Racism and anti-Blackness is an American problem and therefore a UW-Madison problem. We cannot end systems of oppression in one day, but the University of Wisconsin-Madison has an obligation to address racial issues in meaningful ways as defined by the most effected people. As many faculty, staff, and students have expressed, instead of fulfilling the institutional responsibility of addressing racial hatred, ways of thinking, and actions on campus, there has been a repressive force of institutional resistibility in regards to genuinely addressing anti-Black racism. In fact, UW-Madison perpetuates the white supremacy and racism that has contributed to our oppression on this campus and in the community. Due to said issues, a lack of transparency, and exclusion of student voice, we no longer have faith in this institution to solve these problems autonomously. As student voice is critical to the democratic process and overall well-being of the University, we have developed the following demands:

1. We demand that the case/investigation against King’s (formally known as Denzel McDonald) is completely dismissed considering that his civil rights were violated.

2. We demand that King’s items (which are held by UWPD) are returned to him immediately.

3. We demand that King’s status as a student is not jeopardized and the he is able to graduate this May.

4. In the Chancellor’s letter, she stated that police broke protocol when entering a place of learning to criminalize a student. Thus, we demand that all officers and administration involved resign.

5. We demand Community Control over UWPD, which includes a Faculty, Staff, and Student-led review board, which would have control over the hiring, firing, training, accountability measures and all decision making processes of all UWPD personnel.

6. UW-Madison administration has 48 hours to comply with our demands or further action will be taken.

Questions to ask

1. Why was King taking to MPD while other incidents of racial hatred etc. were dealt with campus official only?

2. How was his class schedule accessed by UWPD?