



NUMUN

Northwestern University Model United Nations

Dear Honored Delegates,

Welcome to NUMUN VII! If you are receiving this letter, then you will be a delegate in the United Nations Social, Cultural and Humanitarian Committee, SOCHUM. Along with Katherine Dearing, I will be chairing your committee, and I am very excited to have you. I am a sophomore journalism major with a English minor at Northwestern. This is my second year in Northwestern's Model UN club. Just three years ago I was in your shoes, a high school delegate at NUMUN, so I know you have great things ahead of you.

With that in mind, I have certain expectations from you as delegates. I want you to be prepared for debate. You will be well researched on your committee topics. Most importantly during your research, you will become familiar with your country's stance on these issues. With the knowledge you gain, you will write three position papers in response to the topic papers. Hopefully writing position papers will help you to coherently organize the arguments you will present during committee. I do not want you to have written any resolutions before committee begins. Listening to what other delegates have to say and synthesizing your ideas with theirs is crucial to success. However, you must always keep your country's position in mind; compromising that position too dramatically is unacceptable, even if it means getting a resolution passed.

I hope that the topics you will debate at NUMUN VII have captured your interest. Be imaginative with your solutions to the problems, but do not break out of your country's mold. I want you to have fun at this conference, meet new people, gain confidence, and learn something. Do not hold back!

Thank you,

Hilary

Chair of SOCHUM