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BU STUDENTS DEMAND ADMINISTRATION ACCOUNTABILITY REGARDING GENDER NEUTRAL HOUSING DECISION

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On Friday, December 14th, Boston University students will enter the Office of the President on 1 Silber Way at noon, to peacefully demand that President Robert Brown respond to students' need for Gender Neutral Housing on campus.

On Sunday, December 9th, the Boston University student body was informed that the plan to implement Gender Neutral Housing on campus had been indefinitely halted by the administration. This news came after multiple assurances from the administration to the Student Government that Gender Neutral Housing would be implemented by Fall 2013.

Within a few hours of the news breaking, outraged students and alumni met and established a united front - Gender Neutral BU. The coalition created an online petition which has received over 2,000 signatures to date. The signatures signify discontent with the administration's lack of accountability.

Gender Neutral BU will congregate in front of the administrative building at 1 Silber Way this Friday December 14th to hand-deliver the proposal for Gender Neutral Housing to the office of President Robert Brown.

Link to petition: <u>https://www.change.org/petitions/the-boston-university-</u> administration-implement-gender-neutral-housing-for-fall-2013

"Gender Neutral BU" comprises of the Center for Gender, Sexuality and Activism, the Boston University Student Government, and student, faculty, administrative, parent and alumni supporters. This group will pressure the BU administration to reverse its decision and demand that the university president take a public stand on the issue.