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Dormitory guest fee hearing Tuesday at U of Montana

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A five-member subcommittee of the Student Facilities Council (SFC) at the University of Montana will hold a public hearing Tuesday (May 20) to consider a proposal to change the guest fee at UM dormitories.

The hearing is slated for 7 p.m. Tuesday in the University Center Montana Rooms.

Benjamin B. Briscoe, Great Falls, president of the Associated Students at UM and a member of the SFC, said the council feels "there is an inequity in the present fee system."

"University coeds," Briscoe said, "are always charged the standard fee of $2 per night for each guest staying in their dormitories. Since coeds living in dormitories are under closer supervision than men living in dormitories, we feel it would be better for all University students who occupy dorm rooms to pay a flat 50-cent rate per year for the privilege of having room guests."

Briscoe said the 50-cent annual rate would apply for guests staying in a dormitory room already occupied. If an unused room has to be opened to accommodate a guest, then the $2-per-night fee would still apply.

Purpose of Tuesday's hearing is to determine students' feelings on the proposal. Briscoe said all students, particularly those who would be affected, are urged to attend the meeting to express their views on the matter.