

**Report to the Senate of Queen's University
Senate Residence Committee
For the period September 2010 to April 2011**

Introduction

This report of the Senate Residence Committee is a summary of the activities of the committee for the period September 2010 to April 2011.

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 Senior Residence Administration in all matters of policy relating to the Residence system; and,
- support and encourage the existence of student government.

During the 2010-2011 academic year, the SRC met 7 times, under the leadership of Dr. Bob Crawford, Chair.

Sub-Committees and Ad Hoc Committees

The Senate Residence Committee has a variety of sub-committee and ad hoc committees. These include:

- Executive & Agenda Committee chaired by Bob Crawford;
- Admissions Committee chaired by Bruce Griffiths;
- Residence Budget Advisory Committee chaired by Bruce Griffiths;
- Meal Plan Advisory Committee chaired by Bruce Griffiths;
- Discipline Working Group chaired by Kathryn Morrissey; and,
- Student Life Committee chaired by Arig Girgrah.

Residence Admissions

The committee recommended that Chown Hall be converted to a mixed-gender residence. This reflects the application preferences of students based on three years of declining interests in single-sex female residence accommodation. Single-sex female accommodation is still available in sufficient numbers to address all requests.

Residence Budget Advisory Committee

The Budget Committee:

- Finalized the 2011/2012 budget;
- Recommended the 2012/2013 fees with an overall increase of 4.5%; and,
- Recommended a plan to align the Residence budget with the recent report on ancillaries significantly increases the contribution from the budget to the university. By 2015-2016 the additional contribution will be \$2.7M.

Meal Plan Review Committee

The Meal Plan Advisory Committee recommended to the S.R.C. that the next step in the evolution of meal plans is to increase the number and diversity of outlets. The committee had also considered changes to the meal plan structure but elected not to recommend any changes at this time.

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 approved changes to the sanctioning matrix in order to bring more clarity, consistency and efficacy to the Level 1 and Level 2 hearing and sanctioning process. The Group also approved changes to the categorization of offences, ensuring greater clarity with regards to serious fire and life safety violations as well as handling of these offences at a higher level in the judicial system. Finally, the Group approved procedural changes to the judicial system during Orientation Week in order to support the alcohol-free residences pilot project.

Student Life Committee

The Student Life Committee discussed and provided input on the following student life policy and program issues: 1) safety and security; 2) leadership development programming; 3) alcohol misuse; 4) gender-neutral bathrooms; and, 5) common room/study space allocation.

Bob Crawford
Chair (2010 – 2011)
Senate Residence Committee

Membership

Bob Crawford, Chair/Principal's Representative
Catherine Landon, Secretary
Bruce Griffiths, Residences Representative
Kim Murphy, VP (Operations & Administration) Representative
Adam Say, Appointed Staff Representative
Patricia Minnes / Leda Raptis, Appointed Faculty Representative
Safiah Chowdhury, AMS President
Robyn Courtney, MCRC President
Thomas Vaughan, JRHC Representative
Anne-Marie Grondin, SGPS Representative
Micheline Boomhour, Admissions Committee
Kathryn Morrissey, Discipline Working Group
Arig Girgrah, Student Life Committee