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# Transfer Housing

3-5-20 Student Assembly Meeting

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# History

- In Fall 2016, Cornell stopped guaranteeing housing for transfer students
    - Reversing historic policy
  - Cornell is supposed to guarantee housing for all first-year students
  - Transfers are first-year students
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# Transfer Housing Stats

- **645** transfer students admitted
  - **637** transfer students applied for on campus housing
  - **436** transfer students received housing assignments
  - **201** transfer students did not receive housing
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## How it affects students

- Forced to find off-campus housing over the summer
  - Very stressful
  - Never been to Ithaca
  - Leases are already signed - Ultra-competitive housing search
  - Effects transfer retention rates
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# Raising Awareness

- At the SA Panel on transfer housing last year, transfer students shared their stories of struggles with mental health because of the housing situation
  - The Sun has run stories and op-eds about this
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## **Our Work with Administration**

- Since Fall 2018, we have repeatedly met with Vice President Lombardi and the Director of Housing Tim Blair
  - Have stated that priority will be given to freshmen and sophomores with NCRE but not transfers
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## Quote from Housing Masterplan for NCRE

- **“Make housing transfer students a high priority, and when possible, re-incorporate them into the housing guarantee”**
    - Page 7, Housing Masterplan
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# North Campus Residential Expansion

- The North Campus Residential Expansion project will create 2000 more beds on campus
  - The project consists of two sites
    - Site 1 -- to be completed by Fall 2021, will house 800 sophomores
    - Site 2 -- to be completed by Fall 2022, will house 1200 freshmen
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## Our Plan

- With Resolution #47, all transfers will be guaranteed housing by Fall 2021.
  - Resolution #47 stipulates that once the first site opens up, transfer students will be provided with guaranteed housing
    - There will be more than enough beds to house all transfer students
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## Steps Forward

- **Unanimously pass Resolution #47**
  - Work with the Housing Policy Review committee to ensure that transfer housing is centralized
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## Steps Forward Pt. 2

- Continue meeting with administration and students to ensure our proposed policies are fully carried out
  - Continue to receive feedback on housing
    - For instance met with CUVA on veteran transfer student housing
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