

10/01/24 Central Assembly

6:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Speaker *Chris Schwartz* calls the meeting to order at 6:04pm

II. ROLL CALL

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

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 Thompson - Chair of the Peer Review Board, Co-Chair of the Constit. Court

III. ACTION ITEMS

- **Massena-SLC:** The Student Life Committee is meeting this week to discuss ongoing issues at Massena.

- **Handbook Forum:** forum is being rescheduled to meet with Dumain and heads of various departments to discuss student concerns.

- **Strategy of BSG:**

- Questions on working as individual committee actions rather than moving as one whole body.

- Chris reported that during a meeting with Leon Botstein last semester, Botstein claimed that the BSG doesn't represent the students.

- Voter turnout fluctuates.

- There's a perception among students that BSG is ineffective, with some suggesting more tabling efforts to improve visibility.

- Issues of Concern:

- Mold and housing problems were raised.
- Why don't activist groups want to collaborate with BSG? Is there awareness of aligned interests?
- Coalition Building: BSG needs to foster engagement with various groups and work on coalition building.

- Tabling:

- Materials for tabling are available.
- Committees with vacancies should consider tabling to attract members.
- Q&A sessions during tabling could help boost engagement.
- A poll will be conducted for availability after fall break.
- Follow up with David regarding tabling keys.

- Election Software:

- New election software was chosen last semester, which the student government is currently testing.
- However, the Registrar is refusing to provide student information to the software company, citing distrust.
- This is the same software used by NYU, but concerns remain.

IV. UPDATES

Student Judiciary Board/Constit. Court:

- There was a better voter turnout this election.
- A meeting with Hannah and David is scheduled to discuss PRB training and two Constitutional Court cases.

Student Life Committee:

- Meeting to address mold issues and concerns at Massena.
- SLC hosted a feedback forum where complaints about academics were voiced.

Educational Policies Committee:

- Pre-tenure review has been submitted; next focus is on tenure reviews.

Multicultural Diversity Committee:

- MDC is facing student engagement challenges.
- A Halloween party is being planned.

Socially Responsible investment Committee:

- Met with SJP; however, the original negotiators with administration are no longer at Bard, which caused some disruptions in communication.
- An election is being planned to form a cross-campus committee on ethical investments.

Speaker:

- Charters: Some charter documents have gone missing.
- Senior Dinner: There are questions about whether this event is exclusive.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Speaker *Chris Schwartz* adjourned the meeting at 6:54