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2021-0029: 2021 Ithaca College Financial Transparency Recommendation

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Drawing Attention to the Academic Program Prioritization Implementation Committee *Shape of the College* recommendation that includes over one hundred faculty and staff member cuts.

Understanding the global pandemic has had severe consequences for faculty, and staff whose positions at Ithaca College have been terminated.

<https://blogs.scientificamerican.com/observations/the-true-costs-of-the-covid-19-pandemic/>

Drawing Attention to the fact that numerous students are dissatisfied with the Senior Leadership Team's communication to explain & justify the breakdown of Ithaca College's financial health.

<https://theithacan.org/news/shape-of-the-college-draft-met-with-criticism/>

Drawing Attention to the fact that the campus community is dissatisfied with the lack of financial transparency. <https://theithacan.org/news/administrative-salaries-unclear-amid-campus-cuts/>

Student Governance Council recommends that Ithaca College provide thorough & easily-accessible transparency on the financial health of the college.

It is recommended that:

1. Ithaca College should release information to the entire Ithaca College community with a comprehensive breakdown of the fiscal health of the college:
 - a. Posted on the Ithaca College website or emailed to the Ithaca College community.
 - b. Including a breakdown of current and ongoing Senior Leadership salaries as per the 990 tax form, following the implementation of the APPIC *Shape of the College* recommendation.

- c. Including an analysis of the options that were evaluated for overcoming Ithaca College's current financial situation prior to committing to the Academic Program Prioritization Committee's Shape of the College recommendation.
- d. Including specific explanations on how the Shape of the College Recommendation will enable the College to overcome the current financial hardship, which cannot be done with faculty cuts alone.
- e. Including explanations of the initial causes of financial exigency within Ithaca College.