

## Wartburg College Housing Proposal Löhe Hall 2010-2011

The following may aid in your group's preparation of an Educational Interest Group application for Löhe Hall. There is a notebook containing exemplary proposals from past years, which can be viewed in the Student Life Office.

**Mission:** Wartburg College is dedicated to challenging and nurturing students for lives of leadership and service as a spirited expression of their faith and learning.

**Vision:** Wartburg, as a community of faith and learning, helps students discover and claim their callings - connecting their learning and faith values, their understanding of themselves and their gifts, their perspective on life and the future, and the opportunities for participating in church, community, and the larger society in purposeful and meaningful ways.

Educational Interest Groups can be almost anything imaginable but must be tied in some meaningful fashion to the college's educational mission and vision. Along with a commitment to the academic mission, groups should come together around some common interest or theme. This might include an academic commonality, vocational goal, some unique shared interest or life experience such as cross-cultural experiences or immersions, and/or leadership development interest. While sharing space with friends is important, it is our additional expectation that the daily interactions and the interpersonal relationships of the group's members will enhance their educational experience. It will also be important to show how members of each group will benefit from involvement in the suite. It is expected that the group's efforts begin Fall Term and will embrace their goals for the entire academic year. In order to demonstrate continuing progress each suite will be asked to create a plan with goals based on a bi-weekly or monthly schedule with tangible outcomes.

**Advisor/Mentor:** The advisor/mentor should assist you in stimulating thinking about the implementation of and demonstration of progress toward your interest area through the year. **Your advisor should have a thorough understanding of your educational interest area and regular contact with members of the group.** The advisor's role with the group should be outlined in your proposal. Your group should discuss and fill out the advisor agreement form with your advisor prior to submitting your proposal.

**Suite Representative:** The role of this person is to be the suite member who receives information directly and is responsible for passing the information on to the rest of the suite members and for keeping the Löhe Project Coordinator/Residence Hall Director (RHD) aware of any information that the suite may need to pass on to us including updates on progress.

Since Educational Interest Group housing proposals will be up for review and renewal each year, it will be important for the group to assess and report on how members have grown through participation. Groups selected for Löhe Hall will be required to do several tasks throughout the year. Some of the tasks include:

- Information Poster at the beginning of the year
- Updated tangible representation of projects (posters, fliers, websites, reflections, etc)
- Continuous contact with Löhe Project Coordinator
- A presentation at the end of the year
- A written evaluation each term
- Evaluation from advisor

A committee made up of students, faculty and staff will evaluate proposals. Selection for inclusion in Löhe Hall will be made using only the written proposal for new proposals. A combination of the written proposal and evaluation of the previous year will be used for the selection of renewal proposals. **The committee will look for a well thought out and complete description of the Interest Group and the outcomes to be gained by its members. Keep in mind that the main focus of the proposal should be the learning from and/or with each other and not service (though service can be a part of the group's learning). The greater the detail in the group's written proposal, the better the chances for inclusion in interest housing suites.**

Löhe Hall proposals are due **by 4:00pm on Thursday, March 4, 2010 via e-mail to [jeremy.pietkauskis@wartburg.edu](mailto:jeremy.pietkauskis@wartburg.edu)**. Decisions about which groups have been selected for theme housing will be made by **Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010** and distributed to the suite representative's campus box. Groups not selected for inclusion in Löhe Hall will still have an opportunity to go through the regular room draw process. Groups that are selected will participate in a separate housing process.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Löhe Project Coordinator or the RHD. We would be more than willing to discuss ideas or to answer questions. To schedule a meeting, please contact either of us via e-mail: [katrina.bernhard@wartburg.edu](mailto:katrina.bernhard@wartburg.edu) or [jeremy.pietkauskis@wartburg.edu](mailto:jeremy.pietkauskis@wartburg.edu).

Thank you for your time and interest!  
Good Luck!

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Löhe Hall Director

Katrina Bernhard  
Löhe Project Coordinator

## Löhe Hall Guidelines 2010-2011

The underlying philosophy of the Educational Interest Group option in Löhe Hall is that of a living/learning environment, one in which residents come together as a community of scholars in a setting that provides and promotes both personal and intellectual awareness and growth. Factors and information your group will want to consider as you plan your proposal for Löhe Hall:

# of People per suite	# of Suites available
3	3
4	26
6	6
8	1

The committee will select exemplary proposals that demonstrate sustained motivation, tolerance, respect, and exposure to the unfamiliar all within a commitment to the chosen theme. After selection and announcements are made, Residence Life will host a separate housing sign up for Löhe Hall using lottery numbers.

Please respond to the following questions in your group's written proposal. This should be no more than five or six (5-6) pages (not including a cover page).

### **Cover Page:**

1. The title of your Interest Group Proposal
2. The names of your group members
3. The name of your faculty advisor or mentor
4. The suite representative, and his/her mailbox number

### **Proposal (Include Headings):**

1. What Educational Interest is your group organizing around?
2. How will each member benefit from involvement in the group?
3. How will this Interest Grouping enhance the academic experience of the members?
4. How is this Interest Grouping tied to the Wartburg's educational mission and vision?
5. What goals do you have for your project and what is your plan to meet them?
6. What is the timeline or milestones for you group (chosed either a bi-weekly or monthly)?
7. How might others tangibly know that your group's goals are being met?
8. Who will be an advisor to your group and what role will he/she play?

### **Advisor Agreement**

You must include an advisor signature to the advisor's agreement and return to **Jeremy Pietkauskis in the Office of Student** to ensure your advisor is fully aware of what you hope to accomplish with their guidance. It is highly recommended that your group have a well thought out plan for your advisor's involvement and role in your project.

**Additionally, if you are renewing your proposal:**

1. How has your suite benefited the Löhe Hall community?
2. What have you learned this year from your project?
3. What went well and what were some challenges?
4. How are you going to build upon that experience, if continuing with the same theme?

Please include any additional information that you feel will assist the committee in considering your proposal more fully.

**PLEASE RETURN TO  
BY THURSDAY, MARCH 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009 PM 4:00PM  
VIA E-MAIL TO [jeremy.pietkauskis@wartburg.edu](mailto:jeremy.pietkauskis@wartburg.edu)**

## Löhe Hall Advisor Agreement 2010-2011

The group members and I have discussed in detail my role and how the group will utilize me throughout their project. I am willing to advise/mentor this group of students for the 2009-2010 academic year. I know that it is the group's responsibility to maintain contact and to schedule meetings with me throughout the year. **Due to Jeremy Pietkauskis (Office of Student Life) by 4:00pm on Thursday, March 4<sup>th</sup> 2009 (Proposals should be submitted via e-mail).**

Project goals include:

My role in helping the suite attain their goals include:

We plan on maintaining contact by (estimate of frequency & mode):

**Advisor Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer to be contacted via \_\_\_\_\_

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Please detach and give to your advisor.

If you should have any questions or concerns, please contact me at [jeremy.pietkauskis@wartburg.edu](mailto:jeremy.pietkauskis@wartburg.edu) or at extension x 8577.

Thanks!  
Jeremy Pietkauskis  
Löhe Hall Director