



Ithaca College Student Governance Council

Senate Meeting Agenda

Monday, 11/16, 2020 at 7:00 pm EST – Zoom, online

Meeting Link:

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

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

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

Present:

1. Connor Shea
2. Yetunde Smalls
3. Soumyaa Joshi
4. Grace Madeya
5. Deontae Guy
6. Allie DeVita
7. Abigail Murtha
8. Esther Moore
9. Carlos Abreu
10. Calvin Carmichael
11. Paige D'Encarnacao
12. Aubren Villasenor
13. Liza Dhameeth
14. James Zampetti
15. Carleigh Strange
16. Leticia Guibunda
17. Grace Canon
18. Armani Sampat
19. Lila Weiser
20. Maxwell Powers
21. Austin Ruffino
22. Mely Megahead Ramadan
23. Sebastian Chavez
24. Mary Holland Bavis

25. Syd Pierre
26. Dina Barossi (Late)

Absent:

1. Kinza Ceesay
2. Jasmine Morrow
3. Connor Watson
4. Agnes Scotti

Visitors

1. Amelia Suter - Food for Thought
2. Sam Edelstein - Presenting today
3. Maria White - IC Food for Thought
4. Siena Howenstein - Food for Thought

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

1. 11/09/2020
 - a. Max moves to approve the minutes
 - b. Mely seconds
 - i. 14 in favor
 - ii. 0 opposed
 - iii. 1 abstention

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

1. Speaker: Maria White (IC Food for Thought) & Representative from IC Challah for Hunger
 - i. Speaking on food insecurity and hunger at IC for national hunger awareness
 1. Focusing on hunger in IC and Tompkins county community
 - ii. Works with Strike out Hunger
 - iii. Oxfam Hunger Banquet
 - iv. Challah for Hunger, bakes bread and donates \$ to swipe out hunger and food banks locally in Elmira.
 - v. Food insecurity is caused by lack of money and resources, can affect health and lead to long-term problems
 1. 1 in 3 students face food insecurity
 - vi. Can be linked to lower graduation rates
 - vii. Chronic - not knowing where your meal is coming from
 - viii. Episodic - students struggle to find food during break
 - ix. Student leaders were the ones who have forefronted change on IC campus

- x. There isn't readily available contact info, but IC has a food security committee
 - xi. Students are looking to place a needs statement on course syllabi and have seats on the IC food security campus
- b. Questions:
- i. Yetunde - How do we break the stigma of using that service?
 - 1. It really can be helped with having the conversations
 - ii. Connor - What are the meal plan sharing options now?
 - 1. The current options are only through swipe out hunger, then collected in a database
 - iii. Lila - What have your efforts look like this semester?
 - 1. Hosting the hunger awareness week
 - 2. Virtual meetings have been difficult, but continue to work and increase awareness
 - iv. Kalena - Have you thought about partnering with Cornell to better the greater Ithaca Community
 - 1. Thought about creating a coalition for food insecurity
2. Streaming on YouTube
- i. Should we livestream on YouTube
 - 1. General consensus, seems like a good idea
 - 2. Will there be a comments section? Can constituents speak in real time?
 - a. A great considerations
 - 3. Can you zoom bomb?
 - a. Not from livestream
 - 4. How would you control any hateful/unhappy commenting
 - a. We would reach out to the student directly
 - i. Checking in with everyone
- Aubren motions to move into voting procedure
- Max Seconds
- 1. In favor 15
 - 2. Opposed 0
 - 3. Abstentions 0
- Max moves to approve youtube streaming
- Aubren seconds
- In favor 15
 - 4. Opposed 0
 - 5. Abstentions 1

(8:05p) Continuing Business

- 1. Senator Reports
 - a. Armani Sampat

- b. Carlos Abreu
 - 1. Leticia and Carlos have been working on A letter to ensure safety on campus next semester
- c. Grace Cannon
 - 1. SAC is meeting this week to talk about initiatives to think about considering most seasons are cancelled
- d. Aubren Villasenor
 - 1. Joined TCAT committee
 - 2. Working on updating the campus store website
- e. Liza Dhameeth
 - 1. Will be resigning due to a change in graduation date
- f. Mely Megahed Ramadan
 - 1. Comms committee
 - 2. Social justice and sustainability group
 - 3. Working with Kinza to start a new org for transfer and gap year students
 - 4. Helping with Social media for appropriations
 - 5. Students are struggling
- g. Paige D'Encarnacao
 - 1. Working on comms committee, a great cal

(8:20p) **5 MINUTE BREAK**

(8:25p) **Officer Reports (3 mins. each)**

1) President

- a) Faculty Council Meeting
 - i) Tenured faculty
 - ii) Staff cuts
- b) Staff Council Meeting
 - i) Thanksgiving
 - ii) Fuloughs
 - iii) LMS
- c) 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
- d) Office Hours, sign-up here:
 - https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FdfAMFfTpUOrME8_cyhs4MTvzc0ZT74hohucWXTY4Zs/edit?usp=sharing
- e) PRSSA wants to team up to talk safety

2) Vice President of Campus Affairs

- a) Campus Affairs Committee update

- i) Show up!
 - b) Community public health measures
 - i) Working with Leticia and Carlos
 - c) Update on alumni and other partnerships
- 3) Vice President of Academic Affairs
 - a) Implicit Bias/Antiracism and Civic Engagement in ICC bills
 - i) Working on this
 - b) Google Forms to fill out NOW
 - i) Kahoot and Koffee:
 - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfJG-ZTNqhG7O-bvLi5gd0d2Gc2rIM52OOkrxmduTLtesKA/viewform?usp=sf_link
 - ii) SGC Merchandise:
 - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1SFs35lZGn8xdP6-ww43BY_h-GxpodmZpuClylUfgGmk/viewform?edit_requested=true
 - iii) SGC Mentor Compatibility Quiz:
 - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1jOblvrRN1PoTcPSElGO1_mddvVtfhjJ6lr7i4uajx_k/edit
 - c) Looking at reducing GPA requirements on certain scholarships
- 4) Vice President of Business and Finance
 - a) Allocation Process
 - b) Budget
 - i) 18,743.82 left
 - ii) 3 budgets to approve this week
 - c) Got 3.5 bills done!
 - d) AES has a speaker this Thursday!
- 5) Vice President of Communications
 - a) COMMS Committee - *Update*
 - i) Doing wonderful! Working on a few projects
 - b) TCAT - *Update*
 - i) No shelter for towers, but shelter at the Park school in Summer 2021. Looking then to Gardens and Circles
- 6) Senate Chair
 - a) Office Hours
 - i) On Thursday 11-12 PM EST Sunday 4-5 PM EST
 - b) Coalition on Friday!
 - c) Cornell Partnership
 - d) Parking Committee Senator Wanted!!!
 - e) Recruitment
- 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](#)
 - i) Working on a Jan 2021 Calendar! Please let me know what you'd like to see on it!

8) Student Trustee

9) Residence Hall Association Designee

- a) All is well!

10) Student Liaison to the Alumni Board

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

1. Campus Climate Discussion

a. #OpentheBooks

i. Soumyaa

- 1. There is a labor union that students can get involved in should they want to help

ii. Lila

- 1. Do we know if any other private institutions have released their tuition breakdowns/action has occurred?

- a. Answer: not sure

iii. Yetunde

- 1. Can there be a letter or contact alum and contact the organizers to speak about what is being cut, and having students/alum speak on behalf of what those departments did for them

iv. Liza

- 1. The common app doesn't show everything IC has to offer, how can we change that

- a. Don't know if we can change that, but in terms of right-sizing, programs may be joining together

v. Yetunde

- 1. Letter and giving appreciation as we go through this time

vi. Soumyaa

- 1. Connect alumni and students

2. Open Agenda

a. 2020 Presidential Election

- i. Aubren - pleased with the result to see the war on drugs ending

- ii. [Event on Wednesday](#)
- iii. Connor S - So much of this election, the success was because of youth
- iv. Abby - excited but disappointed in how close it was
- v. James - positive outcomes but also shows major problems within our democracy
- vi. Liza - the way in which we can uproot systems of oppression is acknowledging our own personal privilege
- vii. Yetunde - reminder to be respectful to all opinions
- viii. Lila - remember there are still right-wing behavior in the US
- ix. Aubren - can we write a statement on behalf of SGC to acknowledge Joe Biden as president
 - 1. Yetunde - make the letter nonpartisan to stay neutral to avoid making people feel alienated
 - a. James - Agrees
 - b. Deontae - We have to look at purpose
 - c. Lila - don't think it's SGC appropriate
 - i. Yetunde - write a statement about unifying the campus
 - d. Connor - doesn't care about precedent when it is done with thought and good intentions. Let's see what it looks like
 - 2. Mely - a statement that is from A youth organization standpoint
- b. Slack - new #senate channel
 - i. Create a new channel
 - 1. Can we call it SGC instead of senate
 - a. Yes
 - 2. What kind of things go in the new chat v the general
 - a. Business as usual, where to talk about business
 - b. General is very broad community things

(9:15p) Adjournment

- 1. Max motions to adjourn
 - a. Liza seconds
 - i. Adjourned at 9:21 PM