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2021-0015: Social Justice and Sustainability Committee Amendment

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Understanding the importance of social, economic, political, and environmental justice for all students in the Ithaca College Community and Student Government Council's duty to uphold these rights.

Whereas under Article VII, Student Governance Council Committees of the SGC Constitution, which outlines the process and conduct of an Ad-Hoc committee, new committees as needed may convene at the discretion of any elected SGC member and through the prescribed requirements in Article IV Section 9.

Drawing attention to the fact that there is no established institution chaired by a member of SGC to directly address social and environmental justice.

It is resolved that the following actions be taken to formally recognize and establish the Social Justice and Sustainability Committee.

Section 1. An amendment shall be added to the SGC Constitution officially recognizing the Social Justice and Sustainability Committee under Article VII, Student Governance Council Committees.

Section 2. The amendment will be written as follows, outlining membership, purpose, and conduct of the group:

The Social Justice and Sustainability Committee shall:

1. Be chaired by the Vice President of Campus Affairs or their designee.

2. Advocate for the social, political, economic, and environmental justice of students on campus.
3. Discuss and evaluate the extent to which Ithaca College practices sustainability, thus partaking in initiatives to improve sustainability on campus through a lens of social justice and equity.
4. Serve as a resource to SGC Senators by providing an additional set of diverse perspectives on campus issues. This committee is an intentional space for all students who wish to work to improve upon the Ithaca College as it relates to social justice and sustainability.
5. Serve as a hub for meaningful collaboration between SGC and various student organizations to streamline suggestion, bill-writing, and evaluation processes.
6. Select membership through an online application process reviewed by the chair of the committee. Committee is open to any student to attend, but in order to join members must apply through the application process.
7. Meet bi-weekly, or at the discretion of the committee members based on campus climate.
8. Consist of the following members, as managed by the chair:
 - a) One Head of the committee coming from either the e-board or the general senate body.
 - b) SGC Senators may sit on this committee.
 - c) A representative from the Eco-Reps and Students of Color Coalition (this can be the senator representing the Students of Color Coalition)
 - d) An unlimited number of students-at-large. Representatives from various student organizations and institutions can be a part of this committee.
 - e) Stop operations if membership fails to consist of a senator, Eco-Rep, and Students of Color Coalition Senator or representative
9. An exception to these stipulations can be made at the discretion of the chair of the committee.