

Winter and Spring Term 2018 Activities

The Advisory Committee on Residential Life has a number of responsibilities in the coming months in order to prepare for room assignments in the residences, including Bechtel, Marks & Braun and the Houses. Because of the number of activities and upcoming deadlines (see the attached deadline sheet with the tentative dates), the work divides into two sets of tasks to be tackled in stages by the committee:

1. There are immediate tasks associated with the near term issues for the next 2-1/2 months that we will deal with pragmatically and these will take precedence in the initial meetings. These tasks are outlined in stages I, III to VI as described below.
2. There are a number of issues to consider regarding rotation. The process for developing proposals and seeking consensus will begin immediately and will run in parallel with the near term activities, starting with Stage II and culminating in Stage VII.
3. Surveys are important to the work of the committee. Two of the initial surveys that we need to immediately consider are:

Survey 1: A preliminary non-binding survey that will be sent out this week. A sample will be discussed at this meeting.

Survey 2. The contents of this survey will be developed from the answers to Survey 1. Individual and group residential assignments will be based on the results of this survey.

ACRL Committee Stages

- I. Kickoff meeting. This meeting will start with remarks by the chair and introduce the members, the students will have an opportunity to discuss their concerns about proposed changes in residential life and describe their proposals. Following this initial discussion, the committee will move on to consider the formal charge to the committee, the process for the selection of student members, the contents of the first survey on housing preferences and administrative matters, such as scheduling meetings
- II. Begin work on the new rotation process. Discussion of the guidelines and boundaries for the rotation process based on the Feb. 1 Plan. Work plan for how the committee is going to consult with student constituencies to organize a new rotation process. This topic (revising rotation) will continue to be discussed at each subsequent stage meeting until it is finalized in stage 7.
- III. Analyze the results of survey #1. Discussion of the implications for all housing assignments (Bechtel, Marks & Braun, and all Houses: freshmen allocations in Bechtel,

moving students from Marks & Braun to Bechtel, room picks. Develop the next survey #2 and distribute (see attached Timeline).

- IV. Analyze the results of survey #2 and finalize some room allocations.
 - A. Proposed target allocation of rooms for freshmen in the houses, Bechtel, and Marks & Braun.
 - B. Resolve assignment to Bechtel of students who ranked it first.
 - C. Discussion of room pick process for upper class students who did not rank Bechtel first or were not assigned to Bechtel.
- V. Develop a plan/vision for how to describe housing options for prefrosh and for prospective students. Close coordination with admissions and other partners.
- VI. (If needed). Allocate students to Bechtel and Marks & Braun that did not get into their houses.
- VII. Rotation revamp. Extensive discussion and proposals from all parties; deliberation and selection of procedures for frosh welcoming and room assignment. Can run concurrently with the other activities but cannot sidetrack the work we need to do in order to get to spring room picks.