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Ithaca College Student Governance Council  
Senate Meeting Agenda  
*Monday, 10/19, 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**

(7:01p) **Roll Call**

1. Connor Shea
2. Yetunde Smalls
3. Soumyaa Joshi
4. Deontae Guy
5. Allie Devita
6. Abigail Murtha
7. Jasmine Morrow
8. Carlos Abreu
9. Aubren Villasenor
10. Liza Dhameeth
11. Carleigh Strange
12. Grace Canon
13. Lila Weiser
14. Maxwell Powers
15. Austin Ruffino
16. Sebastian Chavez
17. Mary Holland Bavis
18. Syd Pierre
19. Leticia Guibunda (Late, zoom issues)
20. Grace Madeya (Late)
21. Calvin Carmichael (Late)

Absent:

1. Kalena Yearwood
2. Esther Moore
3. Connor Watson
4. Armani Sampat

Guests:

1. Agnes Scotti - Class of 2021 senator candidate
2. James Zampetti - H&S senator candidate
3. Dave Harker - guest speaker

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

1. 10/12
  - a. Max - Motion to approve
  - b. Lila - Seconds
    - i. In Favor: 10
    - ii. Opposed: 0
    - iii. Abstentions: 0

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

1. Guest Speaker - Dave Harker (20 mins)
  - a. Center for Civic Engagement
    - i. Continue to improve community-based work
    - ii. Been at IC for almost 4 years!
    - iii. Works on getting faculty, students, and staff engaged with community partners, from an academic standpoint
    - iv. How do students stay involved politically
    - v. Food and housing security
    - vi. Dave and Americorp Vista - yearlong volunteer system is the office, Elizabeth Jesh, working on food security
    - vii. How do we engage around an issue over a 1-time-experience
      1. How do you find an opportunity to engage an issue over what you're passionate, and connect that to your academic experience
    - viii. Working in health, housing, youth development, aging, and hunger
    - ix. If you are interested, ask about a partnership

- x. Helps with finding experiences outside of the classroom to make you a better candidate for jobs
  - xi. At IC, community-based work is very scattered, within departments and schools, not an institution-wide projects
  - xii. Partnership pathways
    1. Collaborate and learn, how do you build this into your research, experience, internships, etc
- b. Questions/Conversations
- i. Lila - Recently SLT shot down our bill to make election day an excused absence day. How can we take actionable steps
    1. Harker - Center for Faculty Excellence, a great resource, if you can share specific language around the bill, would be willing to spread some info to help
      - a. Let's build towards accessible steps, and how do we move beyond that
        - i. Lila, send an email after the meeting
          1. Contact info: [dharker@ithaca.edu](mailto:dharker@ithaca.edu)
  - ii. Yetunde - As talks around the ICC begin to redevelop, how can VP of Campus affairs and VP of Academic affairs speak about incorporating civic engagement into your 4-year academics. Tompkins County Human Rights Commission is a great resource.
    1. Supportive of ideas, challenge is implementation
    2. Discourage towards mandatory requirement, but we can hopefully get there
  - iii. Connor - We don't need immediate solutions, let this plant the seed to think critically around different initiatives
  - iv. Summary - How do we align our resources and our values. We are a public good!
2. Senator Confirmations (20 mins)
- a. Agnes Scotti - Class of 2021 Senator
    - i. Platform
      1. Theater Studies and Politics double major
      2. Was here a few weeks ago, 2020 voting act inspired Scotti to join SGC and continue work
      3. For 2021, Scotti hopes the voices of our classmates are heard
      4. Keep working on holding the college accountable, more political organization

ii. Questions

1. Yetunde - For Class of 2021, it is a peculiar space, how can you create bills that are for an intent for seniors, how will you note that the bills you work on go beyond the scope of your senior year?
    - a. Also president of IC second stage, anything created has to be flexible for the future
      - i. That's where amendments, create something for the present and make it flexible for bills to come
  2. Max - Do you have any bill ideas that you want to create in the future
    - a. As a first year, Scotti wishes she had some voting resources and other life resources
  3. Connor - if you are confirmed, can we expect to see continued work with elections
    - a. There are no off years for elections, seats are always up for grabs
  4. Aubrean motion to extend time
    - a. Max seconds
      - i. In Favor 11
      - ii. Opposed 0
      - iii. Abstentions 1
  5. Connor - can you commit to seeing the class of 2021 and bridging SGC together
    - a. Absolutely, we deserve a fulfilling senior year
- b. James Zampetti - H&S Senator
- i. Freshman economics and legal studies double major
    1. In HS, developed leadership skills through various organization
    2. Administration transparency is Zampetti's platform
      - a. Majors are in question and students are to know the future
    3. Mental health
      - a. A personal connection, students deserve to be educated. A podcast is beginning and would like to

ii. Q&A

1. Abby - What position are you running for?

- a. School of H&S
- 2. Austin - Is there anything specific about academic policy that you are looking to do as a senator
  - a. We can try to pass bills to educate students about the future of their major and promote transparency
- 3. Yetunde - What will you work towards in the community of H&S and promote unification
  - a. Events for H&S majors - ideas are connected
- 4. Liza - How do you plan to promote transparency
  - a. An amendment to communication to able to contact admin directly
- iii. Caleigh - Motion to move into voting procedures
- iv. Max Seconds
  - 1. In favor 12
  - 2. Opposed 0
  - 3. Abstentions 0
- v. Motion to confirm Agnes - Lila
  - 1. Max seconds
    - a. In favor 12
    - b. Opposed 0
    - c. Abstentions 0
- vi. Motion to confirm James - Max
  - 1. Aubren seconds
    - a. In favor 11
    - b. Opposed 0
    - c. Abstentions 1

**(7:55p) Continuing Business**

- 1. Upcoming Dates (2 mins)
  - a. IC Votes Debate Watch Party (Thursday at 8:45p)
    - 1. TBD on hosting
  - ii. Social action leadership series
    - 1. The group will meet three times: **November 5, 12, and 19 from 4-5:30pm** to learn about creative ways to share your message now and in the future. The series features engaging speakers, interactive projects, and a chance to have meaningful conversations. Register for all three workshops by October 23 and you will receive a package in the mail with supplies to make a different resistance-inspired

craft project during each presentation. Plus, you'll earn three Leading in a Diverse World SLI credits, too. What could you ask for?! [Learn more and sign up this week!](#)

- iii. IC Votes is looking for new things to do -
  - iv. Hillel is having a conversation with Harvey Epstein Oct 22nd
  - v. October 21 - [Black town hall](#) 7-9 hosted by southside community center
  - vi. October 21 - [Exploratory majors and minors fair](#)
2. Senator Reports (6 mins)
- a. Sebastian Chavez
    - 1. Working with a team to add more diverse curriculum
    - 2. The Morgan project is working to SLCC to work against extreme poverty
    - 3. Reaching out to Carlos to work on some new bill ideas!
  - b. Carleigh Strange
    - 1. Office hours are going
    - 2. Attending weekly curriculum meetings meeting with APC and the Whalen curriculum committee
    - 3. Dean student council to discuss feelings
    - 4. Bills with a group of people
    - 5. Brainstorming a first year music student event
  - c. Armani Sampat
3. Bill Updates (2 mins)
- a. 2021-0005: SGC Elections GPA Requirement Modification (Ruffino)
    - 1. We did it, yay!

(8:05p) **5 MINUTE BREAK**

(8:10p) **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. Logo Brief
  - c. Faculty Council's response to the cuts
    - i. [Read it, share your thoughts](#)
  - d. We're getting a bit off with timing, we will get ontrack

2. Vice President of Campus Affairs
  - a. **Formation of CAC by October 26th**
    - i. CAC Application in the works
      1. Applying for positions, not to be on
  - b. **Dr. Ferro Updates**
    - i. (Social Media) Committee
    - ii. How to strengthen communication with everyone
  - c. **Assistant Application Closed**
    - i. Monday Morning Selection will be made
  - d. **What Bias Looks Like (inside & outside the classroom- how to avoid it)**
    - i. CMD Majors
      1. Dcharsky@ithaca.edu - Dennis Charsky
3. Vice President of Academic Affairs
  - a. Academic bills
    - i. Want to get bills done with senators!
      1. Join Soumyaa
        - a. Related to included the impact bias form into the syllabi, making sure syllabi are reviewed
  - b. Bill for Mandatory anti-racism training for professors
    - i. Updates and ideas
  - c. ICC Taskforce Updates
    - i. Meeting thursday
4. Vice President of Business and Finance
  - a. Allocation Process
    - i. Operational Budgets
    - ii. Approved 10 events on campus
    - iii. \$56,165.82 left
  - b. Budget
5. Vice President of Communications
  - a. SACL
    - i. Student takeovers on IG
      1. 3 Senators to help Deontae to help work with SACL
      2. Making SACL all about students
      3. If interested, email scgcommunications@ithaca.edu
  - b. LMS Virtual Town Hall
    - i. Going very well!
    - ii. Releasing a video this week
    - iii. Trying to create a town hall for students
      1. Engage students about the process

2. All senators and E-Board members help
  - a. 3 other senators to help Austin and Deontae plan this town hall
    - i. What's an appropriate time
  - c. COMMS Committee
  - d. VP Assistant
    - i. Deontae needs help!
  - e. We received an email as a thank you for the support in faculty cuts
6. Senate Chair
  - a. 1 on 1s resuming next week
  - b. Absence Update Coming Out
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 - Absent
9. Residence Hall Association Designee - Absent
10. Student Liaison to the Alumni Board - Absent

**(8:45p) Open Agenda**

1. Campus Climate Discussion
  - a. IC Votes
    - i. Debate Watch Party
    - ii. Google form for student orgs to earn a digital "our org voted" sticker
    - iii. Looking to expand
2. Board of Trustees Presentation
  - a. We're speaking with the board of trustees on Oct. 22nd
    - i. We will overview what we've done, who we are
      1. What is going on from the student perspective right now
    - ii. Agnes
      1. The Voting Bill wasn't passed and there wasn't a reason, is there any way we can ask for more info
    - iii. Aubren
      1. Is there an option for students to observe, or a newsletter?
        - a. No students cannot observe the meeting, and you will not see minutes, at an unknown date,

there will be a very long email. Don't know what it will say. SGC is requesting if we can talk about what happened

3. Trump's Executive Order on Diversity Training
  - a. Soumyaa - Attended an IPE
    - i. Banning certain topics of discussion on diversity training
      1. Prohibits federal employees that goes against un-Americanized language or pernicious and false belief that America is racist or sexist
        - a. You won't received federal funding if you go against this
          - i. Institutions are banning trainings
    - ii. Lila - The college statement is a good step, should do it quickly
    - iii. Yetunde -- reaching out to legal counsel office to see the implications for our school
    - iv. Aubren -- Thank you for letting us know about this. What if SGC releases a statement acknowledging that we have constituents in mind.
    - v. Allie - Collaborate with CNYSG
4. Lila - Vote and get 10 friends to vote
5. Deontae - Change of LMS, there is a survey, committee wants us to take [this survey](#)
  - a. Ask constituents to fill out this survey as well
6. Connor
  - a. We are having a ~senate retreat~
    - i. Super light senate agenda, on November 23rd
    - ii. Fun get to know you q's, bonding, etc.
    - iii. If you have ideas you want the event to be, please message the E-Board

(9:10p) **Adjournment**

**Max** Motion to adjourn at 9:28 PM

Second - Aubren

1. In favor - 12
2. Abstentions- 0
3. Oppositions- 0