



**STUDENT HOUSING POLICY**

**1.0 PHILOSOPHY**

- 1.1 Student housing accommodation at the University provides convenient living accommodation together with services and programs from which residents may secure additional educational, social and cultural advantages. The University is concerned not only with the physical environment within student housing, but also with activities which will provide an educational experience aimed at aiding the personal growth of each resident.
- 1.2 Only students can secure accommodation in student housing during the academic terms.

**2.0 GOALS**

- 2.1 To provide a physical environment in which each student has the opportunity for maximum personal growth within an academic institution while maintaining a focus and balance for the whole community.
- 2.2 To provide and coordinate the services necessary for the comfort, well-being and growth of each individual resident student.
- 2.3 To ensure that student housing is operated under policies consistent with all University policies and procedures and within the University's Strategic Plan.

AUTHORITY:	RESPONSIBILITY:	EFFECTIVE DATE:	RELATED POLICIES:
Board of Governors  <u>Prior Approvals</u> Board of Governors July 19, 1990 GFC May 7, 1990	Vice-President (Finance & Admin.)	October 16, 2008  Supersedes policy dated July 19, 1990	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Principles of Student Citizenship</li> <li>• Student Conduct &amp; Discipline</li> <li>• Non-Academic Offenses</li> </ul>

### **3.0 OBJECTIVES**

- 3.1 To provide an administrative structure which will develop, implement and evaluate procedures necessary to carry out student housing policies.
- 3.2 To provide a framework for the development and evaluation of student housing policy by cooperation between the residents and the University.
- 3.3 To provide for the support of Residence Student Council elected and coordinated by the residents.
- 3.4 To provide facilities within student housing which would be conducive to academic achievement.
- 3.5 To provide the environment for social, cultural and athletic participation in accordance with student trends of the time and consistent with the overall objectives of the student housing operation.
- 3.6 To provide maximum possible individual privacy and security.
- 3.7 To provide a student housing admissions procedure that supports an equitable allocation of beds to all students applying for residence, while reflecting the objectives of the Housing operation and the University's Strategic Plan.
- 3.8 To provide for the evaluation of present and future service needs.
- 3.9 To establish and publish standards of acceptable behavior for student housing living.
- 3.10 To establish the necessary mechanism for the enforcement of standards for student housing living, including final appeal procedures.

### **4.0 ADMINISTRATION**

- 4.1 Student housing is owned and operated by the University. Student Housing, as an ancillary operation, falls within the responsibility of the Vice President (Finance & Administration).
- 4.2 The philosophy, goals, and objectives of student housing are set by the Board of Governors on the recommendation of the Vice President (Finance & Administration).

- 4.3 The University has a Manager of student housing responsible to the Director of Housing. The Director administers student housing within the operating and financial regulations set by the Board of Governors. Management issues with respect to student housing are handled through normal administrative channels.
- 4.4 Recommendations for change to existing policy or development of new policy will be the responsibility of the Director of Housing in consultation with the Housing Manager and Residence Council. Policy recommendations will then be forwarded to the Vice President (Finance & Administration), for approval by the Board of Governors.
- 4.5 The University, through normal administrative channels, will hear appeals of the disciplinary action of Housing Administration, and will exercise its rights to evict from student housing, at any time and with reasonable cause, a person whose behavior is undesirable. Undesirable behavior includes, but is not restricted to the following:
- (a) nonpayment of student housing fees
  - (b) willful or persistent breach of University student housing regulations and/or University policies.
- 4.6 The University's objectives with respect to student housing are best accomplished by providing support for student government, elected and coordinated by the residents. This student government is known as the Organization of Residence Students, with its officers, executive and membership inclusive of all those who live in student housing. The executive of this organization is known as Residence Council. Residence Council may act as an advisory body to the Housing Manager and Director respecting any and all aspects of the operation of student housing.
- Furthermore, Residence Council has delegated to it, on the authority of the Housing Manager, certain functions and activities for which Residence Council takes executive action in the areas of residence life programming.
- 4.7 Residence Councilors, under the direction of the Housing Manager, are responsible to maintain a peaceable and orderly environment for student housing living, including enforcement of rules, regulations, and procedures. Residence students have the right of appeal to the Housing Manager, and next to the Director of Housing. If a concern is unresolved the final appeal is to the Associate Vice President (Student Services) & Registrar.