



GSA Bill #4

A bill in support of the current and future family housing residents.

1 **WHEREAS**, the Graduate Student Assembly (GSA) Committee for Quality of Life is
2 dedicated to increasing and benefitting the quality of life of all graduate students; and,
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4 **WHEREAS**, Family Housing residents have been facing an extended and uncertain
5 period regarding their living arrangement starting on February 11th, 2022, when the initial
6 announcement of the closure of Family Housing was sent to residents; and,
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8 **WHEREAS**, a task force was formed by Executive Vice Chancellor (EVC) Ankerson to
9 determine the need and sustainability of the current Family Housing inventory and delivered
10 their report to the EVC on December 2nd, 2022; and,
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12 **WHEREAS**, residents have been provided with a survey from EVC Ankerson regarding
13 their opinions on various options; and,
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15 **WHEREAS**, some current residents may be required to move from their current unit to
16 other units in Family Housing; and,
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18 **WHEREAS**, some options include various methods of rent increases; and,
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20 **WHEREAS**, after speaking with current residents, GSA members have heard moving
21 will cause emotional, physical, and financial distress; and,
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23 **WHEREAS**, rent increases related to sustaining Family Housing would result in
24 increased financial distress for current and future residents when not combined with an increase
25 in income.
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27 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the GSA is in support of developing and
28 integrating a future plan for University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) Family Housing into UNL's
29 [Campus Master Plan](#) that includes expansion of graduate student housing; and,
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31 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the GSA calls on the University of Nebraska-
32 Lincoln to minimize the emotional, physical, and financial distress on Family Housing residents;
33 and,
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35 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the GSA is in support increased rent only if
36 there is an equivalent increase in stipends; and,
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38 **THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the GSA will provide this
39 document to whom it may concern regarding the sustainability and continuation of our Family
40 Housing program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.



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Initial letter from Charlie Francis, Director of Housing & Dining Services
[3942_001.pdf - Google Drive](#), February 11, 2022

News coverage

[UNL announces it will close family designated housing units; residents say they were blindsided \(journalstar.com\)](#)

[UNL grad students say family housing closures put many in limbo \(klkntv.com\)](#)

[Distress and shock over UNL family housing closure | News | dailynebraskan.com](#)

[UNL reverses course, will delay selling family housing units \(journalstar.com\)](#)

[UNL pauses family housing changes after push-back from students \(1011now.com\)](#)