I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair of student life committee Nitya Goyal calls the meeting to order at 6:09

II. ROLL CALL

David Ferguson - Advisor to the Student Government - **Present** Chris Schwartz - Speaker of the Student Body 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. JOHN CORDELLA

- Student Housing in Spiritual Life Building
 - Students are currently housed in the Center for Spiritual Life.
 - The plan is to move these students back to Massena Hall.
 - Students should be moved out of Massena before the end of the spring semester.

• Communication Issues

- Question: Why weren't Massena residents informed about the plan to move students out?
 - Response: "We held an information session"; the goal is to move students based on their requests.
- Question: Why wasn't there an email?
 - Response: "Good idea."
- Reason for Sudden Relocation
 - Question: Can you explain why students had to move out suddenly?

- Response: There was a "steam leak," requiring the heat to be turned off for repairs.
- Building Code Compliance and Accessibility
 - Statement: The Red Hook Catch states that Massena does not meet building codes, including ADA standards. Converting the building to dorms is not a feasible option.
 - Question: Is it ADA accessible?
 - Response: "Plans are developing"; NY State Fire Department approved occupancy.
 - Buildings and Grounds should provide further information on these matters.
- Concerns from Massena Residents
 - Residents reported a lack of communication.
 - Allegedly, Dumain mentioned asbestos in the building.
 - Question: Were the pipes not checked? It seems the heating was turned on without proper inspection.
 - Response: "This was out of precaution...I don't know if asbestos is present."
 - NY State ensures everything is up to code.
 - Question: Did you receive written confirmation that these buildings were up to code?
 - No clear answer
 - A student noted that they've had to move three times, leading to frustration about a lack of communication and oversight.
- Emergency Housing Issues
 - Question: Why am I paying for this? Will there be a refund?
 - No clear answer was provided.
 - Concerns were raised about the lack of responses to students' questions from the administration.
 - Suggestion: Allow the student government to submit questions in advance to facilitate clear answers.
- Email Communication Request
 - Question: Can we receive responses to our questions via email by the end of the week?
 - Response: "I'll work on that."
- Clarifications on Massena Decisions
 - John noted that Massena's use was decided by the college administration, not him directly.
 - Massena housing was assigned after identifying which students would live there, and these students were notified at that time(late summer 2024).
- Safety Protocols and Compliance
 - Question: Did you check protocols to ensure dorm safety? Did NY State approve Massena before assigning students?
 - Response: Buildings and Grounds should have this information; access was granted based on safety requirements. John doesn't oversee this directly.
- Student Frustrations and Long-Term Housing Plans
 - Question: When will students be able to return to regular housing?

- Response: "There will be an update tomorrow."
- Massena is not a long-term solution. The goal is to move students out by next semester, depending on their preferences.
- Temporary Housing Policies
 - Temporary housing options include trailer dorms for first-year and transfer students.
 - Students with accommodations might forgo certain amenities to live elsewhere, though this isn't guaranteed.
 - Question: Do residents in trailers pay the same as others?
 - Response: Housing fees are standard regardless of accommodation type.
- Massena Amenities Concerns

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- Question: Is it fair that Massena residents pay the same fee without a functioning kitchen?
 - Response: "We have a free food pantry."
- Complaint: "The pantry only has ramen and chips."
- Safety and Legal Concerns
 - Question: Can you guarantee safety for the rest of the year?
 - Response: "I can't guarantee nothing else will break."
 - Question: Are you prepared for a court case? Could funds be used to reimburse students?
- Impact on Spiritual Life Community
 - The Center for Spiritual Life's use as temporary housing affects the religious community.
 - Residents in Massena, especially seniors, deserve an apology.
- New Dorms
 - Four out of five buildings are residential spaces, primarily 5 person suite-style.

IV. RESOLUTIONS

- Nitya presents 2 reforms
 - Few clarifying questions
- Suliman's Statement
 - A recording of Suliman's statement was played.
 - Suliman addressed the community:
 - Acknowledged that English is not his native language.
 - Made a land acknowledgment.
 - Affirmed his humanitarian stance and expressed regret if his words hurt anyone.
- Allegations and Support
 - It was reported that Suliman allegedly used the N-word three times in a conversation last Tuesday.
 - Concerns were raised from non-chartered affinity clubs, with concern the resolutions were too general.
 - A student interrupted in support of Suliman.

• MDC Reform

- Generally strong support
- South Asian Student Association concerned about representation
- Concern about adequate representation for non chartered clubs
- Voting
 - All resolutions passed.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.