agreed decision was lacking.

**Request:** The EC's decision should be overturned immediately before either Steven or I is assigned a new roommate and a third or even fourth party becomes involved.

By the way, I called Anthony today and asked, if either Steven and I could expect a new roommate over the Easter weekend, and I was told that my question was inappropriate.

Respectfully,

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Resident in Room #308 since September 2018