Single Graduate Council Meeting
Winter 2018 |January 24, 2018|Minutes

Call to Order
- Motion to call meeting to order: Sheila, Jacob (second). Motion was carried.
- All participants in attendance introduced themselves to the group.
  - Waterloo Residences Staff Members in Attendance: Glen Weppler (Director of Housing and Meeting Chair), Jacob Alvarez (CLV Graduate Community Programmer), Sheila Goodwin (External Services) and Nicolle Frankland (Occupancy and Data Coordinator).
  - CLV Single Graduate Student Residents in Attendance: Maliha Ahmed, Zuhair AlSader, Monika Kulak, Jade Marcoux-Ouellet, Jake Zimmermann and Sharon Choy.
- Minutes: Jacob Alvarez and Sheila Goodwin.

Approval of Agenda
- The agenda was emailed to registered residents ahead of time.
  Motion to approve the agenda: Jake Zimmermann, Jacob Alvarez (second). Motion was carried.

Business arising from Door Knocking Campaign: November 22nd, 2017
- 60/40 Pricing Split CLV South – Confusing Rationale
  - Nicole Frankland:
    - Pricing is based on CLV as a whole.
    - Pricing is approved by The Board of Governors.
    - Grad students residing in the south community are required to sign an 8 month contract (Fall 60%/Winter or spring 40%)/grad students residing in the north community sign a 4 month contract.
  - Glen Weppler:
    - Fee structure follows a historical pattern which is up for review for future terms.
  - Zuhair AlSader:
    - Asks why the rationale for the pricing split is not explained on the Housing Website.
  - Action: Nicole thanked Zuhair for his inquiry and has plans to take his comments back to the working group for discussion.
- Crosswalk at Columbia – Unsafe
  - Glen Weppler:
    - Noted that this discussion has been brought up many times in the past. He pointed out that students can read past minutes posted on the website.
    - Columbia Street is part of municipality rather than UW property.
    - Glen Weppler provided information on a former resident who had approached the councillor for the area (included in past minutes). He suggested that if a group of students would like to take this issue on as a project he would be happy to consult with them but is not prepared to assign any of his staff to this cause. He also cautioned that this issue will require considerable time and perseverance.
  - No immediate interest was shown.
- Shuttle Service - Extending Hours of Operation and Adding More Stops
• Glen Weppler:
  ▪ Invites attendees to read his recent blog post on CLV communication channels. This post addresses safety and other considerations that inform shuttle service locations and times: [https://uwaterloo.ca/housing/news/clv-shuttle-serviceexplained](https://uwaterloo.ca/housing/news/clv-shuttle-serviceexplained)
  ▪ A lively discussion followed many points (as discussed in the blog post), primarily pertaining to the shuttle stop location(s).
  ▪ Glen Weppler offers if students are interested he would be happy to hold a forum with students to discuss the shuttle further.

  o No interest at this time.

• Lighting on Pathways - Concerns about Safety
  o Sheila Goodwin:
    ▪ Explained that this issue was identified through the last door knocking campaign. The area in question was the city pathway behind the North community which leads to the YMCA – unfortunately out of CLV jurisdiction.
    ▪ Safety walks are conducted annually in October in partnership with the Housing and Safety Office to identify safety concerns around the CLV community. Safety concerns discovered through this on-foot, safety observation walk are address immediately.
    ▪ Lighting was not identified to be an issue in October 2017.

• Contract Offerings (Renewal concerns about timing, process) - As part of Waterloo Residences 4-month renewable contract offering, students must renew their contract within 2-6 weeks of the term (week of Feb 5). This early timing is crucial in order to receive new applications for the coming term. This early timing presents a problem for many grads that don’t yet have confirmed details about work placements or their degree complete dates.
  o Glen Weppler:
    ▪ Noted that the importance of keeping the community a student based community.
  o Nicole Frankland:
    ▪ Announces that there will be a pilot project run this Spring term (emphasis on ‘pilot’ and ‘Spring’ term) to offer relaxed eligibility to grad students.
  o Action: Nicole working to release official communication on pilot project soon.

**Topic Submissions from Single grads**

• Shuttle Service – Adding additional stops such as by the stop sign towards Westmount.
  o Maliha Ahmed (discussed above)

• Snow Clearing on Pathways – Inefficient, especially for those with mobility aids.
  o Lara Schroeder
  o Sheila Goodwin:
    ▪ Noted to group that Lara was not present to discuss the above mentioned concern.

  o Discussion on early morning snow clearing. This is performed in the interest of student safety – students agreed that safety is very important and the annoyance of loud snow equipment is the tradeoff for life in Ontario during winter months.
  o Jade Marcoux-Ouellet:
- Requested that salt be provided to each household. Sheila informed the students that anyone in the community is welcome to help themselves to the salt bins that are located sporadically throughout the park lots.

**New Business**

- **Composting in CLV North**
  - Sheila Goodwin:
    - Brief history of the recently discontinued program in the north to new students since Aug 2017 was provided. Sheila explained that in the future as the campus Sustainability Dept. is better prepared to improve services provided across campus we will look at reintroducing into the community.
  - Glen Weppler:
    - Comments that we all want a composting program, however it is user based and finding an effective method of handling the program presents problems.

**Adjournment**

Motion to call the meeting to end: Sheila Goodwin, Jacob Alvarez (second).