

10/29/24 Central Assembly  
6:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

*Speaker Chris Schwartz calls the meeting to order at 6:02*

II. ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS

David Ferguson, - Advisor to the Student Government

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. ACTION ITEMS

I. Update on MDC Chair Conduct

- **Discussion Overview:** Chris and Suliman Zafarkhil have been meeting to discuss previous issues raised in a private session last week, including Suliman's role and responsibilities as MDC Chair, particularly concerning recruitment.
- **Issue Raised by Chris:** Chris reported feeling "uncomfortable" during a conversation with Suliman on Wednesday due to Suliman's use of the N-word "at least three times". Chris also noted that Suliman repeated the word at Gilson Place in the presence of multiple Black students and refused to apologize, instead calling Chris "a piece of shit" and "an asshole."
  - Evelyn intervened to de-escalate threats of a physical altercation.

2. Suliman's Response

- **Acknowledgment of Language:** Suliman confirmed his use of the word, stating he did not intend it as an insult and believed it was necessary in the conversation's context.
  - Suliman claimed he only used it once and apologized to Chris afterward, asserting that he "did nothing wrong."
- **Concerns Raised:** Chris and others questioned Suliman's racial sensitivity for his position as MDC.

### 3. Motion for Immediate Action

- **Removal from Meeting:** A motion to remove Suliman from the meeting was raised, with all in favor except Suliman.
- **Additional Testimonies:**
  - Witnesses from Gilson Place, including seven BIPOC students emphasized the importance of Gilson Place as a safe space for BIPOC students and expressed disappointment in Suliman's behavior as MDC Chair.
  - Statements from BSO club heads and Gilson Place representatives highlighted the need for an apology and action.
- **Motion for Impeachment:** A vote to initiate the impeachment process for Suliman was held, with all in favor. Additionally, a motion to withhold Suliman's pay for the current week was approved.

### 4. Upcoming Forums and Updates

- **Housing Forum:** Scheduled for Thursday at Weis Theater, 6–8 pm. There were prior location concerns between RKC and Weis.
  - Nitya has prepared a PowerPoint presentation, with resolutions to be discussed.

### 5. MDC Committee Updates

- **Agenda and Recruitment:** The MDC has held three meetings, with a fourth postponed. They are currently working on:
  - Events for November, including a Thanksgiving dinner and Afghan Student Association event.
  - Emphasis on recruiting more diverse members, particularly women.
- **Point of Contact:** Slater Hannah is the MDC's primary point of contact.

### 6. Additional Committee and Resource Updates

- **Educational Policy Issues:** Advanced language options and policies concerning the disability office are under review.

- **Treasurer Update:** Mid-year charter reviews are in progress.
- **SLC Initiatives:** A Google form for student project funding has been created. Additional updates include a student discount program and an upcoming SCALE meeting.
- **Constitutional Reform and PRB Updates:** A PRB hearing is scheduled for Friday. The MDC reported they are organizing independently of Suliman.

#### ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.