

Residents' Council 2022-2023 President Role

Position Description

Residents' Council is an autonomous body, composed of student leaders and representatives. The Council strives to represent the interests of its constituents and support the on-campus student experience through educational programming and leadership development.

The Council President is a volunteer student leadership position, responsible for leading the Residents' Council in the planning and execution of year-long Council programming and resident advocacy. The Council President works closely with their building Programming Coordinator(s), Residence Life Coordinator(s), Residence Education Advisor(s), Residence Dons, and Residence Sophs, to support residence community and learning.

Eligibility

In accordance with the Residents' Council Constitution, all candidates must:

1. Be enrolled as a student at Western University for the upcoming academic year
2. Live in the residence which they are representing, during the indicated term being applied for
3. Be in good standing with the Housing Office
4. Have received no outcomes from the Conduct Office higher than a Letter of Warning
5. Demonstrate and uphold the values of Western University, Housing, and Residents' Council

Core Competencies

- ◆ Communication and Interpersonal Relations
 - *Convey ideas clearly and effectively to inform Council members, advocate for resident concerns, and maintain stakeholder relationships*
- ◆ Team-Building and Development
 - *Build and develop a capable, diverse and cohesive team to maximize their collective skills and talents; motivate others to achieve Council goals; recognize and reward contributions*
- ◆ Negotiation

- *Explore alternatives and consult varying positions to reach outcomes that gain the support and acceptance of all involved stakeholders*
- ◆ Time Management
 - *Effectively manage both personal and team time and resources to ensure that work is completed efficiently and goals are achieved*
- ◆ Leadership
 - *Present strong leadership skills: develop shared vision, identify personal leadership philosophy, and lead and maintain a standard of excellence*
- ◆ Accountability
 - *Take responsibility for actions, decisions and deliverables as relevant to role; work to establish a culture of accountability among direct reports and across Council; model accountability for others*

Role Responsibilities

- (i) Act as chief spokesperson for Residents' Council
- (ii) Advocate for the interests of their constituents to all relevant administrative and governing entities within the University
- (iii) Chair regular Council meetings
- (iv) Liaise between their constituency administrator (Programming Coordinator) and Council to ensure all information such as are necessary for carrying out duties are shared in a timely and accurate fashion
- (v) Directly supervise and coordinate the duties of Council Executive members
- (vi) Recruit and support training for Council Executive, Commissioners, and First-Year Representatives
- (vii) Attend regular Communication Meetings and monthly Presidents' meetings as set by Housing
- (viii) Prepare, at the end of their term of office, a report on the year's Council activities
- (ix) Attend all Council training as provided by Housing and the Office of Residence Education
- (x) Complete all other duties in matters concerning the Council, as required