

## Notes of Residence Life Consultative Group 2023/24 Held at 11:00 a.m., 10 October 2024 on Zoom

- Members Present: Dr Gray HO, Resident Master (Chairperson)  
 Mr Chris CHAN (Staff Member)  
 Miss Wincy TSE (Senior Residential Life Officer of Soong Hall)  
 Miss PO Wing Sum (Representative of Zhou Hall's Hall Tutors)  
 Miss RAO Jingqi (Representative of Soong Hall's Hall Tutors)  
 Mr LAM Cheuk Hei (Representative of Cai Hall's Hall Tutors)  
 Mr CHIO Wing Kit (Representative of Yang Hall's Residents)  
 Miss HE Yuxuan (Representative of Soong Hall's Residents)  
 Mr LEE Yu Hin (Representative of Cai Hall's Residents)
- In Attendance: Ms Michelle LAI (Student Development Officer, Representative of Leadership  
 Qualities Centre, Non-member)
- Secretary: Mr Arthur CHANG (Residential Life Officer)
- Apologies: Miss CHAN Ka Man (Representative of Yang Hall's Hall Tutors)

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- I. Welcome and confirm the meeting notes of the Residence Life Consultative Group (RLCG) on 1 March 2024 (RLCG-23/24-1-MD)**
1. The Chairperson welcomed all members to join the first meeting of the Residence Life Consultative Group (RLCG).
  2. The Chairperson briefed the members on the Terms of Reference and membership composition of Resident Life Consultative Group.
  3. The meeting notes on last meeting were confirmed without any amendment.
- II. To discuss the matters arising from the meeting notes of last meeting**
- 1. Feedback on Mass Check-out Arrangement**
- As referred to the discussion item#1
- 2. Arrangement for Visitors during Adverse Weather or Extreme Conditions**
- The Visitation and Guest Pass System would be suspended during adverse weather or extreme conditions. This new policy had been announced to all residents through a mass email and a notice posted on the ACCM website.
- 3. Calculation of Travelling Marks for Hall Admissions**
- The new AI system for calculating travel marks had been implemented for the academic year 2024/25. It is believed that this new system had improved the speed

and accuracy of calculations compared to the previous year.

#### **4. Major External Wall Repair of the Undergraduate Halls**

Since residents from all Halls were staying in the South Tower during the repair, the notice boards in the lifts of the South Tower had been evenly distributed among the 4 halls. Each hall would utilize the notice boards to promote their activities.

### **III. Report and Information**

#### **1. Report on Programmes/Activities Organised by the Leadership Qualities Centre (LQC) with Priority for UGH and NTT residents (RLCG-24/25-1-R01)**

A staff member presented the programs organized by LQC for the academic year 2024/25, prioritizing students from the Undergraduate Halls. The chairperson noted that these were CCL events and encouraged residents to share information about the activities organized by LQC and to actively participate in them. The activities were promoted through posters, emails, and the halls' WhatsApp community channel.

#### **2. Updated Intended Learning Outcomes in UGH and Hall Student-led Activities (RLCG-24/25-1-I01)**

The six “Intended Learning Outcomes” (ILOs) would be updated to enhance and facilitate the educational objectives within the Halls. The members agreed on the proposed ILOs as follows:

- ILO1. Acquiring life skills as a young adult
- ILO2. Augmenting caring culture and interpersonal skills
- ILO3. Appreciating cultural differences among residents
- ILO4. Advancing positive aspects of mindset, character and leadership
- ILO5. Adopting a sustainable living style

The chairperson reminded members that Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs) should be applied to all activities in the Undergraduate Halls, including those organized by the Hall Council, Hall Tutors, Residential Life Officer, and Resident Master. Each activity must meet at least one of the ILOs. A post-survey should be incorporated into all hall activities to assess how effectively the ILO(s) are achieved. All members provided positive feedback regarding the proposed ILOs.

### **IV. Discussion**

#### **1. Feedback on Mass Check-out Arrangement**

The members did not express any strong opinions and provided positive feedback regarding last year's mass check-out arrangement. The chairperson suggested maintaining the same setup, with modified check-out dates for returning residents and freshmen. Local and non-local freshmen, as well as exchange residents, would check out on the first day, while returning residents who had never resided there before, along with graduate students who had never lived there, would check out the following day. Consequently, no check-out helpers would be recruited for the

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mass check-out in May 2025. The chairperson also recommended that the ACCM staff consider and follow-up the date and location for the Village CARE mass check-out, given the number of residents involved.

## **2. Revised GPA Requirements for Hall Admissions**

The Chairperson reminded the student members of the current GPA requirement of 2.0 for the residential year 2024/25. To better align with the University's academic standards, as outlined in the General Regulations for Undergraduate Degree Programmes (#7.3 and #7.4) and the Honours Classification Requirements, the following adjustments will take effect with the Hall Application for the 2025/26 residential year:

Students who obtained a semester GPA below 1.67 in the immediate past semester:

- a. For students who have checked in, they would be asked to check out from the Student Residence.
- b. For students who have not yet checked in, their student residence offer would be revoked.
- c. Students with special circumstances may appeal on the decision by submitting a written appeal stating the grounds to the respective Resident Masters. Residents who are dissatisfied with the decision of the Resident Master may further submit a written appeal stating the grounds to the Resident Master.

Students who achieve a semester GPA between 1.67 and 1.99 will receive Academic Alert letters. These letters are intended to remind students to find a balance between their extracurricular activities and their academic studies.

The student members agreed the proposed arrangement for the next residential year. This agenda item will be reported to the Residence Life Committee (RLC) for further discussion.

## **3. Enhancement on Local & Non-local Pairing Pilot Scheme**

The pairing scheme facilitated the integration of local and non-local residents, allowing them to learn from each other's cultural differences. According to a survey conducted on the integration activity on 7 October 2024, participants rated the scheme with an average score of 4.5, indicating positive feedback.

To enhance the arrangement, the following actions were suggested:

- a. Residents under the Scheme would be required to attend specific integration activities organized by the Office of Student Affairs (SA).
- b. Staff from the Student Accommodation Section (ACCM) would pay "regular" visits to residents who are admitted under the Scheme.
- c. To increase the current pairing quota from 15-35 pairs to 50-70 pairs.

The student members agreed to the proposed arrangements for the next residential year. This agenda item will be reported to the Residence Life Committee (RLC) for further discussion.

**4. Review of Alcohol Policies in the Halls**

The members were briefed on the proposed alcohol policies as follows:

- a. Alcoholic beverage should not be consumed or possessed in the Halls except for any wine appreciation activities as students' learning experience with the presence of at least one full-time academic/administrative HKBU staff.
- b. Residents with legitimate reasons, supported by appropriate documentation, may apply for special approval to be considered by the respective Resident Masters.

The student members agreed with the proposed change of alcohol policies and no comments. This agenda item will be reported to the Residence Life Committee (RLC) for further discussion.

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No AOB items were discussed on the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.