

Article X1
Housing

Section 1. The Union and the University share the concern that adequate housing be available to graduate students, including GEs. The university will work towards providing more housing accessibility and opportunities for graduate students.

Section 2. The University will establish and maintain a Housing Committee that will carry out the following functions:

a) Produce a quarterly report during the calendar year on university-provided graduate student housing. The report will include 1) how many graduate student housing units are available at each quarterly period; 2) the type of unit available (studio, apartment, etc); 3) the number and type of units where pets are accepted; 4) the approximate wait time for application processing and expected wait time until a unit becomes available; 5) compare and contrast university-managed housing versus non university-managed housing relative to rent costs, transportation costs, distances and methods, and cost per square foot.

b) Incoming graduate students will be provided with the most recent quarterly report as part of their initial welcome materials upon being accepted to the university in order to inform them of university housing availability and options.

Section 3. University housing will set aside 20% of its current and future graduate housing units as pet friendly units. The University will not discriminate on the basis of breed for dogs, cats, or other accepted pets.

Section 4. Upon signing a rental agreement with University housing, GEs may defer their first rent payment until they have received their first full month's paycheck. The balance of the first rent payment will be paid off interest-free over the course of the remaining duration of the rental agreement in equal monthly installments.

Section 5. The University shall establish two GE positions at 0.49 FTE to support the functions of the Housing Committee described in Section 2. In addition, these GEs will serve as resources for graduate students on housing matters, and will support the University's efforts in making graduate housing accessible and available. The Union and University shall jointly agree on a job description for the specific

responsibilities of these GE positions. This job description can be modified by mutual agreement of the Union and University.