

JONES STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Action Item Report

ACTION ITEM TITLE: No access to the master room reservation calendar

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Currently, the newly implemented online room reservation system does not allow for students to view which rooms are already reserved or which rooms are available for a specified time.

DATE REPORTED: April 2004

JSA REPRESENTATIVE ASSIGNED: Ribka Emmanuel

RESOLUTION STEPS: The JSA emailed Cara Spinks to inquire about why the system was not designed to allow students to view the room calendar and if the system could be changed to allow for students to view all available rooms.

Cara responded that due to privacy issues, the administration had decided to keep private this information so that students could not view what persons were reserving specific rooms. However, she did reply that she would inquire into the costs of allowing students to view the available rooms through the online system while not disclosing individual information.

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION: See Cara Spinks response below:

When we first were talking about designing the online room reservation system, members of the administration were concerned about releasing the information on who was in specific rooms at specific times. This actually was originally designed for the protection of students, mostly because in the past we had a recurring problem of faculty or other staff bumping students out of their rooms.

Now, that being said, I realize there is a desire to at least be able to see if a room is available, not necessarily who is in there. I am actually looking into what the price of this change to the system would be, and will let you know as soon as I hear if this will be a feasible option financially.

Thanks for your comments, and please let me know if you think of anything else that might make this system better for you guys.

CASE CLOSED: May 11, 2004