



NUMUN

Northwestern University Model United Nations

Dear Delegates,

I would like welcome you the 1960s Presidential Advisors Committee this year at NUMUN VII. My name is Chris De Notto and over the course of your weekend at NUMUN I will be chairing your committee. This is my second year in NUMUN and I have had four years of Model UN experience since high school. I have even competed at Northwestern as a delegate.

In a couple of weeks, you will all be coming to Northwestern to engage in debates with your fellow delegates that will decide the fate of the United States during the tumultuous decade that was the 1960s. In order to prepare for such a dialogue, I expect all of you to each write a position paper detailing your character's stances on the two topics. Naturally, this will require you to conduct a certain amount of background research into your character's life. The more thoroughly all of you grasp your character's positions, the more realistic, and frankly more fun, the debate will be.

Do not worry if it appears that your character does not seem relevant to one of the topics. While, for example, the UN Ambassador, because of his office, could not make any substantive actions that could affect the Civil Rights Movement, he certainly held opinions on the matter. It is those opinions that you will express in your papers and the debate. The point is that regardless of your character, all of you should be able to make a contribution to the committee no matter the topic that gets debated.

In the actual conference, I expect all of you to refrain from unacceptable behavior and language. A committee that exhibits a high degree of maturity will be treated in a more professional manner than one that does not.

With that being said, I must confess that I am looking forward to working with all of you over the course of the conference and I am certain that NUMUN VII will be a great success.

Sincerely,

Chris De Notto

Historical Committee Chair