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
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
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
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
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
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
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
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.
Steps Forward

- Unanimously pass Resolution #47
- Work with the Housing Policy Review committee to ensure that transfer housing is centralized
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