Meeting called to order 5:54pm
No quorum

Approval of previous meeting’s minutes

Will have an online vote to approve previous minutes

Discussion of graduate housing policy changes

- Graduate housing working group has proposed changes to housing policy
- All changes discussed today would take effect for 2019 draw (next year)
- 2 proposals for Assembly feedback (not voting on approval)
  - Grad students with partners and no children
    - Currently, couples are not allowed to live with other single students
    - Policy change would allow couples to live with single students (e.g. couple in one bedroom, single student in another)
    - Limit to number of couples depending on number of bedrooms
    - Rent would still be split by bedroom (although students could come to other agreement)
    - No change to how partners are defined (currently lax, e.g. joint banking account)
    - All members of the draw group would have to agree
    - Couples do not get any priority in the draw
  - Priority decreases with years of residence
    - Many students are away doing fieldwork or studying abroad during G2 or G3 then have lost their high draw priority when they return
    - Change would cause priority not to decrease for students in absentia, so they could have a high priority in the draw when they return

Concerns raised:
- Couples policy
○ Was the current system set up to prevent people from gaming the system?
  ■ Mai: No, the current system is just antiquated, was set to prevent overuse of resources, i.e. 2 people per bedroom use more water, etc.
○ Utilities should be split evenly among people instead of among bedrooms (because a couple will use more electricity, etc. than a single student in another bedroom)
○ What about breakups
  ■ No change to current policy, the students could apply for different status/housing
○ Is there any reason why the current validations of partnership are in place? For a normal lease, you don’t need a joint bank account, etc.
  ■ Prevents gaming (although not an issue in this case)
  ■ Access to University buildings

● Priority in absentia
○ Doesn’t apply to people who are regularly enrolled and elect to live off campus (or are unsuccessful in the draw), only those enrolled in absentia
○ Seems fair; everyone gets the same chance at having high priority
○ Would it be possible to make a system that you have to apply for this rather than have it automatically happen?
  ■ You might not know whether you will need housing when you get back
  ■ An opt-out system would be more fair, otherwise people might not be aware that they need to opt-in
○ Would this push out ~100 3rd year students who otherwise would be successful?
  ■ Yes, the supply is staying the same
  ■ This could be a problem b/c third-year students often have to be on campus for their programs

Informal vote for couples policy: approve unanimously
Informal vote for priority in absentia: approve unanimously

**Discussion of Calendar Reform Report**

● Report will presented to faculty for vote on April 23
● Main changes
  ○ Fall semester exams will be before winter break
  ○ Fall semester will start earlier
  ○ 2-week Wintersession
  ○ General exams will continue to be in January
Spring semester starts and ends one week earlier

Will have an online vote to approve the recommendations

**GSG Assembly summer meetings**

- 3 Assembly meetings in the summer
- Typically well short of quorum
- Would like to have digital meetings as we have in the past
  - Agenda and all materials will be posted online with a period for comments
  - Digital votes
- Will vote on this at next Assembly meeting

Concerns about referendum:
- Will there be Qdoba if we have digital meetings? No
- Could the funds that would have otherwise gone toward food be used for an “assembly get-together?”

**Open Forum**

- Are any Grad College dorms pet friendly?
  - No, except for emotional support animals
  - If a specific set of dorms in the GC could be made pet-friendly, that would potentially help some 1st years get housing
- Should there be an agreement between roommates about pets before the start of the semester?
  - This came up when more units in Lawrence were going to be made pet-friendly

**Meeting Conclusion**

Motion to close meeting passes.
RESOLVED: Meeting closed at 6:30pm
**Next meeting:** May 9, 2018 5:45pm