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Ithaca College Student Governance Council  
Senate Meeting Agenda  
*Monday, 06/15, 2020 7:00pm – Zoom, online*

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Confirmation: Ryan Ingerson as Vice President of Business Finance

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

1. Alexandria DeVita
2. Austin Ruffino
3. Abigail Murtha
4. Connor Shea
5. Calvin Carmichael
6. Antara Sen
7. Kalena Yearwood
8. Carleigh Strange
9. Grace Madeya
10. Kendall Riley
11. Yetunde Smalls
12. Shevori Gene
13. Ryan Ingerson
14. Maxwell Powers
15. Sebastian Chavez
16. Soumyaa Joshi
17. Mary Holland-Bavis

III. New Business

- A. Vice President of Business and Finance Platform Presentation

1. Ryan Ingerson has been brought to the meeting as the E-board's pick for VP of Business and Finance
2. Official voting procedures
3. IC SGC confirmed Ryan Ingerson as Vice President of Business and Finance

#### IV. Continuing Business

#### V. Officer Reports

- A. President – Connor Shea - A reminder that you can or choose not to participate with summer planning.
  1. Meeting with Associate Provost Dr. Jean Copenhaver-Johnson
    - a. A productive conversation about the academic calendar
    - b. How to mainstream student feedback - you can join the Facebook page.
    - c. Email Connor with any issues in reference to the academic calendar
    - d. Attendance policy has come up in faculty council
      - i. New policy change
        1. SAS statement - Student accessibility statement that was made.
        2. There is a lot that is not addressed in the draft - effects of COVID-19
        3. SGC would like a seat there - stay tuned for a representative on that committee
          - a. Changes should be made that set students up to succeed
  2. Students of Color Coalition President - Sobeida Rosa
    - a. Main Takeaways - We would like to see more unity on campus
    - b. Thinking about ways to engage all students and what that may look like
      - i. All orgs are doing things to meet different goals, and sometimes we are all working towards the same thing.
      - ii. Ad hoc committee formally through SGC - representation by all Students of OC org to discuss what is happening and avoid any miscommunication
      - iii. How is our faculty being trained over the summer?
- B. Vice President of Campus Affairs – Yetunde Smalls
  1. Sebastian, Connor, and Yetunde spoke about creating a statement
    - a. Thinking about what we can do within a campus community
    - b. Put together a group of panelists to speak more on BLM and representative of students of color. How to implement safe practices on campus - if you would like to be a part of the

programming feel free to reach out to Yetunde, Connor, or Sebastian

2. A student reached out to write a letter to administration and faculty in regards to angst and being uncomfortable starting the semester in October rather than the usual start date.
  3. Soumyaa and Yetunde put together a campus climate survey and are awaiting more info and approval to have the survey sent out on a large scale. If not approved, it will be placed on Intercom.
  4. Board of Trustees - What will the opening look like, and vote on the budget for this coming academic calendar? Building and grounds meeting on the 17th to look at what opening will look like.
- C. Vice President of Academic Affairs – Soumyaa Joshi
1. Climate Survey
  2. Meeting with academic senators
    - a. How we can better incorporate issues of diversity and POC having problems within their majors specifically to understand their experiences and help POC understand more about hardships POC face within their curriculum.
    - b. Diversity requirement is not the best way to learn about diversity
      - i. Now is a great time to do this
    - c. How faculty will prepare for a second wave of COVID-19
- D. Vice President of Business and Finance –
1. Meeting with Bonni Prunty and \_\_\_\_\_
    - a. Housing overall - a meeting filled with alternate plans
    - b. What housing will look like
    - c. 11 AM or 3 PM - See slack channel for more information
      - i. Connor - Bringing in rentcollegepads.com last fall
        1. Allows students to safely look for off-campus housing
        2. The contract with Administration had signed with went bankrupt and is no longer in business
        3. Let's rekindle our ideas with rentcollegepads.com
  2. Ryan needs an assistant. Contact him if you are interested!
    - i. Mary
      1. Sending Ryan an email as an e-intro to start meeting with VPBF for proper training
- E. Vice President of Communications – Shevori Gene
1. At the end of this week, lookout for an email for working alongside Shevi for any communications help!
- F. Senate Chair – Abigail Murtha
1. Shoutout to Sebastian for writing a wonderful statement
    - a. This is such a great first step, and we must keep going

2. Antara is reaching out to assemble materials to create a class at their hs to further educate students on diversity. If you have any resources, be sure to send them Antara's way.
  3. Reminder to join the slack!
  4. Connor and Soumyaa have had a conversation with Cornell about sitting on a coalition. CYNSSG - select leaders from student governments in private schools in the state. Abby and Austin are serving on the committee.
    - a. Working on affinity groups within this org
      - i. For mental health
  5. Kalena, Austin, and Abby have joined a campus taskforce
  6. Talking with her professor about what SGC is doing - more direct content with faculty and staff council. Transparency and communications within this. - Thomas Swenson, HSHP
- G. Chief of Staff – Allie DeVita
1. Slack and Asana
    - a. If you have not joined either outlet let us know! Allie will be working with the E-Board to set up workshops to get students comfortable with Slack, Asana, and Engage and our plans for streamlining tasks, bills, and more.
- H. Student Trustee – Kalena Yearwood
1. Poll on IC Power
    - a. What can we do for students in the black Community
      - i. Part of the discussion with SOCC. SGC is not a programming org
      - ii. There are two programs a year. But we can partner with orgs that do programming events.
      - iii. Maybe we need something that is just students
        1. A safe time to come together and have their voices be heard to discuss what's going on and what we can do.
        2. Then put in Ad Hoc or legislations to meet once or twice a month to keep conversations going
        3. The Black Student Union has a subcommittee of representatives
        4. The Center of IDEAS has scholarships specific to Alana students. Is it within the parameters of SGC of a lower GPA of 2.5 is also a step in the right direction? All students can be heard and this takes into account for economics - Yetunde will look more into this idea.
        5. There seems to be a divide of POC within itself that does not feel that their voices are being heard. The

panel speakers will be a great opportunity to mend that. Build trust and bridges with non-POC organizations that do not address these issues.

I. Residence Hall Association-

J. Student Liaison to the Alumni Board –

VI. Open Agenda.

A. Campus Climate Discussion

1. Mary

- a. Orientation has moved online. How or what you would want to see as an incoming student and how you can go about finding out about new clubs
  - i. A quiz matching you with top clubs
  - ii. Zoom rooms for orgs and students to flow in and out about August 12th, in the evening. Have students sit in zoom rooms for freshmen to come to visit.

2. Abby

- a. There is a lot of talk surrounding BLM. Instagram for @icprehealthsociety. Leticia set up great resources for BLM. Google doc of resources in the bio
- b. If you are attending protests, please wear your mask
- c. SOCC IG is another great way to reshare what they are sharing as resources
- d. Go to the introductions page and introduce yourself on Slack based on the format Abby set up.

3. Austin

- a. SGC Website is being worked on. Any questions, comments, concerns, ask Austin
- b. Education for return to service on a consulting committee to help find out the new normal. How to educate everyone.
- c. Any ideas for small organizational review bills. Austin would love to work with you.

4. Grace

- a. Thinking about the curriculum and about how the college does not have an all-campus read
  - i. Great way to amplify voices
  - ii. First-year seminar
  - iii. An issue with diversity courses. Have students engage

5. Ryan

- a. Was an academic senator
- b. During the meeting, would love to see what Ithaca redefine what diversity means and what needs to be discussed

- i. Break students out of their comfort zones
    - ii. How we would like to see diversity classes be developed
- 6. Soumyaa
  - a. Diversity requirements within each school and what it looks like
- 7. Carleigh
  - a. Start an idea chain about having professors attend a diversity and inclusion training course
  - b. Will help faculty get ahead and prepare them for how to best understand and handle all diversity and inclusion topics
- 8. Yetunde
  - a. Pre-Covid remark from faculty
  - b. Faculty are working with each other to help with training
  - c. Workshop in the fall about White Fragility to get the topic brought up within the theatre department
- 9. Connor
  - a. If you are a new senator please hop onto [apps.ithaca.edu](https://apps.ithaca.edu) to make sure you are a member of Engage
- B. Surveys for Outgoing/Incoming senators
  - 1. We are going to try to alleviate confusion through the use of workshops. The E-Board is working to flesh this out. More than a one-off meeting
  - 2. We will have new members in the fall and the workshops will happen again
    - a. Let's all be on the same page
      - i. Meeting structures, how to write a bill.
    - b. Email Allie, Connor, or Abby if you want to be involved.

## VII. Adjournment

- 1. Motion to adjourn - Austin
  - a. Second - Sebastian
  - b. Opposed? No.