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Ithaca College Student Governance Council  
Senate Meeting Agenda  
*Monday, 10/05, 2020 at 7:00 pm EST – Zoom, online*  
Meeting Link:

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

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(7:00p) **Call to Order**

(7:05p) **Roll Call**

1. Connor Shea
2. Yetunde Smalls
3. Soumyaa Joshi
4. Grace Madeya
5. Abby Murtha
6. Alexandria DeVita
7. Carleigh Strange
8. Liza Dhameeth
9. Leticia Guibunda
10. Grace Cannon
11. Deontae Guy
12. Armani Sampat
13. Lila Weiser
14. Max Powers
15. Austin Ruffino
16. Sebastian Chavez
17. Mary Holland-Bavis
18. Syd Pierre
19. Aubren Villasenor
20. Carlos Abreu
- 21.

Absent:

1. Connor Watson
2. Kalena Yearwood
3. Kendall Riley
4. Calvin Carmichael

#### Guests

1. Spencer Klumpp
2. Jordan Weiner
3. Agnes Scotti
4. Elliott Weil
5. Alex Renna
6. Matt Clement
7. Nate Helsing
8. Madison Koury
9. Melly Megahead Ramadan
10. Ross Kennedy
- 11.

#### (7:10p) **Approval of Minutes**

1. 9/21
  - a. Lila Motions to approve the minutes from Sept. 21
    - i. Max seconds
      1. In favor: 12
      2. Abstentions: 0
      3. Opposed: 0

#### (7:15p) **New Business**

1. Appropriations Committee Member Confirmations (15 mins)
  - a. Mely
    - i. Get involved on campus in any way as a first year student
    - ii. Passionate about politics and student politics
      1. Involved in theatre in High school, president of org
      2. 2 gap years doing campaigning
    - iii. Question from Lila - What do you want to influence when you do get on campus?
      1. A communications person, effective communications and open discussions among the team
    - iv. Question from Yetunde - With appropriations sometimes it's hard to get students involved in events. Do you think your expertise will help students promote?
      1. Yes absolutely. Publicity in general is an area that Mely is comfortable working in.

- b. Armani
  - i. Always been involved in finance since high school
  - ii. Head of budgeting and accounting
  - iii. Worked at Ernst + Young working in auditing and finance
  - iv. Worked with community accounting
  - v. Question - Austin What kind of a relationship do you see appropriations having with SGC
    - 1. Discussing how funds are allocated, what's coming, what student orgs are up to.
    - 2. Work as a main communication line
- c. Spencer - missing
- d. Nate
  - i. Freshman economics major
  - ii. Worked in high school with other orgs
  - iii. The appropriations committee is key to helping students get involved
  - iv. A good team worker
  - v. Question - Austin, what will your leadership have to do with appropriation
    - 1. Nate is looking to be a team member and learn more about the committee and grow
- e. Four Open seats
  - i. Motion to move in voting procedure - Max Power
    - 1. Deontae seconds
      - a. In favor: 11
      - b. Abstention: 0
      - c. Opposed:0
    - 2. Lila Motions to approve Mely
      - a. Max Seconds
        - i. In favor: 11
        - ii. Abstention: 0
        - iii. Opposed:0
    - 3. Max motions to approve Nate
      - a. Deontae seconds
        - i. In favor: 11
        - ii. Abstention: 0
        - iii. Opposed:0
    - 4. Austin motions to approve Armani
      - a. Aubren seconds

- i. In favor: 11
- ii. Abstention: 0
- iii. Opposed:0

2. Vice President of Communications Confirmation (10 mins)

a. Deontae Guy has been chosen by the E-Board

- i. Sophomore sociology major with a minor in counseling
- ii. Excited to learn in this position
  - 1. A people person, loves to speak with people and engage, and a team player
  - 2. Enhance student life, bring joy and bring peace
  - 3. Created a workshop for a week-long conference in Rochester, communicating, organizing and planning across the state.
  - 4. Question from Grace any ideas for a virtual semester
    - a. Understands the audience and the why. Really hopes to be all-inclusive
  - 5. Question from Yetunde in terms of engagement, do you have any ideas with social media strategy to work with student orgs
    - a. Working on the learned management system community now. Use Instagram mostly with students. Posting and sharing content that interests people. Produce virtual concerts in the church communities, bring that idea to SGC.
    - b. Wants to find out what you want to see on Instagram
  - 6. Question from Aubren how will you connect the class of 2024
    - a. Deontae wants to talk and reach out to freshman to find out what we can do to best help make them feel present consistently
  - 7. Max Motions to move into voting procedure
    - a. Lila Seconds
      - i. In Favor: 11
      - ii. Opposed: 0
      - iii. Abstentions: 0
    - b. Austin motions to confirm Deontae as VP of comms

- i. Armani seconds
  - 1. In Favor: 11
  - 2. Opposed: 0
  - 3. Abstentions: 0

- 3. **Note All Bills must be sent to Abby, Allie, Connor, and Austin**
  - a. **Whoever is editing the bill should make the updates (any amendments from the Senate), update the vote count and date. Then send to Abby, Austin, Connor, and Allie in PDF form!**
- 4. 2021-0006: Excused Absence for Poll Workers Recommendation (Weiser) (20 mins)
  - a. Students should not be hurt academically should they decide to work the polls
  - b. Q&A
    - i. Carleigh
      - 1. Will the bill also include an urge to allow students to have time to allow students to establish leniency
        - a. It doesn't. Open to an amendment allowing students to have time to make up work
  - c. Discussion
    - i. Abby
      - 1. May not need to make the amendment since items are online
        - a. Doesn't bother her that there is no formal procedures for making work
    - ii. Austin
      - 1. Reiterates Abby's opinion
    - iii. Connor
      - 1. Thinks we need a section 3 that talks about proving this work
        - a. How to ensure students won't take advantage of the absence
    - iv. Max
      - 1. You are not legally allowed to take photos
    - v. Austin
      - 1. Can poll workers get a note?
    - vi. Max
      - 1. It could take weeks
    - vii. Connor Shea

1. Agrees it makes sense. Maybe what we could do to avoid pushback, what if there was a section, if students are able to have a supervisor sign something.
- viii. Abby
1. Perhaps the professors would have the onus for proof
- ix. Austin
1. A condition to make sure to speak to a professor ahead of time
- x. Aubren
1. Agrees. It may be too tedious, and we want to encourage students to work not make it harder
- xi. Max motions to extend time for 6 minutes
1. Austin seconds
    - a. In favor: 11
    - b. Opposed: 0
    - c. Abstentions: 0
- xii. Max unfriendly amendment
1. Add section 3
  2. Students must speak to their professors before they work the polls and see which requirements the professor has to make up the work or make up class
    - a. Motion to approve
- xiii. Aubren
1. Make a forum for students
    - a. Allie responds, this may be a lot of responsibilities for professors in order to ensure this bill works
- xiv. Austin reword the statement
1. Students should communicate with their professors in advance of working the polls to clarify requirements that the professors may have regarding making up missed class and work.
    - a. Liza, motion to make an unfriendly amendment to add to section 3
      - i. Students should communicate with their professors in advance of working the polls to clarify requirements that the

professors may have regarding making up missed class and work.

1. Max Seconds

- a. In favor: 10
- b. Opposed: 0
- c. Abstentions: 0

2. Max motions to move into voting procedures

a. Aubren seconds

- i. In favor: 10
- ii. Opposed: 0
- iii. Abstentions: 0

1. Max Motion to pass the bill

a. Carlos seconds

- i. In favor: 10
- ii. Opposed: 0
- iii. Abstentions: 0

5. 2021-0007: The 2020 Ithaca College Voting Act Recommendation (Scotti, Wiener, Weiser) (20 mins)

- a. Make election day optional and excused absence day
- b. Youth turnout was very low in the 2018 election
- c. Equitable access for all students to vote
- d. You do have to prove you voted

i. Q&A

1. Connor

- a. Inquire, what is the intention behind section 1 subsection 1 sub-sub-section b. Students who voted early will also be excused on the day of should they show proof.
- b. It's only election day if you are voting in persona that day. Voting should be equitable and there have been students who voted before election day.
- c. Connor- there's a stronger case if students who fill out mail in ballots and choose to go on election day

2. Allie

- a. What is the contestment about having election day off?

3. Deontae

- a. Maybe get that small section Connor mentioned out of the bill
  - i. Suggested amending the bill the portion about where students already voted
- 4. Connor
  - a. This bill will go to the faculty council meeting tomorrow
    - i. We need to make sure this bill is succinct for success
- 5. Agnes
  - a. This bill is about equitable access
- 6. Aubren motion to extend time by five minutes
  - a. Lila seconds
    - i. In favor: 10
    - ii. Opposed: 0
    - iii. Abstentions: 1
- 7. Motion Aubren to propose an unfriendly amendment
  - a. Recommending Section 1 sub section 1 sub section b would be struck “would vote early”
- 8. Lila suggests, add to “they vote in person”
- 9. Carleight notes that the bill is already about voting in person so we don’t need to reiterate.
  - a. Motion to approve unfriendly amendment - Carleigh to read students who voted in the general election will also be excused on the basis
    - i. Second - Max
      - 1. In favor: 11
      - 2. Opposed: 0
      - 3. Abstentions: 0
- 10. Carleigh motions to move into voting procedures
  - a. Lila seconds
    - i. In favor: 11
    - ii. Opposed: 0
    - iii. Abstentions: 0
- 11. Carleigh motions to pass this bill
  - a. Liza seconds
    - i. In favor: 11

- ii. Opposed: 0
- iii. Abstentions: 0

**e. Point of Order**

- i. Quick check to see if we want a 5 minute break

**(8:20p) Continuing Business**

1. Senator Reports

a. Austin

- 1. 2021-0001 passed and reached out to the appropriate members
- 2. 2021-0002 - passed
- 3. 2021-0004 amendment added and resolved
- 4. 2021-005 passed
- 5. Learning management replacement system to replace sakai, making promo materials with Deontae.
  - a. Reach both
- 6. ORC starts soon
- 7. Website updates, Connor W. has been added
- 8. Funds page is completed thank you Grace, check it out
- 9. Links to Ithacan articles from our meets
  - a. Send notes to [aruffino@ithaca.edu](mailto:aruffino@ithaca.edu)

b. Max

- 1. Appropriations committee, serving as Grace's assistant for the year
- 2. Also on Shared governance committee and ORC
  - a. Working on some new ideas for bills

c. Connor Point of Clarification

- i. If you don't have an update, talk about where you're at. Don't need to have a heavy list of what is going on. Not stressful, a check in and platform

**(8:25p) 5 MINUTE BREAK**

**(8:30p) Officer Reports**

1. President

a. Meet the Senate! Instagram Stories

- i. 1 minute long
- ii. Name, pronouns, year/major, position, and what you're focusing on this year regarding SGC
- iii. Send it to me at [sgcpresident@ithaca.edu](mailto:sgcpresident@ithaca.edu)

- b. Shared Governance Committee
  - c. Stand for Justice Webinar
    - i. [TOMORROW](#)
  - d. Meeting with Dan Decaria comms in SACL
    - i. More comms with the student body
      - 1. If you have ideas here reach connor
  - e. The E-Board will be attending a meeting with them on October 22nd in the afternoon
    - i. Giving a 10 min presentation to the board
      - 1. Call to action to each senator to reach our to your constituents to find out what they would look to ask the board.
        - a. Maybe a form, but otherwise text and email
  - f. Meeting with Shirley Collado
    - i. Attending the [Stand for Justice](#)
    - ii. Communications with students
    - iii. Excused absences bill
    - iv. A safety app that is being piloted, it's a great resource and we are excited about it being publicized to the campus
    - v. Began talking about tuition transparency
      - 1. Will send email to assistants and Bill as well as Shirley
    - vi. BOLD Scholars are hosting the debate on Wednesday
2. Vice President of Campus Affairs
- a. Public Relations (Introduction & Purpose)
    - i. Expanded the idea of what campus affairs entails
    - ii. Third party individual, Amir Tazi, % 2022, allow for us to identify speakers for our list
    - iii. Helping with IC Powerful Students
      - 1. Highlight the great work students are doing
  - b. Looking for Assistant
    - i. October 16,2020
      - 1. Apply everyone!!!
  - c. Self- Care Sunday (Update)
    - i. Going well yay!
  - d. Updates regarding Q & A Session w/ VP ferro
    - i. If anyone wants to bring anything up within the meeting, mention in open agenda
    - ii. Will report back about what was spoken about

- e. Formation of CAC by October 26th
- 3. Vice President of Academic Affairs
  - a. Academic bills!
    - i. Need senators!
    - ii. Check slack to see what you are interested in
  - b. ICC proposal
  - c. Assistant Application
    - i. Please please please apply!
- 4. Vice President of Business and Finance
  - a. Appropriations Committee
    - i. Thank you for approving them
    - ii. If you are interested in joining, you are always welcome
      - 1. Work with clubs budgets
  - b. Appropriations Timeline
    - i. Training starts wednesday. Funding clubs next week!
  - c. Website :)
  - d. Working with clubs to fix the allocations handbooks
- 5. Vice President of Communications
  - a. Will be speaking with Connor to figure out what the next steps are
- 6. Senate Chair
  - a. Austin is Abby's assistant
  - b. 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).
  - c. Who does the Senate want to see speak at our meetings?
  - d. Fill out Senator Survey
    - i. Need you to complete the survey by tonight
    - ii. Need to know the logo
  - e. Committee Interest
    - i. Keeping the 2 committee requirement
    - ii. Nine available committee - Please see [Sheets for more info](#)
      - 1.

Organizational Review Committee (ORC)
CAPS Committee
Appropriations Committee

TCAT Focus Group
LMS Selection Advisory Committee
College Advisory Committee for Campus Security and Campus Life
Shared Governance Committee
Communications Committee
SACL Comms Committee

f. New senators please fill out the mentor list

7. Chief of Staff

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

8. Student Trustee

- a. Absent

9. Residence Hall Association Designee

- a. Absent

10. Student Liaison to the Alumni Board

- a. Absent

**(8:50p) Open Agenda**

1. Campus Climate Discussion

- a. IC Votes
- b. IC Bomberthon
  - i. Children's Cancer Research
    - 1. For a hospital close to Ithaca
    - 2. This year, SGC should put a team together and participate

2. New Senators, email [aruffino@ithaca.edu](mailto:aruffino@ithaca.edu)

- a. Name, Year, Major, and Position to add to the website
- b. Deontae, that and also a picture

3. Mary

- a. register to attend this awesome leadership summit me and some cool students are putting on:  
<https://www.ithaca.edu/office-student-engagement/leadership-development/2020-leadership-summit-establishing-roots>

4. Sebastian

- a. Shoutout to Connor for helping sebastian set up this webinar

5. Grace

- a. First Year's how are you feeling, can we help in any way?
  - i. Liza responded, we need more guidance
  - ii. Aubren, we need more structure

6. Leticia

- a. International club is welcoming first year students this weekend. If you want to get to know more people come this Saturday at 5 PM.

7.

(9:10p) **Adjournment**

- 1. Motion to adjourn at 10:02 - Carleigh
  - a. Seconds Aubren
    - i. 0 Oppositions