

9/10/24 Central Assembly
6:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Speaker Chris Schwartz calls the meeting to order at 6:03

II. ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS

David Ferguson, - Advisor to the Student Government - Present

Chris Schwartz - Speaker of the Student Body - Present

Emi McCaffrey - Treasurer of the Student Government - Present

Blake Millwood - Archivist of the Student Government - Present

Nitya Goyal - Chair of the Student Life Committee -Present

Ela Bosworth-Tetikoglu - Chair of the Educational Policies Committee - Present

Gavin Hersey - Chair of the Fiscal Committee - Present

Suliman Zafarkhil - Chair of the Multicultural Diversity Committee - Present

Emily Huang - Chair of the Socially Responsible Investment Committee - Present

Thalia Grandinetti - Chair of the Student Judiciary Board, Co-Chair of the Constit.
Court - Present

Marisol(Mari) Thompson - Chair of the Peer Review Board, Co-Chair of the
Constit. Court - Present

III. ORIENTATION

Turn in key application form for **David Ferguson**

Review Mailing etiquette email

Relevant constitutional clauses, should be noted we should read our own section of
the constitution

Anti-bias training required

Set up meeting with Chris Schwartz if interested in discussing your role

IV. UPDATES

Chris Schwarz gives updates from over the summer:

Previously, **committee reports** were presented individually, which took up half of

the meeting time.

Suggestion: Committee reports be shared via email to streamline the process.

Feedback: Suliman, Ela, and Emily expressed a preference for continuing to present committee reports during the meeting.

Proposal: Consider moving committee reports to the end of the meeting rather than the beginning.

Rebranding: The term "Student Forums" is proposed as a new name for the General Assembly.

Budget: Likely switching to stipend pay. It is important to track hours. Expected payment to be processed in two Fridays.

Committee for Refugee and Displaced Student Concerns:

- **Weis** and **Arghwan** were agreed upon by the Central Assembly to work together on refugee student concerns.
 - Engaged with refugee students over the summer.
 - Restocked the refugee student food pantry.
 - Organized transportation for refugee students.
- There was confusion about the chair position due to a false election. **Weis** has conceded the issue, and a vote will be conducted later.

BSG Phone:

- The BSG phone has been reinstalled.
 - It can be forwarded to a personal number anonymously.
 - A database log should be maintained whenever the phone is used to ensure accountability.

Funding Requests

- The EMS Director requested additional funds to support students.
- Taun and BSG met to discuss securing more money for this purpose.

Mold Data Collection:

- Efforts are underway to gain access to dorms for mold testing.

Handbook Changes:

- The Student Handbook made adjustments that seem to disproportionately impact

activist groups on campus, particularly Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP), though there is no clear evidence that these groups are being specifically targeted.

- The Handbook allows changes to be made with or without BSG approval, but BSG is unaware of if this was added to the handbook recently.
- Efforts are being made to find old copies of the student handbook.

IT Election Software:

- The election software will not be ready for another month.

Committee Meetings Updates:

Constitutional Court Voting:

- There are complications with voting; certain committees cannot meet until voting is resolved and vice versa. Blurbs need to be resubmitted.
- Elections: **Thalia Grandinetti** hopes for earlier elections. Emergency elections for the Student Life Committee (SLC) are scheduled for next week.
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Educational Policies Committee (EPC):

- Met to discuss pre-tenure reports (five members total).
- Policy discussions are set to begin in mid-November.

Spring Fling:

- Inquiring about the possibility of having RuPaul for Spring Fling.

Here's the revised section with a clear and organized format:

VI. ACTION ITEMS

Schedule Student Forums for Fall Semester

- Aim to publish schedules in advance.
- Consider frequency: weekly or monthly.
- Determine method for sending out forums.

Schedule Elections

- Sending out poll to find a time that works best

VII. DISCUSSION

Office Usage

- Office available for Central Assembly use.

Committee for Refugee and Displaced Student Concerns

- Weis registered the **Coalition for Displaced Students** club.
- Proposal to join the Multicultural Diversity Committee (MDC) sub-committee.
- Election for chairperson: Co-chairs are allowed within the committee.
- Weis requests another open election.

New IT System

- To be discussed at a later date

Purpose of Central Assembly / Strategic Planning

- To be discussed at a later date

IX. ADJOURNMENT

- Speaker **Chris Schwartz** adjourned the meeting at 7:07 P.M.