



THE General Body

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CONCERNED WITH CHANCELLOR SYVERUD'S TREATMENT OF STUDENTS SITTING IN, FACULTY RALLY ON SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

November 16, 2014. At 12p.m. on Monday, November 17, over 100 faculty, students, and community members will gather in front of the Hall of Languages by the Remembrance Memorial for the "SU Can't Wait!" rally. The rally, organized primarily by SU faculty, represents their growing concern about how Chancellor Syverud and his administration have treated members of THE General Body over the course of the sit-in at Crouse-Hinds Hall, which is now entering its third week.

On Friday night, students were issued individually-addressed envelopes containing the Student Code of Conduct and Disruption Policies, with certain codes concerning campus property highlighted. There was no explanation of whether students were in violation of the codes. On Saturday morning, tenured law faculty member Janis L. McDonald, who is serving as students' legal counsel, attempted to enter the building to meet with students to discuss these documents. However, she was denied entrance to the building by DPS officers.

The Chancellor's refusal to let students meet with legal counsel spurred an outpouring of concern from faculty members, who wrote letters to the chancellor (posted at TheGeneralBody.org home page) and spoke with reporters about their concern for student safety, well-being, and legal

rights. Community groups have also expressed concern, and have continued to support THE General Body via solidarity statements (posted on TheGeneralBody.org) and dropping off food for students “locked in” to Crouse-Hinds Hall all weekend (unable to re-enter the building if they leave).

THE General Body will continue to sit in until the Chancellor agrees to take concrete steps forward to address urgent student needs, such as improved services for mental health, sexual assault, and accessibility; support for diversity among faculty, staff, and the student body; and budget transparency. While some concessions were made during negotiations with the Chancellor and upper-level administration, many urgent student concerns remain unaddressed. We address these remaining needs [in our latest post](#) on TheGeneralBody.org.

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