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STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY RALLY ON SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS IN SOLIDARITY WITH STUDENT SIT-IN

November 8, 2014. Today at 12:00 p.m., students, faculty, and community members will hold a solidarity rally outside Crouse-Hinds Hall (900 Crouse Avenue) in support of THE General Body, which is entering its sixth day of sitting in to protest the university's lack of diversity, transparency, student services, and democratic decision-making processes.

Students learned Friday that if they exit Crouse-Hinds Hall over the weekend, they will not be allowed re-entry. Additionally, supporters are blocked from entering the building. These restrictions come at a crucial moment for student organizers, who will resume negotiations with Syracuse University administration today at 1:00 p.m. The General Body's supporters will gather outside of the administration building and stand in solidarity with protesters participating in the sit-in.

Throughout the sit-in, students have received tremendous support from community groups in the form of food donations, outreach, attendance at press conferences, and more. On Friday night, members of the Syracuse Community Choir arrived at Crouse-Hinds to sing the song "We Have Come Too Far" to the General Body.

This new round of negotiations follows yesterday's student demonstration outside the Sheraton hotel, where the Chancellor met with the Board of Trustees. Following the meeting,

the Board of Trustees voted on what they call a draft of the new proposed mission and vision statements. Delaying the vote on these statements was one of the primary demands articulated and agreed-to at Wednesday's direct negotiation between THE General Body, Chancellor Kent Syverud, and Dean Bea Gonzalez. The Board of Trustees also refused to meet with students.

THE General Body has vowed to continue the sit-in until the administration honors the negotiation processes established at Wednesday's meeting, and commits in writing to moving forward with each of the General Body's demands.

For the full list of demands and further information about the sit-in, visit TheGeneralBody.org.