



## **President's Report to the Senate**

Senate Third Business Meeting, November 19, 2014

Patrick Neary, President

### **THE General Body**

Please refer to the [GSO's statement on THE General Body](#) for details for actions taken thus far. The entire Board has put in tremendous time and energy into responding to this situation, and I thank them for their dedication. At this time and absent a vote of the Senate, the GSO has taken the position that the [administration's final response](#) represents an unprecedented success for a student activist movement at Syracuse. Many of the [demands and needs in the original demands document](#) have been met by this response. For the vast majority, there has at least been agreement to have extensive discussions over how and when to implement the desired changes. Many of the demands that have not been resolved do not appear to have broad student support in the first place. Please see the GSO's response and our link to a full point-by-point breakdown for the complete analysis of the GSO's stance on each item.

Presently, the Board is ready, with the assistance of the Senate and any interested students, to see through the implementation of a great many of the demands on which there appears to be agreement. I personally have seen a remarkable transformation in the language and approach of university administrators over the past two weeks and believe that we are ready to move into an implementation phase. For this, we need to have ongoing conversations, as many of the suggested changes are complex and large-scale. We need to move to a mode where we can have these conversations sustainably, institutionalizing the changes for the long term. Our entire Board is working very closely with the Student Association on moving forward on these issues, as they do not affect just graduate students, but affect all students at Syracuse University.

### **Tuition Group**

The Chancellor has created a tuition and budget group, comprised of undergraduates, graduate students, the University's Senior Vice President and Dean of Student Affairs, the University's Assistant Chancellor and Chief of Staff, the University's Vice Chancellor and Provost, the University's Director of Budget and Planning, and the University's Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. This group will discuss tuition increases and the validation thereof, with an aim to increasing the understanding of future increases and where the money will go. I am excited to begin these conversations, especially with an eye toward increasing fiscal transparency at the university.

### **Trustees Meeting**

The full Board of Trustees met on November 7, with committee meetings on Nov 6. I attended the Student Affairs Committee and the Academic Affairs Committee as well as the full meeting. Please see [the report made to the trustees, and all past reports, here](#).