



51 UA Council Session 9 Meeting Minutes
 March 11, 2019, 7:30pm - 9:00pm in W20-400

Living Group	Representative	Present?
Baker	Laura Rosado	Y
Burton-Conner		
East Campus	Miana Smith	Y
MacGregor	Seif & Albert	Y
Maseeh	Zach Villaverde	Y
McCormick	Yara & Afeefah	Y
New House		
Next House	Thomas Adebisi	Y
Random Hall	Sonia Reilly	Y
Simmons		
Interfraternity Council		
Interfraternity Council		
Interfraternity Council		
Interfraternity Council		
Living Group Council		
Off Campus		
Panhellenic Association	Kate Nelson	Y
Panhellenic Association	Stephanie Zhang	Y
Panhellenic Association		

Innovation - Amanda

1. COVID-19 Response

7:30 - 8:30

7:35 Start Meeting

7:40 Admin Response

- Put any exception in the exemptions form
- Compiling unused funds
- Q: Harvard giving students \$200 for moving expenses -- is MIT doing the same?
 - Not atm; coordinating with dorms and FSILGs
- Ian Waitz Joined Meeting --
- Q: How is grading going to change?
 - Ian: Yes, will give an update sometime tomorrow. He sat in on a meeting with them today and will meet with them again tomorrow. Change will not be exactly the same as what the petition has requested -- but they have been very thoughtful and gone through all benefits and harms. Recognizes that online learning will be new for instructors as well as students. Lots of flexibility. Operating at a rate now where events are coming faster than we can draft policies to support everything. So we made a decision for this particular strategy at 7:30 AM on Tuesday; we announced 8-9 AM to departments. All day long we were writing the letter; it's a complex undertaking.
- Comment: be as flexible as possible because students dealing with a high amount of stress
 - Give feedback to the admin because things are going fast on the decision making side.
 - The intention is to focus on student wellbeing in a disruptive time, trying to be supportive. Send C/S/I a note if any concerns.
- Emergency management pivoting to focus on stopping a spike in cases
- Ian happy to join calls as time allows
 - UA will organize something in the coming days
- Skepticism around campus on why these decisions were made
 - Send an email to undergrads explaining this?
 - Timeline:
 - Large lectures moved online-- backlash from faculty/staff on this
 - Backlash from lack of decision making input
 - January: lots of self isolation after people return, especially from china
 - Mid february: things pickup worldwide with more cases in Iran/Japan
 - Ian receives an email to lead this planning
 - 25 people team meeting full time
 - Planning for 4-5 possible scenarios given by emergency management
 - Clam outlook initially
 - Situation gets worse in italy and boston
 - Can we make it to spring break?
 - Write down all the decisions we need to make and how we should address them
 - This Sunday; emergency management says to move the largest risk off campus
 - Online lectures for 150 +
 - Planning for one week but more long term issue
 - Covid risk in Sloan
 - Leads up to leadership meeting monday to understand situation/makes decisions
 - Arch of trying to have a steady flow of cases rather than a spike that would overwhelm healthcare facilities of boston
 - Many schools in the area
 - Need to allow students to see and understand this timeline

- A lot of the decisions from other schools affect our rationale
 - A lot depends on when a school's spring break is
- Plan at first was to make it to spring break
- Then plan was to make it to week before spring break and get midterms done
- Then became clear that wasn't possible
- Sent out email to (shoot, who was it? Deans? Dept heads? I missed it) to say cancel midterms if possible, be flexible if possible
- Things don't seem coordinated because they're not
- Will share the academic letter from steve as soon as possible if we can get permission
- What questions are our communities asking?
 - We can forward them to lan

8:30 End Meeting