**Housing Advisory Committee Meeting Sept 29, 017**

**Welcome and introductions**

In attendance:

* Bandon Remmelgas– TCSA
* Ann Martin – OC cabinet
* Michelle Trelevan – Housing
* Cameron Door –Morin – Housing
* Shannon Brockbank – Housing
* Mansimran Saini – OC CRC
* Lauren –Traill CRC
* Shaun McCracken – Housing
* Jen Coulter – Housing (chair)
* Nikki Kuzoff – Housing (minutes)

**Orientation to Housing Advisory Committee: Michelle**

Discussed role of Committee and what is talked and not talked about.

Introduced terms of reference

Jen briefly discussed reorganization of Housing department that resulted a revised Committee Membership.

Changes to housing budget - CASSC no longer has to make final approval.

Michelle discussed Motions & Voting, by following Roberts rules of orders – within the context of how the committee comes to motions and voting, managing discussions, set ground rules.

Someone must bring forward a motion, there needs to be a second motion at that point there can be discussion followed by a vote.

Michelle introduced Discussion Topic Schedule. No questions in regards to topic schedules.

If you cannot attend a meeting try to send someone on your behalf.

Discussed minutes and how they will be circulated and voted on at the next meeting.

Past approved and new minutes will be posted on the CASC website.

Roles of people on committee – review what is going to be on agenda, prepare, take part in discussion, take notes and report back to your council. Spread the information to your communities.

Everyone agreed they understand the purpose and roles.

**Ground Rules: Cam**

What are the expectations of the meetings and discussions?

Be conscious of time during discussion and aware of all agenda items

Challenge ideas, not the people (do not take out item on

Be respectful of the other committee members

Call in not out

Delegate tasks as appropriate

Come prepared (complete prework/review advance documentation)

One on one for specifics

With appropriate people

Committee will help redirect questions

**Sub group terms of reference – Shaun**

Gender inclusive housing

Reviewed terms of reference for GIH subcommittee

Membership

Meeting schedule

Dates are specific to allow time for when application opens in April

Discussed Mandate

Put forward a Motion to setup subcommittee for GIH.

Jen asked if everyone understands what GIH is:

Brandon explained that making housing more inclusive and allowing people of different genders to live in the same room. Students are no longer required to specify gender on University application. Need to figure out what residences will be GIH at Trent.

Brandon suggested in Membership TCSA Vice President Campaign & equity to be changed to “, or designate”

Should there be a representative from SAS? (Anne)

Do not want people to think GIH is an accommodation.

Should we have CRC representatives? (Lauren)

Jen to change to 5 current resident students

Go to CRC first then general public.

Could other students or other interested people attend these meetings?? (cam)

Yes, absolutely but cannot vote. (Jen)

Chair asked for someone to approve the terms of reference with the changes discussed

**Motion to approve the terms of reference with changes discussed brought forward by Anne Magella.**

**Second motion by Anne Martin**

**In favor 8**

**Abstain 1**

**Against 0**

**Housing Strategy Presentation:**

Why a housing strategy and why:

Enrollment going up and we do not have enough space

Easier to be reactive than proactive

1st year community building is an important piece.

Only way to find out what students need and how do we plan for the changes is to start talking about it and make a long term plan.

Shaun began facilities portion with Polleverywhere.

Current rent rates:

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Double/triples

Cost effective

People used to having siblings around

Int’l students to help with home sickness

Singles

Only children

Privacy

Have your own sleeping space

Privacy Continuum: discussed by Shaun

What is your preference for room type?

Gzowski room choice but enjoyed living in single and being forced out to be in the community.

Are there things that can be done to make shared washrooms more private:

Shower rooms not stalls

Would love to be in a traditional single if shared bathrooms were more private.

Meet lots more people by using common spaces.

Apartment style:

Having kitchen to cook own food is great

Private bathroom

But would miss student experience/community building

Loves the privacy by being in apartment style for a private person

Convenient

Question how much to live in a self-contained vs traditional?

Could be up to 17K a year compared to Traditional at 9K

How much to build a building with self-contained units?

Unsure but significantly more than traditional singles

Does everyone have to get a meal plan in res?

Yes

Possibly split half meal plan half trent cash

Common Space redone: reaction

Too big, very cliquey looking

Too open and bright – creates to many distractions. Only social not allowing study.

What types of shared spaces should there be:

Study lounges that are traditional – longer tables, classic comfy chairs, books around (Den like)

A/C in just common spaces

Social space with smaller enclosed study spaces

Kitchen space in each section so people can make something simple. Makes it convenient to make a quick something to eat.

Cable TV so people come out and watch popular shows. Bring people out to watch things together.

Cable would be nice to watch things you cannot watch online. AGT, The Voice…….

Laundry rooms:

If there is lounge space in laundry people will hang out and it will be more difficult to get laundry done when there are not enough laundry machines available already.

Laundry room is to do laundry not to hang out.

Space OUTSIDE laundry room would be good to meet more people than just the ones in your section.

Jen wrapped up with explanations of next steps, invited people to share any feedback they come up with at any time.

Starbucks gift cards for you at the next meeting to participate.

**Wrap up by Jen**

Meetings are always 1-3, Jen will send out agenda’s and room space in advance.

**No other business.**

**Meeting adjourned at 2:52pm.**