

Housing Advisory Committee

January 20th, 2022, | 10:30 am – 11:30 am | Zoom

Attendance:

Present: Andrew Harris (Housing, non-voting), Stephanie Muehlethaler (Colleges), Jen Coulter (Housing, non-voting), Brandon Remmelgas (Housing, non-voting), Lawrence Lam (Housing, non-voting), Chenelle Pinto (HAA), Sela Brown (Dur SCA), Isabel Michaelson (GCS Dons), Livia Passarelli (CC Dons), Wendy Walker (TCSA), Ann-Majella McKelvie (Housing, non-voting), Lisa Ramsamy (CC Cabinet), Lloyd McDowell (FA), Javariya Abid (TISA), Claudia Taylor (RLEA), Gina Standaert (GCS Cabinet), Sebastian Johnson (TGSA), Mollie Schnurr (TC Dons), Phuong Nguyen (TDSA), Wenita Kirby (Housing, non-voting)

Regrets: Amanda Owen (TC Cabinet)

Absent: Kingsley Service (LEC Dons), Elena Duncan (OC Dons), Kamsi Charlse-Eidbedion (OC Dons), Mads Leduc (Durham Dons), Javariya Abid (Dur SCA), Cameron Ewing (TC Cabinet), Ashley Merker (OC Cabinet), Cassandra Tessier (OC Cabinet), Emma Philips (CC Cabinet), Devon Howell (TGSA), Sydney Beatty (CC Residence Council), Kevin Agatare (CC Residence Council), Ella Roth (GCS Residence Council), Kaylie Robertson (GCS Residence Council), Joanna Hogeveen (TC Residence Council), Connor Johnston (TC Residence Council), Eric Cheng (OC Residence Council), Cara Di Teodoro (LEC Residence Council), Chenelle Pinto (HAA), Sydney Glen (LEC Residence Council), Naimah Simmons (Ptbo SCA), Sydney Glen (LEC Residence Council), Keeley Cox (OC Residence Council).

Minutes:

I. Chair's Remarks (Jen Coulter)

II. Land Acknowledgement (Isabel Michaelson)

III. Minutes (Jen Coulter)

- Motion to approve the December 2nd, 2021, meeting minutes.
 - Moved by Lisa Ramsamy
 - Seconded by Stephanie Muehlethaler
 - Motion passes.

IV. Proposed 2022-2023 budget presentation (Jen Coulter)

- Jen provides a presentation on the 2022-2023 housing budget.
- The department is trying to rebuild the reserve that was lost in 2020-2021 due to COVID-19.
- Rebuilding the reserve to go towards large-scale projects and renovations.
- When proposing new residence fees, the department tries to aim between the middle of the pack in comparison to other institutions to remain competitive but also affordable.
- 3-Year proposed budget adjustments are provided.
- Off-Campus Housing Program Referendum. A fee is being proposed to students in the 2022 TCSA spring election. This is to provide further support to students in the realm of off-campus housing.
- What is the status of building new residences and renovations? Further studies with scion have taken place to see how the demand has changed with the pandemic.

Recommendations have been made to satisfy these changing needs and further study will take place on how to financially support large-scale OC renovations.

- Is there a way to include off-campus support for graduate students? Nicole does have plans to meet with the dean of graduate studies. Jen will get Nicole to reach out to TGSA to discuss how we can further support graduate students.
- Is there a place where future students will know the proposed fees in advance? There is a disclaimer on the website that states that fees are subject to change pending approval. Once fees are approved, they are updated on the website.
- Motion to approve *the 2022-2023 residence fees and budget as presented*.
 - Moved by Stephanie Muehlethaler
 - Seconded by Phuong Nguyen
 - Motion passed.
 - ** all staff abstained.

V. Other Business

- Concerns raised about food services and the boost app, especially for international students trying to access the app, available food on campus for vegetarians and other dietary restrictions, and lack of healthy options. Jen will bring these concerns to Mark Murdoch and put together some resources for students.

VI. Adjourn

Next Meeting: February 17th, 2022 - 10:30 am -11:30 am – Zoom