



Ithaca College Student Governance Council
Senate Meeting Agenda
Monday, 07/20, 2020 7:00 pm – Zoom, online

- I. Call to Order — 7:13 PM
- II. Roll Call
 - A. Connor Shea
 - B. Shevori Gene
 - C. Yetunde Smalls
 - D. Grace Madeya
 - E. Sebastian Chavez
 - F. Ryan Ingerson
 - G. Soumyaa Joshi
 - H. Austin Ruffino
 - I. Antara Sen
 - J. Carleigh Strange
 - K. Mary Holland-Bavis
 - L. Calvin Carmicheal
 1. Absent4x
 - a) Kalena Yearwood
 - b) Maxwell Powers
 - c) Lila Weiser (Excused)
 - d) Kendall Riley
 - e) Connor Watson
 - f) Shevori Gene
- III. New Business
 - A. Confirmations (Pending approval)
 1. Jasmine Morrow- Class of 2021 Senator
 - a) In Favor: 6

- b) Opposed: 0
 - c) Abstained: 0
 - 2. Logan Chaput- Class of 2022 Senator
 - a) Will be looking for confirmation at next month's meeting.
 - 3. Déontae Guy- Senator at Large
 - a) In Favor: 6
 - b) Opposed: 0
 - c) Abstained: 0
 - 4. Leticia Guibunda- International Senator
 - a) In Favor: 6
 - b) Opposed: 0
 - c) Abstained: 0
 - 5. Armani Sampat- Senator at Large
 - a) In Favor: 6
 - b) Opposed: 0
 - c) Abstained: 0
- B. Side Question: Spots open
 - 1. Class of 2021 senator
 - 2. Class of 2022 senator
 - 3. 2 class of 2024
 - 4. Transfer senator
 - 5. Club athlete
 - 6. Graduate senator
 - 7. Varsity Athlete senator
 - a) *"(decided externally)" with "Student must run for the position and be approved my SAAC (the Student-Athlete Advisory Council); st..."*
 - 8. Academic senator
 - a) Business
 - b) Park
 - c) HSHP
- C. Rent College Pads
 - 1. Presentation
 - a) Customizable access to off-campus housing
 - b) Software that only sees housing that is student housing and units that are actually available
 - c) Everything is easy to view and transparency
 - d) We can ask to include more information based on our needs.
 - e) Open ended comments section, but it's mainly a yes or no response

- f) Overall, a new way to have students have a better experience with renting homes off campus
 - (1) Even walktimes are include
- g) Also includes a roommate portal that is completely secure and profiles can be created using ithaca email
- h) Helping students find safe and compatible places to live
- i) Open to linking to off-campus approval
- j) Going to be doing a lot of marketing for students to use
- k) Off-Campus orientation program
 - (1) What it is like to be a first-time renter
 - (2) 7 video modules with a short quiz
 - (3) Willing to add more campus-specific content here too
 - (4) Hosted a virtual housing fair
- l) Students don't pay. The landlords pay for the platform
- m) Repeat violators lists, crime rates lists
- n) Students are covered if still dependents by their parents homeowners or renters insurance
- o) Landlords keep everything with the same price if they are marketing. There has been no circumstances where rent is higher due to being on Rentcollegepads.com
- p) Add in search filters to have landlords offer
- q) Differentiate themselves by taking advantage of custom searches
- r) A potential plan to create a preferred landlord program— incentive over and above behavior for landlords to allow for students to have increased transparency in what they are looking for.
- s) Students just need to get on the site and make an account
 - (1) Up to university and SGC to decide who can come into the site.
 - (2) We only want to secure the roommate and sublease section and possibly leave the review section closed to avoid lease agents.
- t) Contact info for Steve Catlin:
 - <https://d.rentcollegepads.com/2-col/off-campus-housing/ithaca-college/search>
 - (1) stevec@rentcp.com

IV. Continuing Business

A. Senate Workshops

1. Bill Writing
2. Parliamentary Procedures
3. Meeting Procedures
4. Logistics

B. Feedback:

1. When is the best time to tune into a live session
2. Let us know your feedback here

C. Q&A with SLT

1. Sit down for 30 minutes to serve as an introduction to incoming new students and then address student questions
2. What we need is to
 - a) Ask your constituents if they have questions
 - b) Reach out to see what question they have and put them into this form:
 - (1) <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScenPVW0HyhXg9MF-RwG0eQFZ2s5j6NtV4Xbap6f6nWOxwJWw/viewform>
 - c) Hoping most of these happen in August
 - d) If anyone is interested in hosting one, send Connor an email at sgcpresident@ithaca.edu
 - e) Confirmed interest: Dr. Acosta, President Collado, and VP Cornish.

V. Officer Reports

A. President

1. Microsoft Teams?
 - a) Consider the possibilities of Teams
 - b) How we can streamline our communications process
 - c) Teams is part of microsoft and we all have those accounts
2. First Year Org. Fair
 - a) Wednesday, August 12th from 8p-10p
 - b) Volunteers
 - (1) Email sgcpresident@ithaca.edu
 - (2) Austin, Soumyaa, Allie, Abby, Sebastian, Leticia
 - (3) Get some new members (yay)
3. Talking with the Jewish community
 - a) Releasing a statement condemning anti-semitic practices on campus

4. Kudos to Sebastian:

<https://theithacan.org/opinion/commentary-power-is-listening-but-the-action-is-revolutionary/>

- a) Putting together a discussion together to continue our stand for justice meeting

- (1) Quick update from Sebastian

- (a) Published an article to the Ithacan

- (b) Students have reached out talking in all departments of how to voice opinions and what they want to get done

- (c) Collecting data to come up with strategy and solution.

- (d) Promote this student-led discussion with all academic deans

5. Logo Redesign.

- a) Timeline in recap

- b) Campus-wide initiative

- (1) https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Hz1THXetYC9jf_OiIn4VkXZAwPK0cZl1M0QmzihABIY/edit

- c) Let the senate screen them and vote for the top number of designs

- d) Have some agency in what the logo will look like

6. Push to our August meeting

- a) Mentor program

- b) August meeting will happen post org-fair

7. SOCC and Meeting

- a) Upset they did not receive any course evals for the Spring of 2020

- b) Faculty was not required to send these

- c) Can negatively impact the member

- (1) Feels as if this semester didn't matter

- d) Idea of a social campaign

- (1) Use Rate my professor to talk about what happened this semester

B. Vice President of Campus Affairs

- 1. Congrats to confirmations!

- 2. A form to find out how to implement strategies for bias training for Stand For Justice

- 3. Allyship programs and how to be a better ally with the SOCC

4. A student meeting to talk about the use of reusable masks
- C. Vice President of Academic Affairs
1. Survey to gather data on student thoughts and reopening plans
 - a) Need to finalize and are no longer going through IRB
 - b) Academic meetings with Dr. Jean Copenhaver-Johnson
 - c) What can we do for the Diversity requirement within SGC
 - d) Setting up a form for an assistant
 - (1) If you are interested please contact Soumyaa
- D. Vice President of Business and Finance
1. Will be speaking with Connor about when to open up the appropriations committee
 2. Interest in finance in general
 - a) Reach out to SGC business email, or Ryan's phone number
 - (1) sgcbusiness@ithaca.edu
- E. Vice President of Communications
1. Absent
- F. Senate Chair
1. Looking for possible policies/letter campaigns from the Senate to be brought to the NYS Student Governments Coalition (not required, but an option if anyone feels strongly about anything).
 - a) Food for thought for the next meeting
 - b) Topics that you feel strongly about text, or email
sgcsenatechair@ithaca.edu
 - (1) Broader topics that don't need to specifically relate to IC.
 - c) Orientation programming started last week
 - (1) Ideas for how we can get our name out there
 - (2) An infographic of some sort
 - (a) If this is in your wheelhouse, reach out to Abby
 - (3) Official programming begins August 10th
 - (4) Small groups meet weekly
 - (5) Kalena and Abby have been attending Educating for social responsibility return to campus task force, Austin is also a consultant
 - (6) Make sure voices are in, considered limited student representation of this subcommittees
 - (a) Reach out to Abby, Kalena, or Austin
 - (7) Wear a mask :)

- G. Chief of Staff
 - 1. SGC Calendar
 - a) Any notable dates please share with sgcchiefstaff@ithaca.edu
 - b) A great place to have students see what's going on in SGC
 - 2. Historian Initiative
 - a) Email any fun history clips for digital pptx.
 - (1) sgcchiefstaff@ithaca.edu
- H. Student Trustee
- I. Residence Hall Association
- J. Student Liaison to the Alumni Board
- VI. Open Agenda
 - A. Campus Climate Discussion
 - 1. Opening CAPS committees and ORC
 - a) Contact amurtha@ithaca.edu or sgcsenatechair@ithaca.edu if interested.
 - 2. Return to campus around students who are in hotspot states
 - a) How does this really work
 - b) A petition to campus to rethink how students can be brought back on campus.
 - (1) A financial responsibility to students, not the college
 - (2) Sebastian has shared the petition:
 - <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdfD2j03dEiuiVZOLbEj1Bs0-zUuqo20KQH-UXsbqvpW9jWcg/viwwform>
 - 3. Series for White students to discuss white privilege
 - a) Was apprehensive, but went to a session and it was really educational
 - b) What it means to be white, how do we use our privilege to actively push against racism
 - (1) Link can be found here:
 - <https://www.ithaca.edu/intercom/article.php/20200708120657826#.XxZAHpNKhTY>
 - 4. Armani has been working with Hammond and Caps
 - a) Dealing with students with anxiety
 - (1) Pro mask and anti-mask rhetoric
 - (2) Any questions can be emailed for Armani:
 - asampat@ithaca.edu
 - 5. Grace: Theatre students will have different experiences this year

- a) If you notice a club is trying to do a virtual club, then send this to the theatre department
 - b) Try to connect departments to clubs in case curriculum lacks the same experience in the classroom due to COVID-19
6. Calvin:
- a) Return to campus
 - (1) No clarity in the decisions that are being made
 - (2) Students need to prepare to leave for thanksgiving break and not come back
 - (a) What do we need to see
 - (b) Announcements are coming and shocking the masses.
 - (c) Need the taskforce to provide info in why these decisions are being made, and how they will delegate the decisions
 - (d) Do we think daily briefings would benefit the student body
 - (i) This may be nice, even weekly
 - (ii) Feel more connected to campus
7. Yetunde
- a) Work more with the legal office can be helpful when understanding and planning initiatives surrounding International students
8. Grace
- a) Discussion with students that they appreciate the communication, and get thrown off when there is a drastic change.
 - b) More communication on more changes and the information and how it pivots and diverts
9. Connor
- a) Schedule a meeting with President Collado
 - (1) Be face-to-face to say this is not working for the students
 - (2) Help students perforate the bubble

VII. Adjournment—

- A. Motion to Adjourn at 9:45 PM, Grace
- B. Sebastian, Second.
- C. No oppositions