

ANNUAL REPORT

University Standing Committee University Housing Advisory Committee

Academic Year Covered by Report 2024 - 2025

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Number of Times Committee Met Three times

Name of Chair-Elect Connor Brady

RECOMMENDATIONS

The committee did not make any formal recommendations during the 2024–2025 academic year. However, key discussion points may inform future directions for university housing enhancements.

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION ITEMS/ACTIVITIES OF COMMITTEE

The University Housing Advisory Committee met three times during the academic year, with a focus on understanding operational priorities, reviewing housing infrastructure updates, and addressing evolving residential needs tied to rising enrollment. Below is a summary of the committee's primary activities:

September 27, 2024 (Zoom)

- Reviewed committee roles and responsibilities, emphasizing the importance of aligning housing policy with student success and academic mission.
- Encouraged open topic generation for future meetings.
- No specific proposals or additional business were raised.

November 8, 2024 (In-Person, Quad Commons)

- Discussed the recent acquisition of University Towers, increasing bed capacity to over 10,300.
- Reviewed proposed housing rate increase of 4.24% due to rising utilities and ongoing renovations.
- Received updates on sustainability efforts, including bottle-filling stations across residence halls.
- Participated in a housing facility tour, showcasing upgrades and student living enhancements.
- Engaged in a detailed conversation on:
 - Residential student experience and well-being
 - Operational responsiveness (average 16-hour work order resolution)
 - Capital improvements: HVAC, accessibility, and fire safety systems
 - Budget planning and long-term financial sustainability

April 8, 2025 (Zoom)

- Received major updates from University Housing leadership, including:
 - Phase 2 renovations for University Towers, including HVAC and common space improvements
 - Wood Hall HVAC conversion and green space enhancements
 - Tree removal and repurposing at Wolf Village
 - Fall 2025 housing demand and waitlist projections
 - Village program updates (e.g., EcoVillage, SAVE Village 20th anniversary)
 - Introduction of Elevate Program to support students with intellectual disabilities
 - Impact of increasing university enrollment on housing capacity
- Announced the upcoming election of a new committee chair (Chair-Elect: Connor Brady)

The committee expressed strong appreciation for the University Housing team's continued innovation, responsiveness, and commitment to student success.

RECOMMENDATION FOR REVISION OF CHARGE AND/OR MEMBERSHIP CONFIGURATION

The committee recommends that the current charge and membership configuration remain unchanged for the 2025–2026 academic year.