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Number & Title

E-X Institutional Housing Provincial Regulation and Residential Contracts Recommendations Policy

Effective Date: March 25, 2015

Approval Date: March 25, 2015

Policy Type

External Policy

Review Date:

This policy shall be reviewed every two (2) years.

Responsible Body:

University and External Relations Committee

Authority:

AMS Code of Procedure Section II, Article 11(1)

“Council may create external and internal policies as well as combined policies.”

Purpose and Goals:

This policy is designed to:

- 1) Promote the development of provincial regulations, and eventually legislation, to guarantee tenants’ rights to students living in post-secondary institutional housing.
- 2) Promote the amendment of UBC’s residence contracts to better protect the rights of students.

Applicability:

This policy is applicable to the AMS’s stance towards the provincial government and the University, and to the advocacy of the Offices of the VP External and the VP Academic and University Affairs.

Exclusions:

There are no exclusions for this policy.

Definitions:

For the purposes of this policy and in all other policies in which they are not otherwise defined:

<i>Residence</i>	shall mean all on-campus institutional housing, including, but not limited to, Place Vanier, Totem Park, Ritsumeikan-UBC House, Walter Gage, Fairview Crescent, Marine Drive, Fraser Hall, Ponderosa Commons, Thunderbird, Acadia Park, Green College, St. John’s College.
<i>RTA</i>	shall mean the Residential Tenancy Act of British Columbia.

Policy:

Whereas post-secondary institutional housing is exempt from the RTA, thus leaving students without tenants’ rights;

Whereas student groups have expressed dissatisfaction with UBC’s current residence contract;

Whereas an analysis of several post-secondary institutional housing contracts shows that different approaches to residence contracts are possible and sustainable; and,

Whereas several other Canadian provinces have provincial legislation regulating living arrangements in institutional housing;

1. Be it resolved that the AMS adopt the stance that new provincial regulations, and eventually legislation, be created to specifically oversee Institutional Housing;
2. Be it further resolved that the AMS endorse the recommendations contained in the report “AMS Residence Contract Assessment and Recommendations”;
3. Be it further resolved that the offices of the VP External and VP Academic and University Affairs advocate to the provincial government and university administration, respectively, for these changes and take all additional measures to ensure that the recommendations are implemented.

Consultations:

The following groups have been consulted during the development of this policy:

The VP Academic and University Affairs, the VP External, the UBC Residence Hall Association (to be completed), UBC Student Housing and Hospitality Services (to be completed), Alliance of British Columbian Students, Campus Development Commissioner, AMS University and External Relations Committee.

History:

1999-04 Renewal of the Residential Tenancy Act

Related Policies:

There are no policies related to this policy.

Appendix:

Beyond the Residential Tenancy Act: Creating New Regulations in British Columbia to Oversee Post-Secondary Institutional Housing

AMS Residence Contract Assessment and Recommendations