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We as citizen are asking for a detail account of the procedures to expose a process that is arbitrarily designed in favor of those that continue to hold control over aldermanic affairs.

The board is not a cohesive board. The process for leadership and chairs positions being held are given to all freshman's. This should not take place when you have Sophmores, Juniors, and Senior members that have been on the board prior to the freshmen's and they have more experience and knowledge on the process and should be given the same opportunity the freshmen's are given.

There is no policy currently in place for preventing this injustice from happening. This is no transparency, which the President of the Board is stating. The process is unfair and inequitable. Limited information was provided to some board members and newly elected alders regarding the voting of leadership position.

The season members are not given position because they do not choose to vote with the union back board. There is currently no policy or procedures or a fair process to protect the season alders.

The President and the Union has monopolized the process because there are no checks and balances on this process.

We are demanding an investigation into the leadership's lack of fairness to the alders that do not believed in their ideology. It has been

said in one of the union/alder's meeting if you're not with us than you are against us and we will run someone against you.

This is a form of intimation which should not have been tolerated in any arena, and the President of the Board never addressed it. These issues are not actions that any alders should be exhibiting.

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