

My name is Mounika Yepuri, and I am excited to serve as your head chair for the first committee of the General Assembly, the Disarmament and International Security (DISEC) committee for UCBMUN XXI. If you ask me where I am from, you will see me squirm around while I try to explain that I was born in Hyderabad, India, raised in Pittsburgh, and graduated high school back in Hyderabad. I am a sophomore pursuing a double major in Political Science and Economics. My interest for International Relations and debate cultivated from my first Model UN experience in ninth grade, and there has been no looking back since! This will be my second year on the dais for UCBMUN (I vice-chaired the SPECPOL committee for UCBMUN XX). Aside from Model UN, you can catch me curled up with a good mystery novel or at the closest ice cream parlor. I am also a huge Steelers fan, courtesy of growing up in Pittsburgh.

The two topics that have been selected for this committee are very real and demanding issues in today's world. I believe that these topics allow for high quality debate and will require research on both the origins of the conflicts and the frequently updated current situation. Although I do not expect the committee to cease the civil war or prevent the spread of cyber warfare all in the span of three days, I do look forward to seeing all the innovative solutions and diplomacy that delegates have to exhibit over the course of the conference.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding the committee, rules of procedure or the background guide. I look forward to seeing you all in the spring!