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Community Residents Meeting

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Current Student demographics at the University of Manitoba

Total Students = 29,657

Manitoba students = 80%

Indigenous students = 7%

International students = 15% (from 111 countries)



On Campus Housing Options for Students

Student Residences

- Operate 4 residence buildings on campus
 - Authur Mauro: 316 beds (suite style; two bedrooms, shared bathroom and kitchenette; upper years)
 - Pembina Hall: 358 beds –semi-suite (singles w/private bath)
 - Mary Speechly: 246 beds – traditional dorm; doubles and singles
 - University College: 258 beds – traditional dorm; doubles and singles
- St. John's College: 100 beds
- St. Andrew College : 40 beds

Total on campus bed spaces = 1316



Next Steps for On Campus Housing

- New residence development plan in being drafted
- Includes new options for housing with focus on affordable students housing
- Smaller rooms, no bathrooms, mix of singles & doubles; in response to what we are hearing from students about costs.



Off Campus Housing Options

- **Updated website in July 2015**
 - Includes listings – if we are aware of any property that is in violation it will not be posted or will be removed
 - Provides summary of rights and information in plain language (what is a lease, what is a damage deposit)
 - Information about landlord and tenant relations
 - Links to other resources like Residential Tenancies Branch of Province
- **Off-campus housing coordinator to assist with questions**



How are we supporting students at the University of Manitoba?

- Robust student support network with aim of enhancing the student experience
- Orientation aimed at introducing students to academic, social and community aspects of university life
- Mentor based approach with upper level students supporting new students
- Full day orientation – “trade show” as well
- Held every September and January
- First six weeks program – online guide for all 1st year students that focuses on developing skills and strategies for success
- Student Weekly – weekly e-newsletter



How are we supporting students at the University of Manitoba?

- Student Guide – information toolkit about policies, procedures and people to connect with at the University of Manitoba
- New Student Peer Mentorship Program – match new students with upper year students
- Head Start – June orientation for students and families



How U of M builds relationships with our International Students?

- Once an international student is accepted at the U of M it triggers an initial contact with pre-registration information (typically in June)
- This is followed a month later with pre-arrival information
 - Study permits, banking, cellphones, housing options both on and off campus



How U of M builds relationships with our International Students

- Once a student has arrived we continue to build the relationship
- 2 program coordinators whose job it is to coordinate events and programs for students – we want them to feel welcome at U of M
 - *Ranges from ballet and Goldeyes games to conversational language training*
 - *Faculty-based supports*
 - *Student councillors for academic support*
- 3 full-time student advisors who are a resource for International students and **guide** on any topic
- This can range for academic to personal
 - Housing is raised less than 5 % of the time



How the University of Manitoba can enhance what we are currently doing:

- Continue to share information from city and resident groups – rights of tenants and landlords, by-law translations
 - Continue to include this information in new student orientation
 - Fall 2016 we will be doing tenancy workshops in partnership with the student associations
 - Welcome the city to be involved in these – will also be inviting the province
 - Aim is to have a more focused discussion and expand on information we currently share
 - We want to educate students about their rights and responsibilities – everything from their legal rights to their responsibilities living in a neighbourhood
 - Open to all students but primary audience is international students
 - Happy to incorporate additional information that this group wants to provide
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