

Minutes for Student Life Committee Meeting: 9/29/17

Members present:

Student representatives from the Multi-Cultural Student Union, Inter-Hall Council, the Student-Body President, Inter-Fraternity Council, Pan-Hellenic Society, Multi-Cultural Greeks

Faculty/staff members present: Fr. Stack, Gay Strickler, Elizabeth-Jane McGuire, J.J. Brown from Student Involvement, and Paul Pugh

Guest presenter: Tom DeMarco

Topic: The New Lancaster Ave. Dorms and the Housing Lottery

- There will be six new halls in three clusters
- Each building will be four stories tall
- “Retail” will be on the ground floor
 - All in-house retail—e.g., student gyms, computer help desk, dining services

Types of rooms:

- Two- and Four-bedroom apartments
 - Both will sleep four people, some in doubles, some in singles
 - Galley kitchen
 - Private bathroom
- Two-bedroom efficiency apartments
 - Sleeps four people
 - Kitchenette
 - Private bath
 - Less common living space
- Clusters of singles
 - About 100 of these
 - Single-gender clusters
 - Shared “semi-private” bath
- Handful of three-bedroom and 2-bedroom apartments for special needs students or due to design of the space (e.g. corners)
- A few common lounges
- Public restrooms on the first floors

Lottery plans:

- Begin marketing to current sophomores in Fall 2019, since they will be the first class of seniors to move in as rising seniors

- Goal: fall of junior year, let people know if they will be getting on-campus housing as seniors
 - Lottery application and notification will be in September
 - Ideally by Family Weekend so parents know whether or not to look for off-campus housing with their sons/daughters
 - Housing deposit will be due in October
 - \$500, non-refundable
 - Not an extra fee—will be counted toward their housing costs
 - Additional financial penalties for backing out--\$300 if you withdraw in December; \$500 if you withdraw in February
- Attempting to accelerate moving people off the wait-list by having the process so early
 - Lock students in early so they won't attempt to secure on campus housing and look for off campus housing—playing both sides
- Seniors can choose to be grouped with juniors in apartments
- Juniors can also opt-in early
- Number of senior beds available depends on the number of freshman/sophomore/junior students (who are guaranteed housing)
 - Will be eliminating all tripling
 - 1134 more beds, but more like 800 since there won't be more triples
 - Total of 5474 beds; 5383 when accounting for RAs and Staff
- A lot more sophomores will be in apartments or efficiencies/singles
- Plan to increase intentional living/learning communities for “far-flung” freshmen in dorms not on South Campus

Student Group News

- IHC: Nova Harvest by Oreo (fall festival)
- SGA: planning student input for University Strategic Plan for next 10 yrs.
- IFC: finishing fall recruitment for sophomores and transfers; had a National Hazing Prevention event for the first time—low-turnout, so looking for ways to better promote the event in the future
- Pan-Hell: Also participated in National Hazing Prevention event; after Fall Break will have their first information session on spring Greek recruitment for women
- Multi-cultural Greek: held their first Greek Week this August; Oct. 20 hosting a multi-cultural extravaganza, featuring on- and off-campus groups with proceeds going to Laurel House, a shelter in Norristown

Student Involvement Fair

- Discussion of whether having it slightly later is a good thing or a bad thing
- There were too many LPH applications put in this year since that was the first (and only) thing freshmen could apply for with later fair
- Later date is better for freshmen

Submitted by Dr. Elizabeth-Jane McGuire