

**Report to the Senate of Queen's University
Senate Residence Committee
For the period May 2007 – August 2008**

Introduction

This report of the Senate Residence Committee is a summary of the activities of the committee for the period May 2007 to August 2008.

Purpose of the Committee

As a standing committee of the Senate, the mandate of the Senate Residence Committee (SRC) is to: recommend to the Senate policies that ensure residences life is complementary to the attainment of academic excellence in the University; advise the Executive Director (Housing Services) in all matters of policy relating to the Residence system; and, support and encourage the existence of sub committee and ad hoc committees. These

include:

Executive & Agenda Committee chaired by V. Remenda;
Admissions Committee chaired by B. Griffiths;
Residence Budget Advisory Committee chaired by B. Griffiths;
Meal Plan Advisory Committee chaired by B. Griffiths;
Discipline Working Group chaired by S. Goffin Boyd; -
Student Life Committee chaired by E. Leal Conrad; -
Council Committee in which the chair position was not filled for the 2007 2008 session; -
Ad Hoc Committee to Consider the Exchange Program in Residence chaired by V. Remenda;
Ad Hoc Committee on Residence Redevelopment chaired by B. Griffiths; and
Ad Hoc Committee to Examine the Issues of Capacity in Residences chaired by B. Griffiths


Residence Admissions

In 2007 2008, Residence occupancy was at or near budgeted targets. The Admissions sub Committee discussed various process issues and options for graduate students once the Graduate Residence was to be closed in 2009. In March, after enrolment targets increased significantly, planning was required during the summer months in order to provide accommodation to these additional students.

Residence Budget Advisory Committee

The Budget Advisory Committee met a total of four times to:

develop the 2008/2009 budget;
review the 2009/2010 fees;
review revised estimates for the redevelopment project;
receive presentations from each functional area in order to better understand foundational budget issues;
review a proposal to increase the ResNet fee to purchase more bandwidth
discuss process issues;



discuss the removal of the Event Services (formerly Conference Services) costs and revenues from the Residence budget
discuss the need for increased transparency and,
review the expected fee changes, with varying fee level possibilities.

Approval was given by the Board (and subsequently, the Board of Trustees) for a 3.5% increase for the 2009 2010 academic year. -

Meal Plans and New Food Venue

The Meal Plan Advisory Committee recommended to the S.R.C. that Leonard cafeteria should be closed at breakfast due to low participation and the money saved be utilized to improve meal plan flexibility. Renovations were undertaken at Ban Righ to create a noodle concept and planning took place for a new outlet (known as "Gord's") with a focus on healthy options.

Discipline Working Group

The committee met on a monthly basis to review policies, procedures, rules and regulations, in order to fine tune the residence discipline process. The working group recommended changes to make the system more effective in its managing of outstanding educational sanctions. The group updated wording on a few alcohol related community standards. The progression of sanctions assigned to a student when they are found responsible for level one offences more than once were updated to include an educational sanction and the option of a bond was removed.

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