

11/05/24 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

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

III. ACTION ITEMS

1. **Housing Forum Slides**

- Ellen has submitted a resolution.
- Nitya will introduce two resolutions
- Two resolutions on the MDC: one concerning Articles of Impeachment and another on MDC reform.

2. **MDC Reform**

- Nine members from affinity organizations will hold positions in the MDC, elected internally, as they serve specific groups rather than the entire student body.
- There are concerns that affinity groups may inadvertently exclude students not affiliated with these groups.

- Students in affinity groups have shown interest and commitment to working on the MDC.
- Questions were raised about the committee's structure; however, there is general support for a committee without a designated leader in this instance.
- Affinity groups play a role in empowerment and community-building, which is essential for fulfilling representative roles in the MDC.
- An MDC member noted that those within affinity groups have built-in trust, which is critical for successfully performing MDC responsibilities.
- Concerns persist that the MDC has not fulfilled its mission effectively to date.
- There is apprehension about affinity groups focusing primarily on "culture" and whether the MDC may continue prioritizing events over its core responsibilities.
- The cost appears to be a major concern.
- Issues from two years ago, such as a lawsuit, were not adequately addressed by the MDC, raising concerns over the current inefficiency of the MDC.
- Members expressed worry about inclusivity, particularly regarding disabled students, and questioned the representation of disabled students within affinity groups.
- The central assembly has differing views on logistical details but is generally supportive.
- A vote will be held.

3. Displaced Students Committee

- No applications have been received for the Chair position.
- Targeted recruitment was suggested to fill this role.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 PM.