

UFASTA 2014/15 President's Report, submitted by Tara Ivanochko

The University Faculty and Staff Tenants Association (UFASTA) has met two key objectives since its inception in 2012:

- Development of formal relationships with UBC, UBC Properties Trust, Village Gate Homes and the UNA in order to:
 - Represent the perspectives of UBC Faculty and Staff campus residents
 - Influence the design and management of faculty/staff rental housing as well as the design and governance of the wider campus community.
- Development of community and neighbourhood relationships.

UFASTA activities since 2012

Developing Relationships within UBC

2012: Initial meetings and AGM planning.

2013: Official formation, executive elections, membership survey.

2014: UFASTA introductory letter to UBC President Toope. Initial meetings with: UBC Properties Trust, Wesbrook Properties, UBC Faculty and Staff Housing Relocation Services, Campus and Community Planning, and the UNA. UFASTA member Allan Craigie ran in UNA election. Held first UFASTA AGM and elected executives.

2015: Letter sent to President Gupta regarding safety on campus following an attack in our neighbourhood. White paper regarding UFASTA sent to Provost Redish. Established a formal relationship with UBC.

Community Building

2012: Informal neighbour gatherings

2013: Summer potluck

2014: Fall potluck

2015: Spring potluck, Fall "swap meet", Lantern festival. UFASTA representatives participated in:

- Lot 27 / 29 design review
- Campus and Community Planning— Community Plan Review
- Child Care focus groups

Significant Achievements for UFASTA in 2014/15:

- Initiated frank conversations with UBC and other bodies on campus. This initiative was driven by a perceived disconnect between the goals expressed as principles in the 2012 *UBC Housing Action Plan* (HAP) and the actual experience of faculty and staff renters living on UBC's Point Grey campus.
- Submitted a white paper to Provost Redish outlining examples of how the current design and management policy of restricted rental housing does not meet the intended goals of the HAP. The paper is available at www.ufasta.org. In response, UBC created formal mechanisms for UFASTA to participate in building management policy and building and community design.
- Provided input for modifications to the design for Lot 27/29 design (faculty/staff rental buildings).
- UFASTA representatives were solicited for community focus groups
- Received a UTown@UBC Community Grant to support a community lantern festival.
- Organized social events that were well attended by community members.