Item No. 14a

OUTLINE OF ISSUE

Agenda Title: **Annual Report of the Residence Discipline Statistics: 2014-15**

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Action Requested	☐Approval ☐Recommendation ☐Discussion/Advice ☒Information
Proposed by	Sarah Wolgemuth, Assistant Dean of Students, Residence Life
Presenter	Craig Whitton, Area Coordinator - Residence Services
Subject	2014-15 Residence Discipline Statistics

Details

Responsibility	Residence Services
The Purpose of the Proposal is (please be specific)	To report on the discipline statistics from the U of A residences for the 2014-15 academic year.
The Impact of the Proposal is	See 'Purpose'.
Replaces/Revises (eg, policies, resolutions)	N/A
Timeline/Implementation Date	N/A
Estimated Cost	None
Sources of Funding	None
Notes	N/A

Alignment/Compliance

Alignment with Guiding Documents	*Dare to Deliver* and *Dare to Discover*
Compliance with Legislation, Policy and/or Procedure Relevant to the Proposal (please quote legislation and include identifying section numbers)	1. ***Post-Secondary Learning Act* (*PSLA*)**: The PSLA give GFC responsibility, subject to the authority of the Board of Governors, over academic affairs and over student affairs, including authority concerning student discipline. (Sections 26(1) and 31) In addition, Section 26(1)(o) states GFC "has the authority to make recommendations to the board with respect to […] the regulation of residences and dining halls[.][…]" Further, ***PSLA* Section 31(1) – Student Affairs** states "The general faculties council has general supervision of student affairs at a university and in particular, but without restricting the generality, the general faculties council may […] (b) delegate its power to discipline students in any particular case or generally to any person or body of persons, subject to any conditions with respect to the exercise of any delegated power that it considers proper[.] […]" **2. GFC Campus Law Review Committee Terms of Reference (3. Mandate of the Committee):** **"5. Reporting Requirements** **Residence Discipline Reports:** To receive annually reports from the student residence associations on the number and disposition of discipline cases in the residences, and forward the reports to the GFC Executive Committee. (EXEC 14 JUL 1997) Any student residence with a code or similar set of regulations is required to report annually on the operation of that code to General Faculties Council through its Campus Law Review Committee and

	its Executive Committee. (GFC 22 SEP 1997)" **3. GFC Executive Committee Terms of Reference (3. Mandate of the Committee):** **"11. Student Residence Codes** New student residence codes shall be submitted to the GFC Campus Law Review Committee which will make a recommendation to the GFC Executive Committee. The GFC Executive has the delegated authority from General Faculties Council to approve new residence codes. Any changes to existing student residence codes shall be submitted to the GFC Campus Law Review Committee. Any major changes to existing student residence codes shall be forwarded with the recommendation of the CLRC to the GFC Executive for final approval. Any student residence with a code or similar set of regulations is required to report annually on the operation of that code to General Faculties Council through its Campus Law Review Committee and its Executive Committee. (GFC 22 SEP 1997)"

Routing (Include meeting dates)

Consultative Route (parties who have seen the proposal and in what capacity)	Dean of Students, Associate Vice President Ancillary Services, Residence Life and Residence Operations staff members: August 2015 GFC Campus Law Review Committee (September 24, 2015) – for discussion GFC Executive Committee (November 2, 2015) – for discussion General Faculties Council (November 23, 2015) – for information
Approval Route (Governance) (including meeting dates)	N/A
Final Approver	N/A

Attachments:

1. Attachment 1 (pages 1 – 3): Annual Report of the Residence Discipline Statistics

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Annual Report of Residence Discipline Statistics 2014/2015

Submitted to the Campus Law Review Committee, August 28, 2015

In accordance with the Campus Law Review Committee Terms of Reference the following Residence Discipline Report summarizes the period of August 2014 to May 2015.

Residence Services has been utilizing Restorative Justice for four years, and each year has shown marked improvement in both the utilization of Restorative Justice in our communities, as well as the quality of the restorative solutions. The majority of our student staff do not see Restorative Justice as “new”; instead they understand it to be simply the way discipline is handled in Residence, as our communities typically have a memory of about 3 or 4 years.

As we’ve used Restorative Justice more, we’ve recognized a need to modify our workflows and utilization of our Housing Management System to fully capture our restorative practices in our data. Unfortunately, there currently isn’t a Housing Management Judicial system that caters towards the needs of a Restorative Justice program, so it has taken some time to adjust our system to meet our needs. Some of those changes are seen in this year’s data.

In previous years, we presented data on incident types — for example, biohazards, theft, etc. The challenge with this method is that it required each incident to be coded as a single type. Often incidents are more complex than that, and can have many factors. For example, an incident that is primarily a Biohazard may also be a case of underage drinking, and if the student in question was belligerent, it would also be a case of abuse of staff. This year, we stopped tracking based on incident type and instead tracked on two criteria: Violations, and Sanctions.

Violations are entered based on the behaviour of the students in an incident that harm others. For instance, a violation might be Biohazard, or Alcohol Misuse, or Promoting Mass Consumption.

Sanctions are the results of those violations. In many cases, a single restorative sanction can address the harms of several violations (for example, an apology to an entire community may be sufficient to address multiple harms caused).

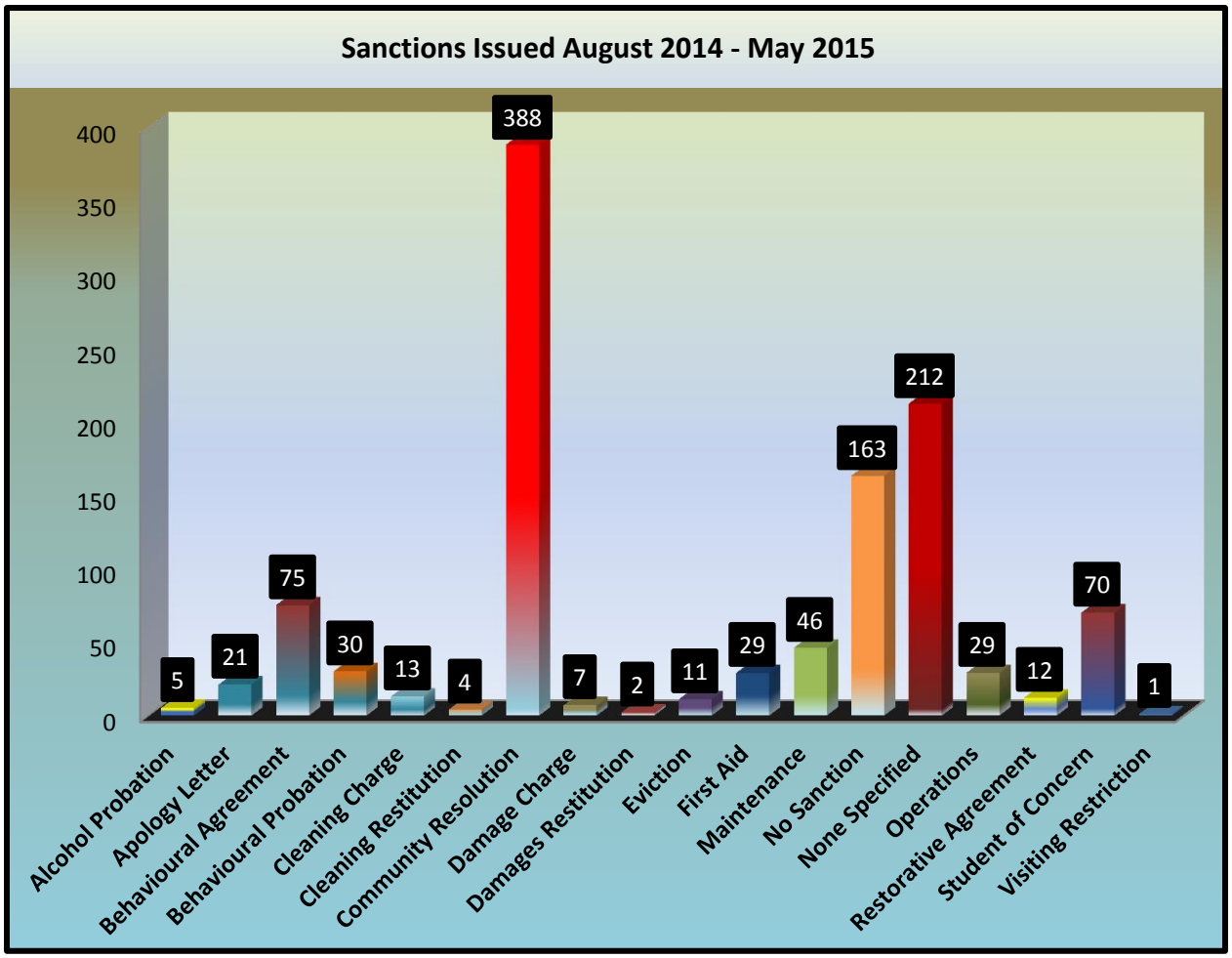
In 2014/2015, we had 851 unique incidents, which resulted in 1117 violations. Those violations were resolved using only 569 sanctions, of which 87% were Restorative solutions (Community Resolutions, Apology Letters, Behavioural Agreements, or Restorative Agreements).

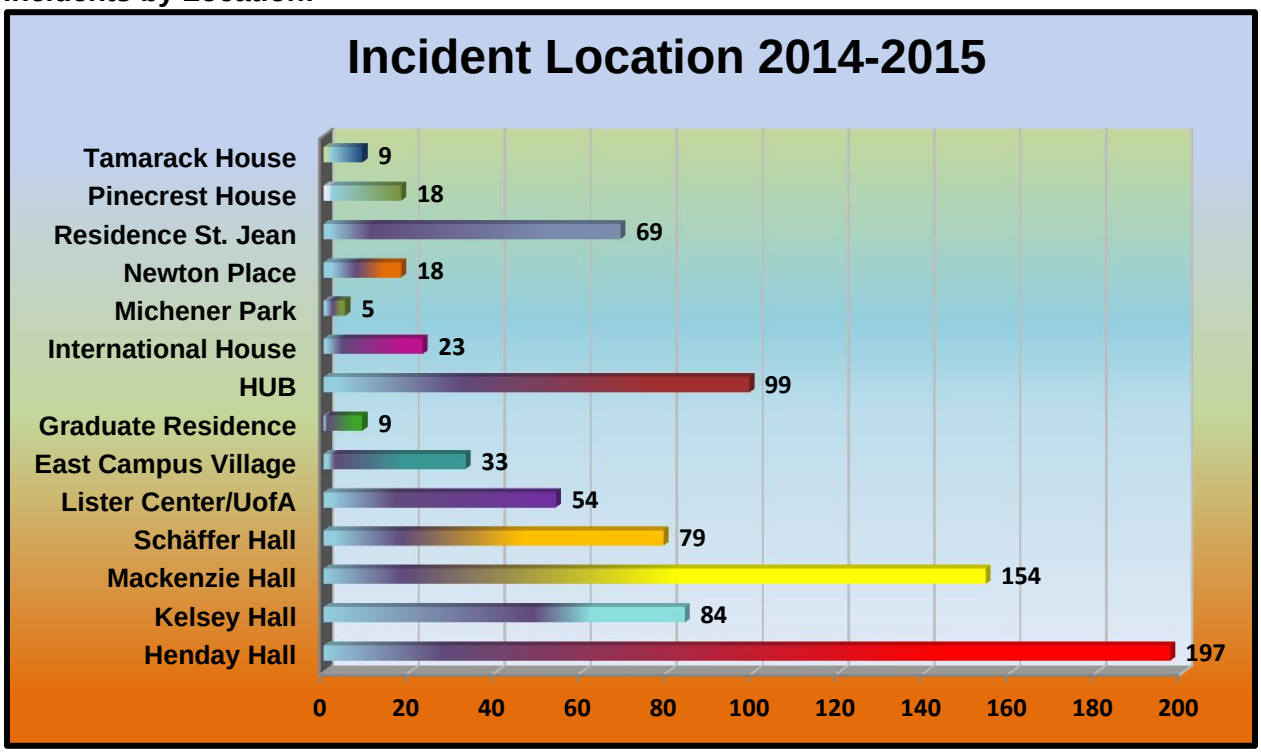
Once again, Lister Centre accounted for the majority of our conduct with 66% of our total incidents originating in Kelsey, Mackenzie, Henday, or Schäffer Hall. In terms of incidents involving alcohol, 23% of these incidents were primarily related to alcohol (Mass Consumption, Misuse, Open Alcohol, etc.). High Risk alcohol is still an issue, but this year we saw a notable

improvement over the number of alcohol incidents (a reduction of approximately 30% over 2013/2014).

Additionally, this year we kept accurate data on the numbers of students at risk we were managing. Throughout the year, we had approximately 70 students at risk incidents (56 unique students).

Sanctions Issued:



Note: None Specified = No Responsible Student Identified; No Sanction = Student Identified, but found Not Responsible.

Incidents by Location: