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Summary of 42 U.A.S. E2 – January 25, 2011

This special meeting, called by the UA President, Vrajesh Modi, discussed the upcoming changes to Orientation with Dean Julie Norman and Elizabeth Young from the UAAP.

The Chancellor has charged the UAAP with reducing the length of the Orientation schedule. Doing so involves looking at FPOPs, ASEs, the Math Diagnostic, REX, and CityDays. The current implementation plan is as follows. Rush is to undergo no change. FPOPs may be uniformly changed to four or five day FPOPs (from Thursday to Sunday or Monday), with certain programs unique for each length (see Appendix I of the minutes). ASEs will occur on the fifth day of those FPOPs (Monday), so those that are interested in obtaining credit via ASE Exams will have to take a four day FPOP. The Math Diagnostic is under discussion with the Physics Department, and DUE is involved in this conversation. The closing of the Readjustment Lottery will remain at 5 pm on Tuesday with the In-House lottery on Wednesday, a marking point for the end of REX. CityDays will be removed.

During the Question and Answer period, Norman indicated that her department would not save money through this change. Rather, the faculty are concerned that, by the time students arrive in class, they are worn out by the length of Orientation. The length of REX was called into question, as students noticed that FPOP and ASE students may have to wait till Monday noon to free up time for REX – one day before the Readjustment Lottery closes. In addition, it was noted that the earliest non-FPOP students may arrive is Sunday – two days before the Readjustment Lottery closes. Norman believes that the i3 video and CPW should be used as new ways to help advertise dorm culture, if REX does not provide enough time. She also notes that students should start thinking towards the quality of their events as opposed to quantity. The students reacted negatively. Comments from students included testimonials from freshmen year, time constraints, dorm culture and exploration, and difficulties for international students.

Norman recommends that any concerns go towards the governments (UA, Dormcon, IFC, Panhel, and LGC). They will be asking the governments for opinions and feedback within the next few weeks. SLOPE, an institute committee to be facilitated by Julie Rothhaar, the Assistant Dean in Residential Life and First Year Programs, will be an institute committee that helps facilitate feedback as well. SLOPE's first meeting is anticipated to be in early February.

Respectfully submitted,

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