

**Committee:** Student Affordable Housing Task Force  
**Committee Chair:** Vice-President (External)  
**Committee Classification:** Internal Committee

## 1. Purpose

With 2,300 additional undergraduate students were accepted to the University of Guelph in the Summer of 2022, it had negative implications for students' access to affordable housing on campus and in the Guelph community. Specifically, Student Housing Services expanded their capacity and created an additional residence location at the Days Inn. As students start to consider their living arrangements for 2023-2024, the additional Guelph students have flooded the market with potential tenants looking at off campus housing, driving up the cost of rent. The reality is the unplanned increase in student enrolment puts students at risk of not securing housing for next year or being required to pay an unfeasible amount for it. Seeing as the Central Student Association represents and advocates for undergraduate students, it is important we hold the University accountable for their actions and work towards solutions for our undergraduate community.

The focus will be on gathering student feedback and developing recommendations to be brought forward to the CSA Board of Directors, as it pertains to affordable housing for students and addressing the housing crisis. Once approval from the CSA Board of Directors has been received, the CSA Executive will bring forward the recommendations to the University Administration and Guelph City Council .

## 2. Membership

- 2.1. The committee membership shall include, but not be limited to:
- VP External (Chair);
  - Minimum of one additional Executive (Member), but is not required for quorum;
  - Minimum of 3 Directors to be appointed.

## 3. Responsibilities

- 3.1. The VP External is to be the chair and will actively seek input from the membership.



- 3.2. If an Executive member is in attendance, they will scribe the meetings. In the event the executive member is absent, a scribe will be appointed for the meeting.
- 3.3. Members are expected to actively participate in meetings through providing feedback on gathering student input, assisting with determining committee priorities, and developing recommendations in the best interest of undergraduate students.

#### 4. Structure

- 4.1. The VP External must be present for all meetings.
- 4.2. Decision-making shall be determined with a simple majority.
- 4.3. Meetings are to be called at the chair's discretion.
- 4.4. Quorum will be the VP External and a minimum of 2 CSA Directors.

#### 5. Considerations

- 5.1. Members who miss two meetings without regrets will be de-ratified from the committee. At any time, a member may resign from Student Affordable Housing Task Force by notifying the VP External.
- 5.2. Committee minutes will be circulated between meetings of the Student Affordable Housing Task Force for member review and for approval at the next scheduled meeting.