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2021-0026: SGC Meeting Community Session Amendment

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Drawing attention to the Preamble of the SGC Constitution, “The Student Governance Council serves as the only recognized representative body for the entire student community”

Recognizing that the SGC Meeting Procedures Act only specifies one Open Agenda during a meeting for members of the Ithaca College community to voice concerns, ideas, or comments to SGC.

Recognizing that this Open Agenda falls at the very end of SGC meetings, just before adjournment.

Recognizing the fact that many SGC meetings often run over two hours in length, forcing members of the Ithaca College community to wait through multiple hours of SGC business in order to voice themselves to SGC.

It is resolved that SGC Senate Meeting Procedures be updated to provide a “Community Session” session toward the beginning of SGC meetings, so that members of the Ithaca College community can voice themselves without having to wait through full SGC meetings. This session will be exclusively for non-SGC members to speak.

It is resolved that the following will be added as Article II Section 1 of the SGC Meeting Procedures Act:

“Section 1: Community Session

A Community Session will be held according to the following guidelines:

1. Any members of the Ithaca College community, who are not members of SGC, may speak during this Community Session.
2. This Community Session will be held with the purpose to provide the Ithaca College community with an efficient and equitable way to voice themselves to SGC.
3. If more than one member of the Ithaca College community are present, the Senate Chair will create a speakers list to keep order for the voicing of visitors.

4. After visitors voice their thoughts to SGC, SGC members will have an opportunity to respond to the visitor and create action steps if necessary.
5. After a conversation with a member of the Ithaca College community, the member will be provided with information on how to contact members of SGC via the [Contact page of the SGC Website](#).”

It is resolved that the following Section numbers will be updated to reflect the change in New Business with the addition of the Community Session:

1. “**Section 1: Guest Speakers**” will be renamed to “**Section 2: Guest Speakers**”
2. “**Section 2: Confirmations**” will be renamed to “**Section 3: Confirmations**”
3. “**Section 3: Bills**” will be renamed to “**Section 4: Bills**”
4. “**Section 4: Miscellaneous**” will be renamed to “**Section 5: Miscellaneous**”