
Transfer Housing

3-5-20 Student Assembly Meeting

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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