

Associated Students of Western Washington University

University Housing Representation and Advocacy Committee Charge & Charter

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I. CHARGE

The University Housing Representation and Advocacy Committee works with student housing leadership and AS student leadership across the WWU campus and maintains the mission of the organization by:

- Being a voice for all students that operate within University Residences.
- As a support and resource group for all on campus students.
- To encourage collaboration, networking and problem solving for internal and external matters.
- Providing guidance for all on campus students.
- Promoting Diversity in all its forms within University Residences.
- Fostering a culture of collaboration between the Associated Students, and university residence.
- Providing a forum where on campus students are able to voice their grievances and advocate for one another.
- Providing Residents and Resident advisors with avenues for effective programming, resource mobilization and activism.

II. MEMBERSHIP

Vice President for Student Life - Co-Chair

Residence Hall Association (RHA) President – Co-Chair

Designated Vice Chair will serve as chair in the absence of both Co-Chairs

- 3 Students Residents at-large, appointed by AS Board of Directors
- 4 Resident Advisors, appointed by the AS Board of Directors
- 1 Representative from the Queer Resource Center
- 1 Representative or designee from the Disability Outreach Center
- 1 student/employee or designee from the Ethnic Student Center
- 1 representative from the Legal Information Center
- 1 representative or designee from RHA
- 1 representative or designee from NRHH

Secretary (non-voting)

Assistant Director of Student Representation & Governance, Advisory (non-voting)

III. CHAIR

The Co-Chairs shall be the Vice President for Student Life and the RHA President. The Co-Chairs shall convene the meetings, approve agendas, and preside at all meetings. The Vice-Chairperson shall be selected at the discretion of the committee and acts in the absence of both the Co-Chairs.

IV. MEETINGS

Meetings shall be called by the Chair. This committee shall act as an advisory committee to provide support and empowerment for student leadership within university residences. The Co-Chairs may decide to not meet at any given quarter so long as the conditions within university residences do not require direct attention or support from the Associated Students. This committee can meet as frequently as the Co-Chairs see fit. The committee shall meet at least once a month with a minimum of twenty four (24) hours notice. Meetings may also be called by any member with support of at least twenty-five (25%) of the seated, voting membership.

V. VOTING

In order for a motion to pass, it must obtain a majority of the legal votes cast. An abstention shall not count as a legal vote cast.

VI. QUORUM A majority of the voting membership shall constitute a quorum. If a quorum is not present, the Chair will adjourn the meeting and reschedule to a new day and hour.

VII. SUBCOMMITTEES In order to provide for coordination and direction, the committee may establish subcommittees as necessary. Unless otherwise noted, these groups shall follow the provisions of the committee with respect to procedure.

VIII. RULES

OF OPERATION

The committee may adopt and amend rules of operation governing its operation by a majority vote of the committee, subject to review or approval by the AS Board of Directors.

IX. AMENDMENTS This Charter may be amended by a majority vote of the AS Board of Directors.

X. REPORTAGE This committee shall report to the AS Board of Directors through the VP for Student Life.