HMSC Roommate/Housemate Matching and Gender Identity

At Hatfield Marine Science Center, roommate/housemate matching for all applicants is based on gender identity, and not biological sex. What does this mean? Applicants are able to indicate the gender they identify with on their housing application, which may or may not match their biological sex.

What does this mean for you specifically?
Housing applicants can identify on their application their gender and our housing staff will assign you roommates/housemates whose gender identity category matches your own.

How does gender matching work in roommate/housemate matching?
All HMSC housing is communal. Roommates/housemates will be assigned based on the category of the gender identified on their application. There are three categories of gender identities: man, woman, and gender inclusive.

What is gender inclusive?
Due to recent legislation in the state of Oregon, the university makes efforts to no longer define gender on a binary (meaning just “male” or “female”). Working within the physical space limitations of HMSC housing, and in an effort to provide all applicants access to the same services, we have identified three gender identities from which applicants can select for roommate compatibility that most aligns with their identity:

1. Gender Inclusive*
   a. Agender
   b. Genderqueer
   c. Identity or identities not listed
   d. Non-binary, gender fluid, gender non-conforming
   e. Questioning or not sure
   f. Trans Man
   g. Trans Woman
   h. Transgender

2. Man

3. Woman

* A Gender Inclusive house/living space can be occupied by a person of any gender identity. Gender inclusive living spaces do not use gender to designate their use.

Who will have access to my gender identity information?
Only Housing staff who are responsible for making room/house assignments will have access to this information.