Standing Committee Report to Senate

Committee Name: **Senate Residence Committee**

Date of Meeting: **November 18, 2013**

Discussion:

New Residences

- Tenders for the general contractor were received and came in approximately 15% lower than expected. This will allow budget flexibility to potentially move forward with additional residence redevelopment projects.
- The general contractor chosen was Graham Construction and Engineering and construction is expected to begin the first week of December.
- In addition to a website, a communication strategy (to ensure residence students are aware of the upcoming construction and the potential for additional noise) will be rolled out in the next week or so.

Budget Committee

- To align the setting of the residence budget with the broader university process, the members of the SRC agreed that the Budget Committee should return to the practice of setting fees two years in advance, instead of just one. For this year, the committee would set both the 2014-2015 fees and the 2015-2016 fees for approval at the April 2014 SRC meeting. By setting fees two years in advance, Residences will be able to more accurately forecast their fees/revenues when preparing their annual budget.

Decisions:

SRC Terms of Reference

- It was agreed by consensus to approve the revised *SRC Terms of Reference* and forward to Senate for referral to the Senate Governance and Nominating Committee for final approval. The SRC Terms of Reference were revised to reflect the amalgamation of the Jean Royce Hall Council and Main Campus Residents' Council as well residence terminology updates.

Sincerely,

Adam Say, Chair of the Senate Residence Committee

Members: E. Berkok, H. Daya, B. Griffiths, M. Lafreniere (on leave), K. Murphy, C. O'Connor, J. Pierce, B. Pero, and C. Landon (Secretary)