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Ithaca College Student Governance Council  
Senate Meeting Agenda  
Monday, 11/2, 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**

(7:02p) **Roll Call**

**Present:**

1. Connor Shea
2. Soumyaa Joshi
3. Grace Madeya
4. Deontae Guy
5. Abby Murtha
6. Allie DeVita
7. Austin Ruffino
8. Carleigh Strange
9. Max Powers
10. Sebastian Chavez
11. Jasmine Morrow
12. Liza Dhameeth
13. Leticia Guibunda
14. Lila Weiser
15. Mely Megahed Ramadan
16. James Zampetti
17. Paige D'Encarnacao
18. Calvin Carmichael
19. Carlos Abreu
20. Armani Sampat
21. Mary Holland-Bavis

22. Syd Pierre

**Absent:**

1. Yetunde Smalls
2. Esther Moore
3. Connor Watson
4. Agnes Scotti
5. Aubren Villasenor
6. Grace Cannon

**Visitor:**

1. Lauren Miller - Eco Reps
2. Rebecca Evans - Coordinator of sustainability

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

1. 10/26
  - a. Max moves to approve the minutes
    - i. Carlos seconds
      1. In favor: 14
      2. Opposed: 0
      3. Abstentions: 0

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

1. Guest Speakers - Rebecca Evans (Campus Sustainability Coordinator) and Lauren Miller (EcoReps)
  - a. Discussion
    - i. IC Gained a gold stars rating for sustainability
    - ii. We reached our 50% reduction goal 6 years early
    - iii. Track student engagement and engage students in sustainability guidelines
      1. More than just energy, trash, and recycling
      2. Includes racial injustice and equity
    - iv. Hope for carbon neutrality by 2030 instead of 2050
  - b. Question
    - i. Lila - Are we aligned with other institutions in terms of water and energy
      1. It's difficult to compare to other colleges and universities because of unique factors
    - ii. Lila - Is Ithaca still investing in fossil fuels
      1. Yes, but reach out to Bill Guerarro
    - iii. Connor Shea - Could you break down vocab— like carbon neutrality

1. Fossil Fuels
  - a. From decaying animals, mostly derived from oil
2. Carbon neutral
  - a. Your carbon emissions are at net 0
    - i. Offsetting, or not emitting at all
- iv. Connor Shea - What can we help with? What can we do better? What can you see in the future?
  1. There is strength in our community
  2. The Ithaca Green New Deal
    - a. More people should get involved with it
    - b. Started by Ithaca College Students
  3. An avenue for social justice and social equity
    - a. Developing a feminist economy
- v. Austin - 71% of emissions are from really big companies. How do we as consumers work on being more sustainable?
  1. Every dollar you spend is a vote
  2. Make small changes but also vote, it's not your fault we're in this position
- vi. Abby - Can you explain more about geothermal loops?
  1. PRW uses a geothermal loop - dig deep holes and fill with water to heat and cool the system.
  2. Ithaca got a grant to look at this with closeby buildings
  3. In the final stages of a large NYS renewable energy buying consumption
- vii. Mely - How do you define the connection of sustainability from an institutional and personal
  1. Working on a webinar to define sustainability
  2. Provide rights in terms of legal provisions for indigieous women
    - a. All kinds of justice for groups facing oppression
  3. Problem is how we structure our power
- c. Contact info: [evans1@ithaca.edu](mailto:evans1@ithaca.edu)

**(7:45p) Continuing Business**

1. Senator Reports
  - a. Austin Ruffino
    1. LMS Town Hall Wednesday
      - a. Good progress
    2. ORC

- a. Started work on Meeting Procedures Act
  - 3. Appropriations
    - a. Working to make more accessible bills for this
  - b. Max Powers
    - 1. Appropriations
      - a. Approving budgets
  - c. Lila Weiser
    - 1. Working on bills for more visibility of resources for freshmen
- 2. Bill Updates
  - a. 2021-0006: Excused Absence for Poll Workers Recommendation (Weiser)
    - 1. SLT has encourages flexibility for tomorrow
  - b. 2021-0007: The 2020 Ithaca College Voting Act Recommendation (Weiser)

(8:00p) **5 MINUTE BREAK**

(8:05p) **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) Looks like options 2 is the new logo!
    - ii) E-Board will update everything
  - c) T-Cat group, if you want more info, reach out to Lila
  - d) Letter from professor Rodrieguez, if you feel inclined, please sign onto it
  - e) When there are other press opportunities, it will be open to Senate to hold interviews as well
    - i) Email [sgcpresident@ithaca.edu](mailto:sgcpresident@ithaca.edu) if you want to be interviewed tomorrow!
  - f) ORC- if you have ideas, please tell us about infrastructure changes
  - g) Kalena is back as an ex-officio member
  - h) Making some kind of hangout a regular thing on Thursday nights after this week. Not required, but a fun space
- 2) Vice President of Campus Affairs
  - a) CAC - JOIN
  - b) CAPS forum

- i) Info sessions to ask questions about services advertised
  - c) Working with Alum Sade Jones to host a self-care Sunday
  - d) Working with the CMD department - create video to address bias inside the classroom
  - e) Focus on instilling community public health measures
- 3) Vice President of Academic Affairs
  - a) APC and ICC taskforce involvement
  - b) Reached out the Physics department - have an entire anti-racism department. Everyone is involved
- 4) Vice President of Business and Finance
  - a) Allocation Process
  - b) Budget
    - i) Mental Health Wellness For Musicians Paint And Sip
    - ii) EPIC
      - (1) Virtual Events
    - iii) Progressive Arts Society for Ithaca College
      - (1) Programming
    - iv) IC International
      - (1) Programming budget november 6th
  - c) SGC Members should come to programming
- 5) Vice President of Communications
  - a) Assistant/COMMS Committee
    - I. Will close on Wednesday
    - II. Need 3 more senators
  - b) Social Media Weekly Update (*#SenatorSaturday on IG*)
    - I. More about who you are as a student, a person, etc
    - II. Send to Deontae by next Monday!
  - c) Student Town Hall
    - I. Come to the LMS town hall and share to your friends and students
  - d) Meeting with Bob Wagner
    - I. Positive meeting
- 6) Senate Chair
  - a) Open Agenda Discussion Plan A&B
  - b) Reminder about 1:1s
    - i) Working on next round of 1-1
  - c) ORC Reminder
    - i) We need 3 more senators
  - d) Committees Reminder
    - i) Almost everyone has reached their 2 committee quota

- e) Office Hours
  - i) Come visit!
- f) Senate Retreat ideas
  - i) If you have ideas, contact Abby
- 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](#)
  - c) Going to add events to outlook calendar, please go if you can
- 8) Student Trustee
- 9) Residence Hall Association Designee
- 10) Student Liaison to the Alumni Board

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

1. Campus Climate Discussion
  - a. IC Votes
    - i. Digital Swag! Use it!
  - b. Policing and police brutality in Ithaca
    - i. What are your thoughts about a panel for students?
    - ii. Carleigh - Who checks OPS
      1. Facilitates bias impact reports for OPS
      2. Under Dr. Ferro
      3. It is **not** a formal complaint forum
    - iii. Liza - The community wants a panel
    - iv. Sebastian
      1. Students are calling for an action plan for how OPS handles students of color
    - v. Lila - What is the Bias impact form process
      1. It has been told to be a difficult and not formal process
    - vi. Abby - they send you a letter and case number and let you know the actions and resources available
    - vii. Soumyaa - Formal responses
      1. Grievances committees - led by tenured professors
      2. If students want to join Soumyaa for a meeting, let her know
    - viii. If we do another discussion, it won't be through CES so it is faster
  - c. Abby

- i. Year is ending, working on finalizing speakers
    - ii. If someone is interested in sponsoring Abby's old weather bill, please reach out
  - d. Leticia
    - i. Caroline is doing a photo series about people who can't vote during this election
      - 1. Highlighting different perspectives and would love to bring this to SGC
        - a. Message Abby to invite her to an upcoming meeting

(9:00p) **Adjournment**

Max moves to adjourn

Armani seconds