

# Report of the Inter-Residence Council

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## Improving Student Livelihoods in Residence

- Continued advocacy through the University Residence Council (URC) to improve dining hall quality, accessibility, and student living conditions across residences.
- Raised concerns regarding inconsistent food quality and menu variety between residence dining halls.
  - Advocated for greater standardization of food offerings across residences, especially in BMH where students reported lower food quality.
  - Residence administration confirmed that a food survey will be distributed and that plans are underway to improve consistency across dining halls.
- Raised concerns regarding insufficient seating capacity in New Residence Hall dining areas.
  - Students reported being forced to stand while eating due to overcrowding.
  - Discussions are underway to maximize seating space at NRH and assess whether this issue is affecting other residences as well.
- Advocated for later-night food access and more OneCard-compatible meal options.
  - Students expressed frustration with dining halls closing too early, especially those with athletics, work commitments, or late schedules.
  - URC discussed expanding vending options and improving access to food after 9:00 PM.
- Proposed extending access to the C4 Lounge beyond dining hall hours.
  - Council members emphasized that the space is currently underused because it is only open during meal times.
  - Residence administration is considering converting it into a more flexible student study and social space.
- Raised concerns about unequal treatment of students in dining halls.
  - Students reported that female students were denied additional portions more frequently than male students.
  - Concerns regarding rude treatment from staff were also brought forward.
  - Administration acknowledged the issue and indicated that it will be addressed through staff training and policy adjustments.
- Advocated for more sustainable dining hall materials.
  - Raised concerns regarding the use of plastic cups and plates for hot food and beverages.
  - Residence administration indicated they are exploring alternatives such as reusable mugs and more sustainable dining materials.
- Continued conversations about sustainability and ethical sourcing on campus.

- A student raised concerns about the university's reliance on Coca-Cola products, suggesting potential diversifying options.
- Residence administration noted that sustainability offices are exploring alternatives, although major changes may take time.
- Raised concerns about roommate matching processes in residence.
  - Students reported that roommate forms are not always properly considered, leading to major schedule incompatibilities.
  - Additional concerns were raised regarding the number of empty rooms in New Residence and the lack of flexibility for room changes or accommodations.

## Events

- **Puppy Yoga Event**
  - Organized a large-scale puppy yoga event for 40 students.
  - Coordinated transportation through Metro tickets and arranged additional yoga mats through McGill Recreation.
  - Created promotional graphics and implemented a waitlist/cutoff notification system to ensure fair registration.
- **Relay for Life Collaboration**
  - Worked with MSCS to advertise Relay for Life and gauge residence student interest.
  - Promoted student involvement in the March event as a way to strengthen community engagement and charitable participation.
- **Candy Grams Initiative**
  - Successfully ran a residence-wide Candy Grams campaign for Valentine's Day.
  - Accepted between 100–150 orders through an online Microsoft Form.
  - Delivered candy grams by hand to residence students across campus.
  - Coordinated logistics with porters, residence buildings, and volunteers to ensure smooth delivery.
- **Residence Hall Council Events**
  - Supported Upper Hall Council's skating event, which was well attended and positively received.
  - Supported planning for New Hall Council's clown-themed event and St. Patrick's Day event.
  - Helped promote C1/LC/C4's jazz night event.
- **"The Last Supper" Residence Final Dinner Event**
  - Reserved the NRH Ballroom and planned a large-scale formal dining event.
  - Gathered student feedback through Instagram forms to determine preferred food options.
  - Planned catering options including sushi, soup dumplings, tacos, desserts, and

appetizers from local restaurants rather than chain vendors.

- Coordinated with Dining Services to provide food warmers and logistical support.
- Supported Upper Residence's bingo event, which gave away useful prizes and appliances for students preparing to move next year.

## **Miscellaneous**

- Continued improving internal organization across IRC through clearer project leads and task assignments.
- Strengthened collaboration between council members on publicity, budgeting, volunteer shifts, transportation, and event logistics.
- Improved Instagram outreach (500+ shares on a post within a couple hours)
- Established stronger procedures for event registration and established waitlist communication.
- Continued using shared budget trackers and cheque approval systems to ensure better oversight of spending and reimbursements.
- Increased collaboration between IRC and individual residence hall councils
  - A designated member from each council sits on IRC
- Built stronger communication channels between residence councils and SHHS.