

EXERCISE 5, DESIGN ANALYSIS: LIVING ENVIRONMENT

*Liveable Space: a place appropriate for young,
single, male graduate students.*

(Also applicable to anyone living on a really tight budget.)

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Savannah, Georgia is the oldest city in Georgia, founded in 1733 by around 115 British colonists and James Edward Oglethorpe. Now, the city has a population of around 150,000. The area draws tourists and residents alike, but the three young men I am working for all hail from the midwest and are graduate students at SCAD, one of the 4 colleges and universities based out of Savannah. (Georgia Press, 2006)

The Four Factors that influence residential satisfaction are: (Casamassima, 2018)

1. Personal Disposition
2. Age and Stage of Life
3. Gender and Social Roles
4. Physical Influences

They are three, caucasian, abled, cis men, in their mid-late twenties, all from middle-class to upper-middle class families. They have varied backgrounds, coming from the mid-Atlantic, New England, and the Midwest. They've found a suburban apartment complex geared towards single or married, mid-twenties to early forties residents. These young men have entered a one-year lease for an unfurnished apartment at The Slate Apartments in the suburbs of Savannah, quite a ways from SCAD campus, meaning that they will need to use their own vehicles and all have their own distinct tastes in style and decor. The unit that they have chosen is a 3Bed/3Bath, 1347 sqft plan with a common, open dining room and living space, kitchen, in-unit washer/dryer, and porch/balcony area. The complex has various amenities including a pool, fitness center, and "club house" able to be reserved for large gatherings.

The Five Dimensions of a Home (Casamassima, 2018) that the men will be falling under the continuums of are:

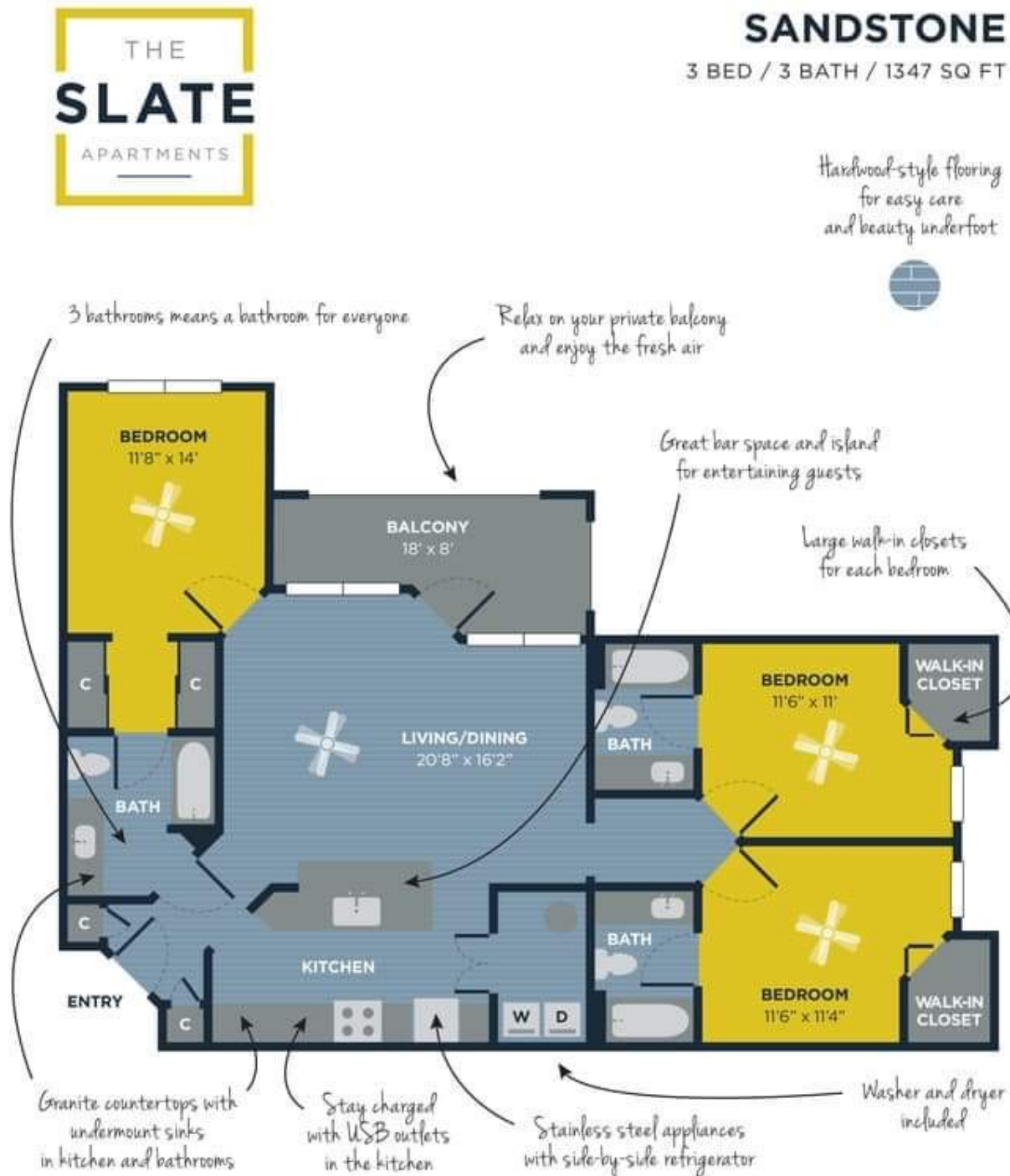
1. Temporary (non-permanent)
2. Differentiated personal spaces
3. Homogenous communal spaces
4. Identity (personal spaces)/ commonality for the communal spaces
5. Openness in the communal space/ Private, closedness for the personal space.

All three have a strong attachment to their undergraduate institutions and their "home" cities, where they were raised. This strong attachment to place-identity will come in to play in their decor selection. By fostering this attachment with a few personalised items, it will help them all feel more at ease and comfortable. (Kopec, 2018)



Fig. 1-3: Photographs from one of the residents, B. Favo

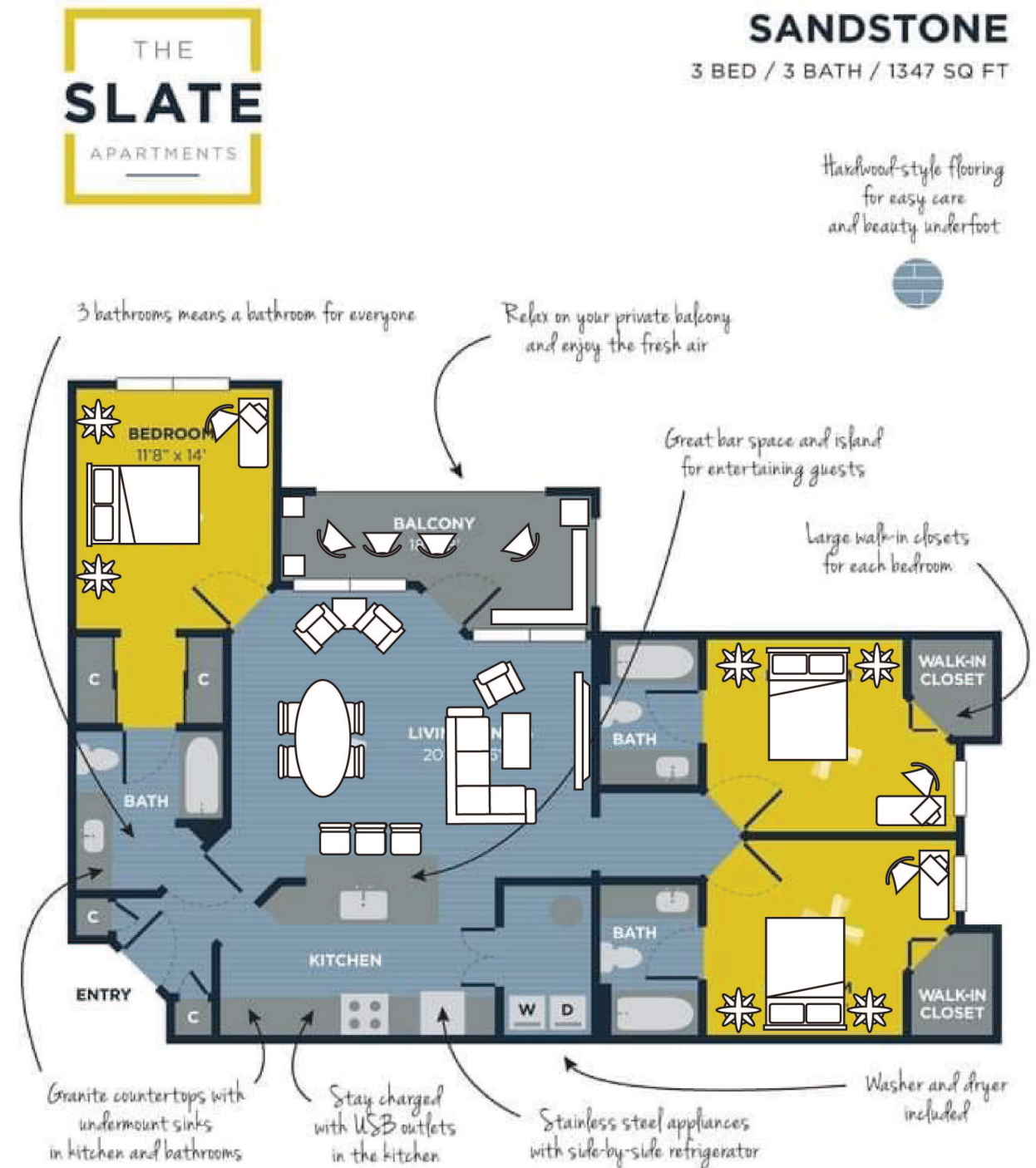
Their current space is all painted in a bland off-white and has light coloured carpet through the bedrooms and laminate wood flooring throughout the common areas including the front toilet. They are unable to change the wall colour due to lease restrictions. The appliances are stainless steel and the countertops are builder-grade granite. Each bedroom and the living room has a ceiling fan. The windows open for ventilation and light, although there is central heating and air conditioning throughout the space.



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Fig. 4, Floorplan



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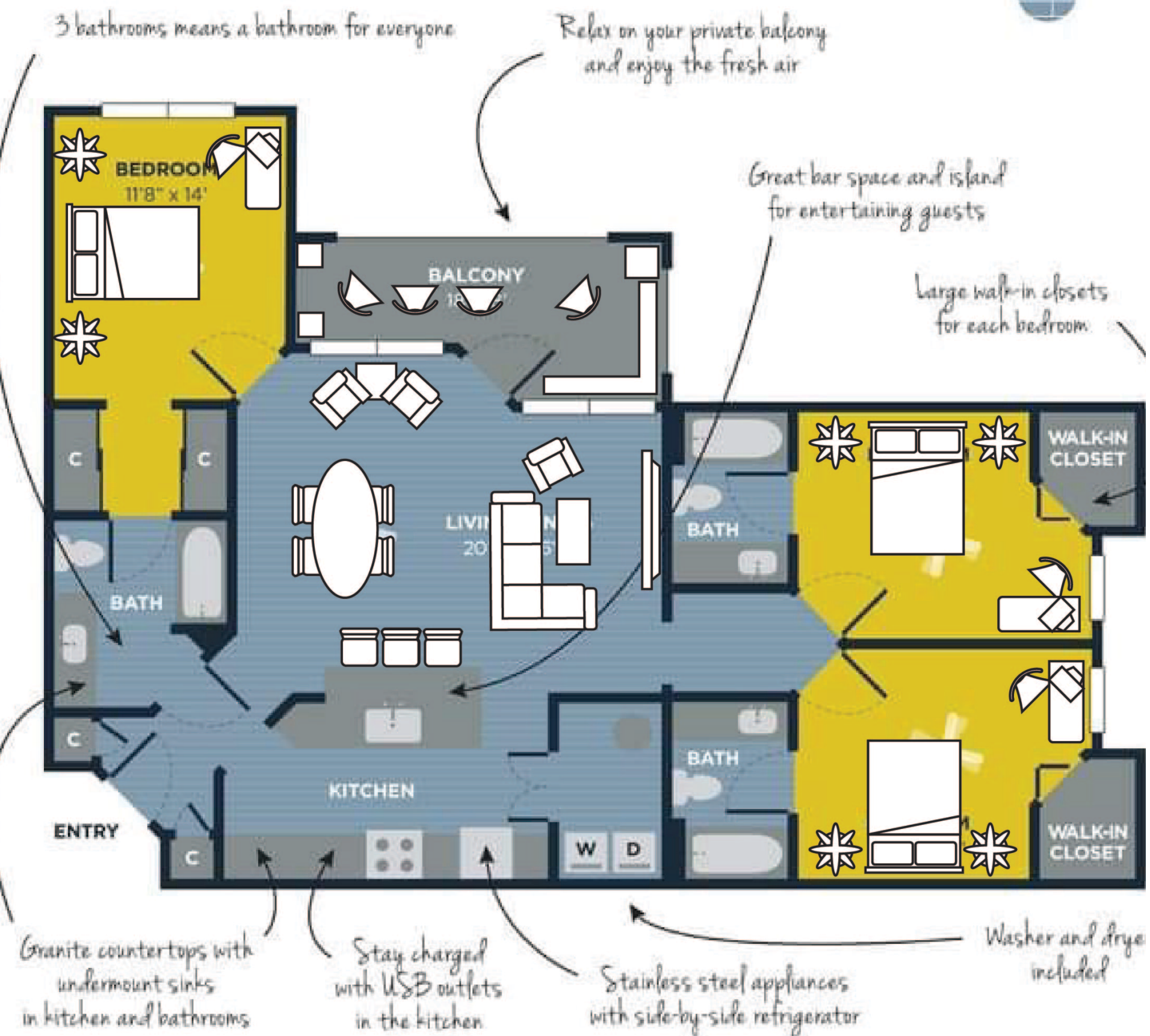
Fig. 5, Floorplan with furniture additions

I have made some suggestions of furniture based on their square footage and needs. This is all available at IKEA. The low cost and ability to customise for a small amount of money is appealing for all three of the men. They are having some delivered and are visiting the Jacksonville store (roughly 2 hours away) to pick up the majority of it with one of their vehicles.

Hardwood-style flooring
for easy care
and beauty underfoot

FURNITURE ADDITIONS

- A large sectional couch
- Three arm chairs
- A long, low coffee table
- A TV stand with room for their TV/Audio/Video Game equipment
- A table with four dining chairs
- Four chair for the balcony area
- A corner shelving unit for outside storage on the balcony
- Three barstools
- Three captains' beds with underbed storage on both sides and the headboard
- Two medium side tables: one interior and one exterior
- Two small side tables (both exterior)
- 6 bedside tables and lamps
- Three desks, desk chairs, and desk lamps



(Closeup of Fig. 5)

SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS:

- Common areas in dark, natural, neutral tones.
- No “Shi-shi” or overly feminine colours or textures for Person 1. (I had to look this one up.)
- Bright, complementary colours for Person 2.
- Deep, muted blues and greys, for Person 3.
- Linens and Bathware will be purchased separately, upon personal consultation regarding thread-count, colourfastness and washability.
- Kitchenware will be in white, dishwasher/microwave safe (easily replaceable and hearty)
- Kitchen towels in a variety of bright, bold colours, from the official colours of their undergraduate universities. [Place attachment! (Kopec, 2018)]
- They want to be able to move with this furniture, but not so attached that they’ll be upset if it breaks after 5 years.
- They all have large posters and artwork they would like to hang in their own spaces as well as in the common areas. Frames of the appropriate sizes and command strips will be used for this purpose.

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Figures 1-3: Property of resident, B. Favo

Figure 4 and base image for 5: Property of Slate Apartments through TheSlateSavannah.com

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