Institutional Student Housing Policy

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1. Purpose

1.1 This Institutional Student Housing Policy (the Policy) outlines Laurentian University's commitments and principles to ensure adequate, accessible, and supportive housing for all students. This Policy reflects Laurentian's dedication to providing housing options that cater to the needs of the student population, fostering a supportive living environment that promotes academic success and personal well-being.

2. Principles

2.1 Laurentian University is committed to the following principles regarding the provision of student housing:

2.1.1 Accessibility of Information: Laurentian ensures that information related to student housing services, supports, and resources is readily available and easy to access. Students will have clear guidance on where to find housing-related resources, both on and off-campus.

2.1.2 Range of Housing Options: Laurentian is dedicated to offering a broad range of student housing options. Housing availability will be reflective of the student demographic, including affordable options and diverse housing formats.

2.1.3 Inclusivity and Diversity: Housing options will reflect Laurentian's diverse student body. This includes, but is not limited to, support for family housing, accessible housing for students with disabilities, and options that support First Nation, Inuit and Métis students, international students and equity deserving groups .

2.1.4 Community Engagement: Laurentian will seek to establish partnerships with community stakeholders, ensuring that the student housing ecosystem is harmonious with the surrounding environment.

3. Policy Statement

3.1 Laurentian University will establish and maintain the following to support students in their housing search and residency:

3.1.1 Housing Office: A designated housing office that will be available to provide support, guidance, and information to students regarding their housing options.

3.1.2 Digital Resources: Laurentian will maintain dedicated web pages with comprehensive resources on housing, including listings, frequently asked questions, and contact details. These digital resources will be kept up to date and accessible to all students.

3.1.3 Third-Party Partnerships: Laurentian will partner with reputable third-party platforms or databases to provide listings of off-campus housing options. These partnerships will ensure students have access to housing resources.

3.1.4 Housing Search and Legal Support: Laurentian will provide information on how to search for housing, understand leasing terms, and encourage individuals to seek legal support when necessary. This includes educational resources on tenants' rights, responsibilities, and general rental education.

3.1.5 Safety and Resources: Safety is a priority, and students will have access to resources that can help ensure a secure living environment off-campus.

3.1.6 Short-term Housing: Laurentian will offer guidance and information for students seeking short-term housing solutions, whether for transitional periods or during their initial search for long-term accommodations.

3.1.7 Financial Assistance: Information on housing-related financial assistance will be made available, including government grants, institutional subsidies, and emergency housing support for students in need.

3.1.8 First-Year Student Housing Guarantee: Laurentian will provide guaranteed housing for first-year students, ensuring they have a secure living space during their transition to university life.

3.1.9 International Student Housing: Laurentian will ensure that adequate housing is available for international students in alignment with ministry requirements. Special consideration will be given to addressing the unique needs of international students, such as proximity to campus, access to resources, and cultural support systems