



## State Representative Report

**Date:** February 14, 2005

**State:**  Alabama  Florida  Georgia  
 Kentucky  Louisiana  Mississippi  
 North Carolina  South Carolina  Tennessee  
 Virginia

**Submitted By:** Jeff Novak, State Representative

### **State Officers:**

Jeff Novak, State Representative, University of Central Florida  
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Kathy Hobgood, State Representative - Intern, University of Central Florida

**State Conference News** (annual conference, drive-in workshops, RA Conference, RHA Conference, Student Leadership Conference, etc.):

The annual Fall Florida Housing Officers (FHO) meeting was held on November 14-16 at the Florida Leadership Training Center in Haines City Florida. There were 60 attendees. A number of agenda items were discussed and each member institution presented a brief report of events happening on their respective campuses. Round table issues included Greek housing, SEAHO strategic planning, recruitment strategies for staff, and advising student groups. Many housing topics were brought up by delegates and discussed in an open forum. In addition, we had a presentation by Ron Williams, University of Florida, on his Ron Williams - Visual Kinship Committee.

We elected a new state representative, Kathy Hobgood, from the University of Florida. She will serve a two year term.

Time was spent by the SEAHO host committee in preparation for SEAHO 2005.

Members on the SEAHO 2005 Host Committee met to continue to make arrangements for the conference in Jacksonville, FL 2005.

The Florida Association of Residence Halls (FARH) held their annual meeting February 18-20, 2005. The conference was hosted by Embry Riddle Aeronautical University.

The Florida Resident Assistant Seminar (FRAS) was held in January 28-20, 2005, FAU at Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, FL.

The Spring Florida Housing Officers meeting will be held May at the University of West Florida.

Attached is our Fall FHO meeting agenda and discussion items.

**SEAHO Involvement** (listing of housing professionals serving on SEAHO Committees or Task Forces, or who have submitted items to the *SEAHO Report*):

Many of our state members serving on the SEAHO 2005 Host Committee (Paul Riel and Lynn Hendricks from the University of North Florida are co-chairs).

Lisa Diekow, University of Florida, Co-Chair, Strategic Planning Task Force  
Ron Thompson, Florida International University, Chair, Research and Information Committee  
Demitrius Brown, Florida International University, Co-Chair, Placement Committee

*Anything else helpful or worthy of reporting to SEAHO Governing Council:*

**Florida Housing Officers Fall Meeting  
November 14-16, 2004  
Florida Leadership Center  
Haines City, FL**

**Sunday, November 14, 2004**

3:00 PM Check-In Begins  
5:00 PM Dinner  
6:00 PM Opening Session

1. Welcome and Introductions
  - Announcements
  - Overview of Schedule
  - Add Additional Agenda Topics
  - Add and Select Roundtable Topics
2. Institutional Reports
3. Association Updates
  - ACUHO-I, July 17-19, 2005, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
    - Call for programs on-line – deadline Nov. 19 2004
    - Web Address: [www.acuho-i.org](http://www.acuho-i.org)
  - SEAHO, February 21-23, 2005, Jacksonville, FL
    - Web Address: [www.seahoconference.org](http://www.seahoconference.org)
  - SAACURH – November 17-19, 2004, Louisville
  - FRAS – January 28-20, 2005, FAU
  - FARH – February 18-20, 2005, ERAU
  - OPE – March 3-6, 2005, Osh Kosh, WI
  - SPE – March 10-13, 2005, Memphis, TN
  - No Frills – March 11-13, 2005, Winthrop
  - NASPA – March 19-23, 2005, Tampa, FL
  - ACPA – April 2-6, 2005, Nashville, TN
  - NACURH – May 25-29, Syracuse
  - RELI, June 2-4, 2005, University of Mississippi
  - NHTI, June 21-25, 2005, University of Maryland
  - SEAHO 2006, February 21-24, Asheville, NC
  - SEAHO 2007, February 20-23, Lexington, KY
4. SEAHO 2005 Report, Lynn and Paul
5. Other SEAHO News from Mid-year
6. May Meeting, Location (Host) and Date
7. Florida Representative Nominations

**Monday, November 15, 2004**

7:30 AM Breakfast  
8:30 AM Florida Representative Election  
Agenda Items  
Noon Lunch

- 1:00 PM     Agenda Items
- 3:00 PM     Ron Williams - Visual Kinship Committee Presentation
- 5:00 PM     Dinner
- 7:00 PM     Agenda Items / Roundtable Discussions

**Tuesday, November 16, 2004**

- 7:30 A.M.    Breakfast
- 8:30 A.M.    Remaining Agenda Items
- 10:00 AM    Wrap-up and Depart

**SEAHO**

Bag stuffers (such as pens, highlighters, bag clips, other things campuses could donate for the check-in bags)

**USF**

- Occupancy Rate (%) for Fall, projected Spring
- Projected Rental Rate Increase (%) for Fall 2005
- Construction Projects: either under construction currently or will be in the next semester
- Any new housing designs for freshmen using suites and double bedroom apartments around a common living area, all in the same building
- Any new designs with a connected dining hall
- Add carpeting vs. Vinyl tile
- room change guidelines
- EBI on-line survey results
- New initiatives and best practices in Special Interest / Theme Housing
- Night security programs and staffing
- Materials used to support / enhance RA Training and RA Classes
- RA rehire processes

**FGCU**

- Organizational Charts for a small university
- Information on Peer-2-Peer file sharing

**Nova**

- Interest in South Florida Res Halls Consortium

**Rollins**

- Gambling in Residence Halls
- Painting Common Areas

**UWF**

- Hurricane procedures, anyone shelter-in? Anyone evacuate? When? What do you do with international students? Others? COOP reports
- Smoking on patios/balconies/catwalks - permitted anywhere?
- Pools - those who have them - who is responsible for them?
- Current website - who updates? Web tours - who uses them?
- Contract dates - who is permitted to move in early? Charged the daily per diem?
- Student's storage of belongings in rooms in buildings?
- Mandatory meal plans do you have them for any segment of student population?
- Exceptions for fraternities and sororities - with regard to meal plans?
- Contract any segment of student population named on the contracts? If so, what is the rationale?
- Maximum age for students living on campus?

- Freshmen living on campus requirements?
- Summer Conference planning on campuses? Who does them? how are you involved? Summer conference rates 05? Linens?
- Orientation Leaders - rent paid for these staff or Orientation program?
- Orientation expectations of RAs
- Ratio of student to staff
- Do RAs have a working agreement or a contract or what? RAs signing petitions not to complete work, programming, etc.?
- Technology fees?
- Wait Lists - practices?
- 24 hour staffed desks or Area Offices? Who has these?
- Card Access on doors? Use keys ever? If so, when?
- Free laundry in student rooms?
- Size of reserves and annual contingencies
- Any possible or anticipated reductions in staff, services, programs in next year
- Any departments have full-time ResNet and/or IT positions and serving how many residents?

#### **UF**

- Construction and renovation plans on campus
- Intersession housing approaches
- Winter intersession semester plans
- Rental rate projections for 05-06
- New academic partnerships with housing
- ACUHO-I update

#### **FIU**

- Sanctions for weapons violations
- Assessment- Division-wide efforts
- Hurricane staffing policies
- Staff selection-new strategies

#### **Roundtable ideas:**

- Recruitment strategies and selection for graduate staff and new professional staff
- Advising RHAs
- Greek Housing
- SEAHO Strategic Task Force