

ADMINISTRATIVE REQUESTS

1. I want the job of cleaning up the worst messes - urine, feces in printer room, for example. Assuming that I prove myself competent and capable in this capacity, I hope to secure additional responsibilities. I seek to assume these duties incrementally, and recognize that I cannot do all these things strictly by myself. I want permission to secure the services of other competent inmates. The responsibilities that I seek include:

- A. Damaged property of all kinds - fixing microwaves, other damaged goods, or replacement
- B. Satisfaction of medical costs occasioned by alcohol/drugs
- C. Satisfaction of BOP losses occasioned by theft or shrinkage of any kind - food, other goods

This of course necessitates a means of acquiring the resources to fulfill this obligation. Use of Unicor or other facilities when not otherwise in use. How do we maintain 4-5 microwave ovens in the unit? How do we get good microwave cookware so as to prevent the use of inappropriate improvised cooking containers (cut off buckets)? These are a big issue in the short (but not necessarily happy) lives of our microwave ovens.

ANSWER:

2. Getting juice, (juicer?) hydrangea root, other herbals, other essentials for personal health self help. Some of this is clearly a national issue based upon Program Statements concerning supplements. With respect to such matters I simply request a favorable word from this prison to National, to enable inmates to get what they need for good health. The request not to be troubled over using juice, and the right to access good juice, goes here as well.

There is still a very serious issue of professional independence of doctors and dentists and other medical professions within the BOP. Professional judgment is overridden based not only upon Program Statements, but also on an ad hoc basis, especially with respect to hunger strikers and others engaged in a dispute with the BOP.

ANSWER:

3. Let inmates receive their own prescription eyeglasses through the mail. This is a National issue, because recently National declared that inmates could not have their own eyeglasses sent in. Before this rule change, the BOP refused to allow inmates to receive glasses worth over \$100. This was merely a demand that the inmate lie about the value of their property, since virtually any prescription glasses worth wearing cost more than \$100.

I request an opportunity to discuss this with a proper officer at National, via video phone call.

ANSWER:

4. Right to put any legal dentist in the office, subject to space and scheduling. Right to pay for dental services, work to earn money for dentistry. Let inmates buy wood and craft supplies from any reasonable source - not merely the overpriced monopoly supplier now in control. Let us sell completed items on Ebay, at minimum.

ANSWER:

5. Let us wash second floor windows monthly.

ANSWER:

6. Pledge of civility - rewards for good behavior, not having trouble. Let us promote it.

ANSWER:

7. [12] Red lines, open moves as opposed to incoming/outgoing, opening compound at least part of the time.

ANSWER:

8. [15] Shelves in lockers of approved, inexpensive, durable material. No use of searches for group punishment. Searches should be used only for the proper purpose of looking for serious contraband that is truly inconsistent with the good order and operation of the institution. Requirement of clean tops of lockers during business hours only or with notice at other times. Allow the hanging of items from front (aisle) side of locker from 4:00 PM to 8:00 AM and on weekends and holidays.

ANSWER: Ms. Dube-Gilley indicated that it might be possible to have one, and only one, extra shelf, which the inmates would have to buy from commissary. The confiscations of property will continue unabated.

9. [16] Stop the use of group punishment if one or more persons either admit, are caught, are accused, or accept the punishment for the wrong, with or without admission of guilt. This is not an implied acceptance of group punishment for individual wrongs, in any case.

ANSWER:

10. 22. Authorize inmates to create and maintain flower beds and personal gardens, plant suitable trees, etc.

ANSWER:

11. 23. Let us computerize our medical records, and creating a medical summary chart for the benefit of medical, for interested inmates. Let us compile and maintain information necessary for statistical analysis of health parameters.

ANSWER:

12. [Reserved paragraph number.]

13. 26. Inmate management of heating and air with analysis of utility bill cost reduction.

ANSWER:

14. 27. Inmate management of shower curtains or shower doors, full cost and responsibility on inmate population. Also shower heads. Showers should all remain open from

after 5:00 AM count until 11:30 PM excepting count time and cleaning. All cleaning should be done during slack times with possible exception for inspection day.

ANSWER:

15. 28. Bowflex machines [see TF]

16. 29. Substantial incentives should be offered to inmates for reduction of health risks and expected value of medical costs.

ANSWER:

17. 30. Give inmates the right to buy and use beds and pillows commensurate with those in OKC Transfer Center.

ANSWER:

18. 31. Let inmates repair damaged sleeping mats or pay value of damage done, as alternative to punishment. This is particularly but perhaps not totally applicable to SHU.

ANSWER:

19. 32. Adopt a general policy that damage not done with actual malice be ordinarily subject to a right to mitigate or cure, as opposed to write-up and discipline.

ANSWER:

20. 33. Turn on only one set of lights in the mornings. Turn on all the lights only when it is dark outside or the CO otherwise discerns a need for this expenditure of money and electricity. Also, put light switches on isolation and other rooms in Medical, so as to turn off lights when not needed.

ANSWER:

21. 34. Eliminate screens from windows in SHU.

ANSWER:

23. 35. TV in cells at cost, use flat screens & wall mounts. We've lost the big TV room. Despised groups are elbowed out. Overpopulation of the prison requires a serious effort to ameliorate conditions that might reasonably result in tensions or even outright violence.

ANSWER:

24. 36. Skype video calls from the units, in order to maintain family ties. Prison can monitor these easily.

ANSWER:

25. 37. Conjugal visits - National issue I assume.

ANSWER:

26. 39. Let us buy, install, and operate our own laundry equipment. We'll pay full cost of power and water, buy our own soap.

ANSWER:

27. 40. [moved to Ed.]

28. 42. Let us have American Blue Tip cigarette substitutes as reward for materially improving health parameters (blood pressure, blood lipids, body weight, physical fitness, hemoglobin A1c levels).

ANSWER:

29. 43. Sell Yeti coolers, both large and small (or other high efficiency coolers) at cost, so as to save on utility bills by reducing ice consumption.

ANSWER:

30. 44. Get clocks in Food Service, barber shop, Medical waiting room, SHU Medical room. Inmates to purchase and maintain the clocks, except that we should be allowed to repair and use existing clocks if they are available.

ANSWER:

31. 48. Go over my informal resolution related to the previous hunger strike. Same issues involved in the most recent hunger strike, plus Lt. Rule's threat to strip the cell, write me up for not programming, etc. Magazine articles taken this time. Lt. Rule told me I didn't get the magazines. Is he the one who detained these items?

ANSWER:

32. Can I get a signature on my form with respect to rights of hunger strikers? Administrative v. medical status is an additional issue this time, but doesn't materially change the story.

ANSWER:

EDUCATION AND TRUST FUND ISSUES

1. [2] Libraries in the units, with a system for the management of periodicals such as magazines and newspapers. Encourage inmates to contribute or loan works of literary significance, and educational materials.

ANSWER:

2. [3] Upgrade the SHU cart regularly, with books having literary or educational value.

ANSWER:

3. [3] Let the inmates maintain suitable periodicals and other reading material at Medical, the Barber Shop, Food Service, and other places where inmates have otherwise idle time.

ANSWER:

4. [8] Get computers for practice typing, in English and Russian, in the units. Maintain modern software suitable for preparing inmates for work in a contemporary business setting. Let inmates procure, install, maintain, and operate all computers, printers, hardware, software, and internet access necessary to create a first class learning environment.

If Education can't give this permission, I want a chance to speak to BOP personnel with the authority to either approve or deny this request.

ANSWER:

5. [17] Use the Chapel as overflow space for the library. Use the Chapel walls for shelving books. Spread out seating for library users. Let the inmates focus on getting classic literature, technical and scientific works, and works of literary significance.

ANSWER:

6. Computerize card catalog.

ANSWER:

7. [18] Allow inmates to bring educational and commonly used legal books - state rules, federal rules, ethical rules, local rules, contact information for courts and other governmental offices, with the understanding that they will be primarily reference resources. Let us create a full set of the Program Statements in hard copy, Ibico bound, double sided, for the main library and also for housing units that want a set.

ANSWER:

8. [19, 20] Printers in the units, with scanners to be used for scanned pages, all at inmate expense. Use in conjunction with modern office software for educational and practical purposes.

ANSWER:

9. [19, 20] Maintain redundant imaging and printing resources. The perennial lack of printing resources can be effectively resolved by allowing inmates to procure sufficient printers, scanners, and computers set up on a network. As long as the network is operational, inmates can simply print their documents to an operable attached printer. If a printer needs service, it can be repaired, by the inmates, at a convenient time. This sort of system tends to be robust, fault tolerant, and inexpensive to set up and use. In fact it is inexpensive enough that such systems could be set up in the housing units.

ANSWER:

10. If this system is attached to a server which allows material to be posted to the internet, it will enable the use of an electronic administrative remedies system. We already have electronic

reporting for sexual abuse. This system would eliminate doubt about what was said in administrative remedy claims, and when the administrative claim was filed.

ANSWER:

11. [38, 24, 25] Inmates should at minimum have enough access to the internet for courts, PACER, administrative remedies, and educational websites. We'll pay the costs if we're allowed reasonably remunerative work so that we can reasonably pay.

ANSWER:

12. [28] Bowflex machines at inmate expense and maintenance.

ANSWER: Must come through Trust Fund.

13. [41] Paper towel issue. Paper towels not being distributed per official instructions.

ANSWER: Ms. Dube-Gilley is investigating.

14. [40] More soap for indigents. Dispense soap, paper, pencils, and toothpaste at the housing units, with focus on waste prevention and ensuring that indigents and newcomers have adequate supplies of the basics. Also, the cheapo toothbrushes need to be discarded in favor of the best toothbrushes on the market, such as Oral-B soft toothbrushes. Dental care is altogether inadequate, and we can't afford any unnecessary damage to teeth. We also need a welcoming committee with a revolving fund of shower shoes and various other items with which to welcome new inmates. That will require a locker for storage, plus permission.

ANSWER:

15. [10] Access to plain liquid soap, hand dryers, hand lotion, means of payment.

ANSWER: Safety issue - give Ms. Dube-Gilley time. [Initial response.]

16. [13] Let inmates access language instruction materials, religious, classical music, or other material having substantial educational value, for use in MP3 players. There is much quality material available on the internet for free.

ANSWER:

17. [14] Periodic review between inmate population and Operations, monthly preferred. Inmate concerns to be exchanged with the concern of Operations and other departments of the prison, for the purpose of enhancing outcomes on both sides.

ANSWER: Ms. Dube-Gilley indicated that this was a reasonable request and would be granted.