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Ithaca College Student Governance Council  
Senate Meeting Agenda  
*Monday, 10/26, 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**

1. Live closed captions are now available for our zoom meetings!

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

**1. Present**

- a. Connor Shea
- b. Soumyaa Joshi
- c. Grace Madeya
- d. Deontae Guy
- e. Abby Murtha
- f. Allie DeVita
- g. Esther Moore
- h. Connor Watson
- i. Jasmine Morrow
- j. Agnes Scotti
- k. Carlos Abreu
- l. Calvin Carmichael
- m. Aubren Villasenor
- n. Liza Dhameeth
- o. James Zampetti
- p. Carleigh Strange
- q. Leticia Guibunda
- r. Grace Cannon
- s. Armani Sampat
- t. Lila Weiser

- u. Max Powers
- v. Austin Ruffino
- w. Sebastian Chavez
- x. Mary Holland-Bavis
- y. Syd Pierre

**2. Absent**

- a. Yetunde Smalls

**3. Visitors**

- a. Mely Megahead Ramadan - Confirmation
- b. Trent Writer - % 2023 Senator
- c. Paige D'Encarnacao - % 2023 Senator
- d. Omar Stoute - Title IX Coordinator
- e. Linda Koenig - Title IX Coordinator
- f. Caitlyn - Visitor

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

- 1. 10/19
  - a. Max motion to approve minutes
  - b. Agnus seconds
    - i. In Favor: 14
    - ii. Opposed: 0
    - iii. Abstentions: 1
      - 1. *Passed*

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

- 1. Guest Speakers - Linda Koenig and Omar Stoute (20 mins)
  - a. Context
    - i. DOE, dropped proposed regulations
      - 1. Put into place from August 14th
    - ii. Maintaining a person-centered procedure is key
    - iii. Title IX and not Title IX
      - 1. Title IX only on-campus, within a program or activity, and meets quid pro quo, not conducive educational environment, violent crimes
    - iv. Continue to address off-campus behavior, and refer to sexual misconduct process — should get a similar experience
      - 1. Marked differences, Title IX requires cross-examination
      - 2. Now, students can engage in questioning, but through Title IX, the coordinator and advisor does that

3. Students can have an advisor of choice
4. Not college-trained advisors are encouraged to meet with CTA
- v. Amount of time an investigation can take
  1. Made a commitment to endeavor to complete the entire process within 60 days.
  2. Thoroughness is most important and being sensitive to the parties' needs.
- b. Questions
  - i. How do I get in contact with Title IX
    1. Always reachable by email.
      - a. Omar and Linda are not emergency respondents
    2. Make a report through this link [here](#)
    3. Office phones are forwarded to cell phone
    4. Will receive a confirmation email
      - a. Linda will help coordinate
    5. Making a report does not mean an investigation is going to happen
  - ii. Trent
    1. Is it just Linda and Omar, or is there a team behind it?
      - a. Yes, two person office
      - b. Students can also get involved
    2. How has the definition changed for sexual assault
      - a. No policy definitions have changes
      - b. Change is sexual harassment result.
        - i. Main difference is severe *or* pervasive to severe *and* pervasive
  - iii. Lila
    1. What does the CTA process look like, how many people are there, and do students know who they are?
      - a. Currently we have 30-40 trained advisors
      - b. 25 are able to serve in that capacity, volunteers who have other jobs within campus
      - c. Lists to see who is available
        - i. Linda and Omar help to find advisors who would be a good fit

- d. Training is a full-day and collaborative extensive process
- e. The office does not publicly post who they are
- f. Training is available online, no current practice of putting students in that position

iv. Connor

1. How can SGC help

- a. Communications, educate students
- b. Make students know they are available
- c. Events happening for domestic violence awareness month, help students get to these events
- d. Help with ideas of good programming to bring to students
- e. "Don't Cancel Your Class" Invite Title IX instead
  - i. Trainings can be found [here](#)

2. Senator Confirmations (20 mins)

a. Malena Megahed: Senator-at-Large

- i. First-Year Music and Legal Studies Double Major
- ii. Offers fresh perspective, and took two gap years to work for human rights and Bernie Sanders campaign
- iii. Wants to figure out improvements that can be made
- iv. Hopes to make sure students who are remote get their voices heard

1. Q&A

a. Liza

- i. How do you hope to use the skills you've acquired from your work experience to help SGC in our efforts to help the student body?
  - 1. It gave Mely the ability to problem-solve in professional scenarios through people

b. Austin

- i. As a member of the appropriations, how can you work with both to work with each other?

1. The core of appropriations is supporting student orgs— a big factor that virtual learning has affected. Hopes to apply the same needs from student orgs to the student body.

c. Agnes

- i. How interested are you in increasing civic engagement?
  1. What drives Mely's interest and support in student orgs

v. **Voting Procedure**

1. Max moves to confirm Mely
  2. Agnes seconds
    - a. In Favor 15
    - b. Opposed 0
    - c. Abstention 0
- b. Trent Writer: Class of 2023 Senator
- i. Platform
    1. Hopes to serve our constituents
    2. Playing an active role in the Ithaca Community
    3. Was an active member of 7 different clubs across campus
  - ii. Q&A
    1. Leticia
      - a. You received a lot of feedback- what's something that came up and how do you plan on changing that?
        - i. Students are lonely
    2. Austin
      - a. What's a major issue you hope to work on?
        - i. Combating mental health
    3. Connor
      - a. How do you plan to make yourself accessible
        - i. Can't reach all students
    4. Liza
      - a. What are some of your strengths
        - i. An entrepreneur

c. Paige D'Encarnacao: Class of 2023 Senator

i. Platform

1. Better and expand the Asian community on-campus
  - a. The raw and emotional feeling that has to do with being a POC, and hopes to strengthen that
2. Hopes to bring a bit of spice, and fresh perspective, always keep her phone on, looking to hear information from others
3. Hopes to improve the transition from hs to college
  - a. Expand the outreach for new students entering college

ii. Q&A

1. Aubren

- a. How will you work to improve the inclusion of POC on-campus
  - i. The school should be better about outreach, more presentations, and clubs to show that there are groups of people who need to be represented and uplifted
  - ii. Help students in the environment uplift POC

2. Austin

- a. How will you represent the class of 2023 as a whole
  - i. Loves her non-music classes where she can engage and continue those relationships
  - ii. Talking to them, and being friendly, social and adding points of contentions to the dialogue

3. Carlos

- a. What challenges do you think are unique to the class of 2023
  - i. Lack of understanding what it's like to be the only POC in a class

4. Sebastian

- a. What tactics would you want to see to create a more POC

- i. It's okay to be a musician and asian-american
- ii. Implement concerts

**iii. Voting**

- 1. Carleigh motions to confirm Paige
  - a. Aubren Seconds
    - i. In favor 11
    - ii. Opposed 3
    - iii. Abstentions 1
- 3. 2021-0009: Mental Health Days Recommendation (Morrow) (15 mins)
  - a. Requesting the college add 3 mental health days per semester to combat mental health
  - b. Q&A
    - i. The actual bill proposes 3 mental health days, correct?
      - 1. Yes, to protect people with mental health issues
    - ii. How would this work, how would students report?
      - 1. Have aspects before and after
    - iii. Is this bill proposing an additional 3 days?
      - 1. It just protects students in terms of unexcused absences
    - iv. Can you elaborate why SAS would no longer need to be needed with this policy
      - 1. Make students feel more comfortable should they not want to disclose their mental health info
  - c. Discussion
  - d. Motion
    - i. Lila motion to table this bill
    - ii. Max seconds
      - 1. In Favor 13
      - 2. Opposed 2
      - 3. Abstentions 1
- 4. 2021-0010: Appropriations Prize and Merchandise Funding Bill (Powers, Ruffino) (15 mins)
  - a. Support students with enhancing engagement during out virtual setting
  - b. Maximum of \$200, and \$50 per giveaway per programming event
- 5. Q&A
  - a. Is there a budget limit overall
    - i. Events must equate to \$30 per person

6. Discussion
  - a. Max motions to make a friendly amendment to change the number of the bill from 2021-0009 to 2021-0010
7. Voting
  - a. Max motions to move into voting procedures
    - i. Lila Seconds
      1. In favor 14
      2. Opposed 0
      3. Abstention 1
  - b. Lila motions to confirm bill
    - i. Max seconds
      1. In favor 14
      2. Opposed 0
      3. Abstention 1

**(8:25p) Continuing Business**

1. Senator Reports (10 mins)
  - a. Armani Sampat
    1. Working with CAPS Leticia and Deana, to create a forum for International students and the general student body on mental health.
  - b. Carlos Abreu
    1. Haven't heard back from any constituents
    2. Working with Rok Lash to connect men POC on campus
  - c. Grace Cannon
    1. Not much of an update, but happy to be here!
  - d. Aubren Villasenor - Missing
  - e. Liza Dhameeth
    1. Reaching out to class members to get feedback on bill ideas
    2. Working on changing LMS
    3. Working on 3 bills, and joined 2 committees

**(8:35p) 5 MINUTE BREAK**

**(8:40p) 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 Update

- i) Pivoting strategies
    - ii) Will look at the logo soon
  - c) BOT Meeting
    - i) Academics, campus climate, general information
  - d) Meeting with President Collado
    - i) A recommendations process
      - (1) We are going to send all recommendations to Collado and Dr. Ferro and they will help us, find who to go to
      - (2) Needs an official vote from faculty council
      - (3) Advise senators not to put deadlines in your bills
        - (a) They want to create timelines with us
  - e) Kalena will no longer be a part of SGC right now
- 2) Vice President of Campus Affairs
  - a) CAC will be live starting tomorrow and open until November 10th
    - i) Specific roles 11-12PM on tuesdays. Meetings start November 17th.
      - (1) Inquire about available positions
      - (2) Made to address an equitable campus life
- 3) Vice President of Academic Affairs
  - a) Meeting with Dean Stein
  - b) Civic Engagement in the Classroom
    - i) Let Soumyaa know if you have any ideas
- 4) Vice President of Business and Finance
  - a) Allocation Process
    - i) \$5,800 to two student orgs
  - b) Budget
    - i) \$47,303.82
    - ii) 7 Budget requests
  - c) Workshops
  - d) Social Media Page
    - i) Follow @ICSGCFUNDS
- 5) Vice President of Communications
  - a) LMS Replacement
    - 1. Video announcing change is live
  - b) SGC Social Media
    - 1. Please repost content to your constituents on social meeting
  - c) SACL Update
    - 1. Thank you to the 3 senators for helping that
  - d) COMMS Assistant & Committee
    - 1. Interested in helping Deontae, fill this [out](#)

2. Comms committee sign up will go out on Wednesday
3. Meeting with Bob Wagner on Thursday
- 6) Senate Chair
  - a) Collaborative playlist
    - i) Open the link, click the three dots, save the playlist, go to Library, go to a song you want to add, and then you add that song to a playlist, and the SGC Playlist will appear, and you can add songs to the playlist.
    - ii) <https://open.spotify.com/playlist/37gS4VvpTgeq5ner1bDq1L?si=GpLt7eFcTDOwH97jKqZu1Q>
  - b) Open Agenda Discussion Plan A&B
    - i) ORC has been talking about restructuring our meetings to be more efficient
    - ii) Spilt open agenda, to help with visitors
  - c) Zoom Bill
    - i) Collaborating with people for orientation program to make sure that professors are flexible about their camera requirements
  - d) Reminder about 1:1s
  - e) ORC Reminder
    - i) If you are looking for a committee
  - f) Mentor Sign-Ups
    - i) If you are brand new, you must sign up for the mentor program
  - g) Committees Reminder
  - h) Office Hours
    - i) Visit Abby
  - i) Available Bills
    - i) Bills from last semester sitting in the inbox  
(1) Weather Bill
  - j) Ask the Senate about Senate Retreat ideas
    - i) Something cool to engage
    - ii) General icebreakers
- 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) Residence Hall Association Designee

- a) Our virtual event went very well!
- 9) Student Liaison to the Alumni Board
  - a) Spent 3.5 hours with the board of alumni directors

(9:00p) **Open Agenda**

1. Campus Climate Discussion
  - a. IC Votes
    - i. Focusing on one more event prior to November 3rd
  - b. Policing and police brutality in Ithaca
    - i. We will be posting about a bail fund
    - ii. How does SGC be responsible and how can we be a resource?
    - iii. Doesn't stop after November 3rd
    - iv. The school has not shed light on off campus issues
2. Holiday Accommodations Bill
3. Helping students in International countries, know that IC supports them
  - a. Helps to educate our non-International students
4. If you are interested in the T-CAT, day moved to Nov 5th

(9:20p) **Adjournment**

Max moves to adjourn at 10:01 PM

Carlos seconds

No oppositions