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Ithaca College Student Governance Council  
Senate Meeting Agenda  
*Monday, 09/14, 2020 at 7:00 pm – Zoom, online*  
Meeting Link:

<https://ithaca.zoom.us/j/94341249780?pwd=WEtHK0llaWZmTWtmTnhPUlVqRmlGUT09>

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- I. Call to Order: 7:03PM
- II. Roll Call/Icebreaker
  - A. “What’s the weather like for your first week of classes?”
  - B. Present
    1. Abigail Murtha
    2. Connor Shea
    3. Yetunde Smalls
    4. Soumyaa Joshi
    5. Alexandria DeVita
    6. Kalena Yearwood - Left Early
    7. Connor Watson - Left Early
    8. Jasmine Morrow
    9. Carlos Abreu
    10. Calvin Carmichael
    11. Grace Madeya
    12. Leticia Guibunda
    13. Deontae Guy - Left Early
    14. Armani Sampat
    15. Lila Weiser
    16. Maxwell Powers
    17. Austin Ruffino
    18. Sebastian Chavez
    19. Carleigh Strange

20. Mary Holland Bavis

21. Jenny Larios

a) From the Ithacan

(1) Alexis Manore

(2) Syd Pierre *from the Beat*

C. Absent

1. Esther Moore

2. Kendall Riley

D. Zoom Updates!

1. Attendance

a) Today marks our first official meetings. From now on, meetings are required. Please let Abby know 24 hours in advance. After 3 unexcused absences, there is a conversation to be had about your position.

b) Being tardy and leaving early unexcused count as half an absence.

c) You are allowed excused absences with 24 hours in advance

d) If you didn't know the attendance policy, please refer to the Constitution

2. Chat

a) New etiquette for raising your hand in zoom. A speaker's list during any time, type your name in the chat. Abby will call people based on how they appear in the chat.

3. Streaming

a) Possible thoughts of Youtube streaming meetings

b) Consider if you are comfortable with live streaming our zoom meeting.

III. Approval of Minutes

A. [8/24](#)

1. Motion to not approve minutes

2. Add Leticia to role

IV. New Business

A. Vice President of Business and Finance Confirmation

1. E-Board put to the floor, Grace Madeya

a) Platform and Q&A made

b) Moving into voting procedures

(1) 10 In favor

(2) 0 Opposed

(3) 1 Abstention

c) Motion to approve Grace

(1) 11 in favor

(2) 0 Opposed

(3) 0 Abstention

(a) Grace is confirmed as the VP of Business and Finance

~~B. Appropriations Committee Members Confirmations~~

C. 2021-0001: Rent College Pads Recommendation (Ruffino & Powers)

1. Key Points

a) A custom website to help off-campus students find housing safely. In addition, it would be at no cost for students or the college.

b) Friendly amendment to change the date in which we recommend the bill to take place.

(1) No oppositions to this change

c) Motion to extend Q&A by 5 minutes

(1) Second granted

(a) 10 in favor

(b) 0 opposed

d) Questions?

(1) Does rentpad charge landlords extra? If so do we know how much?

(2) Is this service open to others in Ithaca (i.e. Cornell).

(3) Is IC gaining anything from this?

(a) It will help students gain a secure source to find an off-campus house

(b) Are they liable if an apartment then turns out to not be what was promised (if somehow you end up getting a crappy room or something)

(4) By that second question, I mean are the apartments listed on Rentpad going to also be listed on other services for use by Cornell and the community? How is this managed?

(a) There would be separate sites

(5) Lila - Motion to move into voting procedure

(a) Armani seconds the motion

(i) 11 In favor

(ii) 0 Opposed

(iii) 0 Abstentions

(6) Motion to approve vote on bill 2021-0001 - Armani

(a) Leticia Guibunda seconds the motion

(i) 10 In favor

(ii) 0 Opposed

(iii) 1 Abstention

2. Bill templates

a) Save for Open Agenda

D. 2021-0002: Tuition Transparency Bill (Ruffino & Sen)

1. Request full transparency on the bill despite being fully remote

a) Understanding that remote education is not going to be discounted despite losing opportunity for learning in certain major

2. Release info with a full content breakdown

3. Sent to [sgcpresident@ithaca.edu](mailto:sgcpresident@ithaca.edu) to send

4. Include delegations and reasoning for the 2020-2021 semester

5. Requesting an amendment to the bill for a timeline

a) Maybe the end of Block I — in favor of giving them a long enough time for them to do it, with some pressure.

b) Armani - in favor of the 2 week after the recommendation is sent

(1) Saving the date for discussion

c) How feasible is tuition transparency? - Calvin

(1) Every school is different

(2) This may not be a completely new idea

(3) There is not a lot of data

(a) Connor S. and Yetunde respond - it is our job not to be discouraged if the SLT does not take action with our recommendations.

d) Motion to extend time - Carleigh Strange

(1) Second - Lila Weiser

(a) 11 In favor

(b) 0 Opposition

(c) 0 Abstentions

e) Carleigh - Are there consequences if this bill is ignored by administration?

(1) Connor & Abby using our working relationship with the E-Board and SLT to have our students best served

- f) Yetunde
  - (1) Asking if the discount rate language should be clarified.
- g) Discussion - 10 minutes
  - (1) Unfriendly amendment
    - (a) Change the date and honor before
- h) Unfriendly amendment:
  - (1) Vote to change the bill to
    - (a) Ithaca College should announce their intent to reveal this breakdown. This should be done on or before October 2nd
      - (i) Motion to approve - Lila Weiser
        - (a) 11 In favor
        - (b) 0 Opposition
        - (c) 0 Abstentions
- i) Friendly amendment to change discounted to reduced.
- j) Friendly amendment
  - (1) Note the quality of education
- k) Motion to extend time 10 min - Lila Weiser
  - (1) Second - Max Powers
    - (a) 11 In favor
    - (b) 0 Opposition
    - (c) 0 Abstentions
- l) Unfriendly amendment to be brought to the table to add content in case the student petition is going to disappear to hear student's concerns
- m) Motion to move into voting procedure - Armani Sampat
  - (1) Second - Calvin Carmichael
    - (a) 11 In favor
    - (b) 0 Opposition
    - (c) 0 Abstentions
- n) Motion to approve bill - Max Powers
  - (1) Lila Weiser seconds
    - (a) 11 In favor
    - (b) 0 Opposition
    - (c) 0 Abstentions

E. 20201-0003: 60 Calendar Day Title IX Recommendation (Morrow)

- 1. Proposes a 60 day time limit on all cases
  - a) Currently there is no time limit

- (1) Proposing a response and 60 calendar
- (2) Needs to be posted in an easily accessible site and sent to all channels of communications
- (3) The bill wants a formal response by midterm week then the actionable 60 calendar limit should be by the end of the Fall 2020 semester

b) Q&A

- (1) Add a PDF to the bill in case the URL disappears

c) Motion to move in to voting procedures Lila Weiser

- (1) Second Armani Sampat

- (a) 9 In favor

- (b) 0 Opposition

- (c) 0 Abstentions

d) Motion to approve - Lila Weiser

- (1) Second Leticia Guibunda

- (a) 9 In favor

- (b) 0 Opposition

- (c) 0 Abstentions

F. 2021-0004: Constitutional Resignation Policy (Ruffino & Madeya)

1. Senator Resignation

- a) Timeline and the duties of a senator resigning. See bill proposal here

2. For the E-Board

- a) E-Board members can meet with SGC advisor or President

- (1) In terms of submitting resignation

3. Friendly amendment to move Grace to a Co-Sponsor

- a) Taken care of

4. Kalena

- a) If a chair encourages a member to resign or is in a situation to recommend resignation

- (1) Answer - Remains the same

5. Mary

- a) Does not want to be included in the bill

- b) Unfriendly amendment

- (1) Motion to approve unfriendly amendment - Lila Weiser

- (a) Second - Carleigh Strange

- (i) 9 In favor

- (ii) 0 Opposition

(iii) 0 Abstentions

6. Motion to move into voting procedure - Carleigh Strange

a) Second - Leticia

(1) 9 In favor

(2) 0 Opposition

(3) 0 Abstentions

V. Continuing Business

VI. Officer Reports

A. President

1. Meet the Senate! Instagram Stories - *E-Board too!*

a) 1 minute/2 minutes??

b) Name, pronouns, year/major, position, and what you're focusing on this year regarding SGC

2. Minutes distribution

a) All going into an Intercom post at 1 AM Wednesday

3. Shared Governance Committee

a) Looking for 3 senators to work to rotate between Staff Council, Faculty Council, and Tri-Council meetings

(1) Email [sgcpresident@ithaca.edu](mailto:sgcpresident@ithaca.edu)

4. VPCOMMS Plan

a) Plan similar to VPBF

(1) Announcement coming in the next few days

(2) We are targeting Park students

(a) You don't need to be a comms major to be on the team

(b) Be on the lookout

5. Stand for Justice Webinar

a) Pushed back due to things not working out this week

(1) Everything is ready

(2) Looking for the next date

(3) Any inkling to participate act now

6. Elections 2020

a) Fall elections kicked off today

b) Link in bio

c) Link on engage for packet

(1) Revamped and redone

(2) Share the messaging

7. Q&A with SLT

a) Collado

- b) Harris
  - c) Diaz
  - d) Sill in the process
- 8. STUDENT ORG. MEETING
  - a) 7-9PM Wednesday
  - b) Same like first year org fair
  - c) Connor is working and cannot attend
  - d) Daeonte is attending
- 9. Going to the E-Board with notes on how to improve meetings
- B. Vice President of Campus Affairs
  - 1. Roster of student orgs
  - 2. IC Powerful Students
    - a) Engage or DM
    - b) Happen biweekly to highlight student
  - 3. Self Care challenge
    - a) Working with student orgs to help promote self care
      - (1) Happening every Sunday
- C. Vice President of Academic Affairs
  - 1. ICC Bill
    - a) Working with Carleigh meeting Thursday at 6:30 please reach out if you want to come!
  - 2. Meetings with Deans, Provost, and Susan Delaney (ICC taskforce)
    - a) Started a student steering committee. Need students to join
    - b) Reached out about open SGC positions
  - 3. Interview with the Ithacan about the textbook bill
  - 4. Soumyaa needs an assistant. Applications are available here:
- D. Vice President of Business and Finance
  - 1. Thank you for confirmation
  - 2. Looking for appropriations committee
    - a) Committee that helps to allocate funds
    - b) Great way to get involved on campus
    - c) Great way to learn about business
    - d) Email or message Grace
- E. Vice President of Communications
- 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) Keep an eye on outside communication

- b) Brainstorming a bill with Austin about bill writing
  - (1) Reply to thread in slack channel
- c) Sign up for senator reports
  - (1) Get to go once a month
  - (2) Sign up is coming over email
- d) Assistant application went live yesterday, please fill it out if you are interested
- e) Give Abby your committee
  - (1) Name, description, and meeting time
- f) ORC and CAPS are looking for best times
  - (1) Email, slack, or text Abby again
- g) Connor, Austin, and Abby sending a bill of the utmost importance **tonight**
  - (1) May have an impact on election
- h) Looking for meeting presenters people you'd like to hear from
- i) Scheduling 1-1's

G. Chief of Staff

- 1. Since we won't be on campus this semester, please let me know if you have any digital copies of prominent SGC historical moments
- 2. Please let me know if you have anything of importance to note on an SGC academic calendar. Click to view: [Internal](#) and [External](#)

H. Student Trustee

- 1.

I. Residence Hall Association

J. Student Liaison to the Alumni Board

VII. Open Agenda

A. Campus Climate Discussion

1. IC Votes

- a) Kicked off today
  - (1) IC Dems and IC Republicans have been added
- b) Getting IC students prepared for the general elections
  - (1) Nov 3rd
- c) Motivate
  - (1) A way to make voting fun
  - (2) You can make a team
  - (3) Approval for SGC budget
  - (4) Points go to your team to earn prizes
  - (5) A week to get everything running

- B. GPA Bill
    - 1. Sending this out tonight
    - 2. GPA is elitist and we should open the doors for more students
    - 3. We are **not** having a meeting on Yom Kippur
  - C. Keeping cameras on/off during meetings
    - 1. Should **not** be a mandate while on live
    - 2. Abby wants a precedent to keep cameras on whenever possible
  - D. Leticia has been compiling resources for international students
    - 1. If anyone has caps knowledge relay that over
  - E. It's okay to leave the meeting early or come late
    - 1. Let Abby know
- VIII. Adjournment
- A. Motion to Adjourn - Austin
    - 1. Second - Carleigh
      - a) No Opposition