Chapter 3.4: College of Engineering
Living/Learning Community

Objective
The objective of the College of Engineering Academic Village community is to provide housing for any engineering first-year student desiring to live in the engineering community. We view this facility as a natural extension of the learning environment available throughout all COE facilities. The COE has developed a foundational philosophy of team-based learning whenever possible. This translates into a vision of a strongly connected community of students. As part of this vision, the COE also foresees greater participation by COE upper division students in the AV COE community as the facilities expand in the future.

Goals
Through participation in the College of Engineering Residential Learning Community housed in the Academic Village it is expected that COE students will:
1. Experience a smooth academic transition to college,
2. Experience a sense of belonging to the College of Engineering, and
3. Experience a smooth social transition to college.

Strategies
- Engage students in activities in the AV sponsored both by housing and the COE
- Offer engineering classes, especially first-year sections, in the classrooms available in the AV COE Building
- Maintain a faculty in residence in the AV COE building at all times
- Maintain four graduate students in residence in the AV COE building and other facilities, as necessary
- Engage college faculty in social events at the AV
- Offer PLI sessions, especially those aimed at underclass-level students in the AV COE building
- Develop an assessment plan that will measure the effectiveness of the learning community to meet the goals for the learning community housed in the AV
- Maintain the data for the assessment plan using the university sponsored system PRISM

Metrics
- NSSE (National Survey of Student Engagement) data collected by CSU
- Taking Stick Survey, administered by Housing and CASA
- Student satisfaction survey administered by the COE
- Student persistence to second year fall semester
- Number of COE course offerings in AV

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- Number of PLI sessions held in AV
- Number of faculty attending events at AV COE building

**Targets**

- Students in the AV COE building will exceed the university persistence rate for the second fall by 5%
- 30% of PLI sessions will be offered in AV
- At least one class from each department is offered in the AV COE building each semester
- At least two faculty from each department participate in AV activities each year