

DormCon 9/10 7:30p ET over ZOOM

- General updates:
 - Faraz
 - Have \$57,000 in account, got our payment for the semester
 - Moving!
 - Anna
 - No Secretary updates, only emails sent out
 - Also moving!
 - Shuli
 - Same as Caragay
 - Caragay
 - Starting to meet with housing every other week
 - Everyone's moving!
 - Shayna
 - Covid is still the main risk, working to manage
 - On subcommittee for sexual assault survivors (SAS)
 - In future plan to work on hazing prevention and education committee
 - Life updates - stuck in New Jersey indefinitely
 - Sarah A
 - Scuffy very well received with frosh, high participation & reaching out to express gratitude
 - Working with Burton Connor transition team, should be receiving money
 - Seif
 - Very low density in MacG
 - Most frosh of any dorm, have programs with peer mentors started
 - Instituted well being GRA
 - Tommy
 - Got rid of pods (the storage kind)
 - Figuring out how to support exec team, they are very burnt out
 - Afeefah
 - McC updates: organizing outside activities, socially distanced pod olympics
 - Zawad
 - SCUFFY happened! Success!
 - Zach
 - Most frosh of any dorm? Rex chair is handling things very well
 - Maseeh residents want to lease an alpaca, so that they get rights to the hair when it is shaved
 - We're in support!
 - Miana
 - EC still ~weird~
 - Had 1st housecom, which was pretty normal
 - Scuffy went well

- Back in EC
 - Shaida
 - Recognize issues with dining on campus, meeting with admin in the next few weeks. Will bring complaints from people on campus
 - Simmons: not a ton of engagement, so reaching out to 1st years individually. Trying to get residents involved
 - Jordan
 - Tech chair: let him know if you want updates to website
 - Albert
 - Down hall from seif, J chillin
 - Sonia
 - Around 18 people in the dorm, having house meeting in a bit
 - Sarah
 - Met with admin to talk about what happens if there's an outbreak of cases
 - Good news: Medical is confidential! Does not go to COD!
 - People are pretty unhappy with dining in New
- Expectations for the new sem from sarah
 - We expect attendance, if have another obligation let execer (Sarah/Shuli/Anna) know ahead of time
 - If your position requires meeting with admin, check in with them every few weeks
 - Even if you don't have updates, builds rapport & keeps you in the loop
 - Send updates to execer before meetings
 - Please come to us if you're conflicted/confused, this is a good space to voice ideas
 - Our job is to represent students first and foremost
 - If students disagree with admin you need to let them know
 - The conflict can be a bit uncomfortable at first but need to pressure them, will gain confidence with time and relationship building
 - Student leadership summit next Thursday at same time as us, are people going?
 - Shuli & sarah will be attending
 - Henry: proxy for baker house prez, they have a class conflict at this time
 - Sarah: will send out a when to meet, figure out better time\
- Sarah: what should dorm con be prioritizing this year?
 - We would like to give now freshman (then sophomores) the opportunity in 2021 to live in dorm they are currently virtually in
 - Housing chairs will look into this
 - Shuli: Working proactively with admin that if people take spring off, guaranteed housing later
 - Clarifying question answered: should be consistent with spring 2020 housing, ie back to og dorm
 - Sarah: Concern about getting more people engaged in dormcon

- Faraz: Making sure we understand our jurisdiction, working on keeping students informed rather than just advocating issues
 - Possibly meetings or emails, sending occasional big update to dorm spam
- Anna: Work on a list to give to admin on things our dorms value, important aspects of dorm living to our culture and experience. Hold them accountable for keeping these intact
- Miana: Missing a gauge for on campus living
 - Tough to get people to attend meetings
- Sonia: are things going to dormcon announce?
 - A from Sarah: we can start that up again, previous meetings for exec only
- Shayna: UA receiving negative feedback, we should be making sure that our actions aren't performative, actions have tact to them
- Anna: General concern about social events feeling fake
 - Faraz: is there a group/person who can help with this? How do we form communities effectively
 - Sarah: not necessarily dorm con's job to make entire campus community, but could be more welcoming, more informal conversations
 - Caragay: engage with freshman, with elections we're going to need new people who feel welcomed. Events feel less vacuous if they show up & do something, actually contribute, are there parts of the work that a frosh could help with/ bring value
 - Shayna: marketing ourselves based on agency, being able to shape campus once we're finally back
- Aline: provide a way for students to ask questions about policy
 - Sarah: possibly reviving the twitter, adding to discord, providing office hours or town hall
 - Faraz: OH well received in the past, send out minutes later
- Sonia: potential goals - how likely is it that we could push for kitchens to open? Fight for spring, next fall? There are lots of kitchens catering for just one pod
 - Anna: We bring up failures of dining to meet needs as leverage
 - Shuli: if people don't mess this up, we'll have more room to negotiate
 - Tommy: Possibly pushing for a pilot program this fall
- Sarah: would like to form committees on short and long term goals, what do we need to prioritize, where do we need more support/people

In attendance:

Anna Bair
 Sarah Edwards
 Faraz Masroor
 Shuli Jones
 Shayna Ahteck
 Emily Caragay

Sarah Aaronson
Seif Eses
Tommy Adebisi
Afefah Khazi-Syed
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Zach Villaverde
Miana Smith
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Shaida Nishat
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