



Ithaca College Student Governance Council
Senate Meeting Minutes

Minutes by: Connor Watson, Chief of Staff

Monday, September 20th, 2021 | Start: 7:01PM | End: 7:53PM

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
 - a. In Attendance:** D. Guy, L. Guibunda, C. Abreu, M. Megahed Ramadan, J. Zampetti, A. Ruffino, C. Watson, G. Madeya, N. Viggiani, T. Kurtz, S. Joshi, M. Powers, L. Weiser, M. Holland-Bavis (Zoom), S. Pierre,
- III. New Business**
 - a. Community Session**
 - i. N/A
 - b. Guest Speaker**
 - i. N/A
 - c. Confirmations**
 - i. N/A
 - d. Bills**
 - i. N/A
 - e. Miscellaneous**
 - i. N/A
- IV. Continuing Business**
 - a. Senator Reports**
 - i. N/A
 - b. Bill Updates**
 - i. Bill 2122-0001 was sent to Vice President Harris today.
 - ii. Samm Swarts, Assistant Director for Emergency Preparedness and Response, commented that 70% of IC staff have been vaccinated and 90% of IC faculty.
 - c. Miscellaneous**
 - i. Tri Council Meeting today
 - 1. Meeting went well today, glad to have SGC presence at that meeting.
- V. Office Reports**
 - a. President of the Student Body – D. Guy**
 - i. Joining committees—Campus partners are reaching out seeking members for their committees.
 - ii. Seeking Senator to volunteer to attend Staff Council meetings once a month. This commitment would qualify to count for committee requirement.
 - iii. Presidential Search Committee announced.



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b. Vice President of Campus Affairs – L. Guibunda

- i. Campus Affairs Committee applications (short application) available on IC Engage. Open to all students (Senators and students at large); contact sgccampusaffairs@ithaca.edu w/ questions or concerns.
- ii. Meeting with G. Madeya this week to discuss dining services bill.
- iii. Solidified meeting time between SGC and RHA representatives.

c. Vice President of Academic Affairs – C. Abreu

- i. Assistant application still open on IC Engage.
- ii. Met with Provost Stein, who seems eager to work alongside SGC.
 - 1. If anyone has ideas/concerns to bring to Provost Stein, please contact Carlos.

d. Vice President of Business & Finance – M. Megahed Ramadan

- i. If interested in Appropriations Committee, please apply.
- ii. Still attending IEBC meetings every other week.
 - 1. If anyone has big, institutional budget ideas for IC, please contact.
- iii. Appropriations Committee mandatory training is happening Wednesday, September 29th, meaning potential members must be confirmed next Monday, September 27th.

e. Vice President of Communications – J. Zampetti

- i. Chair of Communications Committee, still seeking members.
- ii. VP of Communications Assistant application also open
 - 1. Assists VP of Comms with social media posting and other tasks as assigned.
- iii. App development project for Ithaca College is moving forward well.
- iv. SGC and Student Affairs & Campus Life (SACL) are partnering on an anti-littering campaign for the IC campus.
- v. If holding office hours via Zoom, it is your responsibility to put the link in the office hours document.
- vi. Meeting with Dining Services Committee this week.

f. Senate Chair – A. Ruffino

- i. International Senator position is open; will not be open for these elections, but will be open for confirmations. Please contact sgcsenatechair@ithaca.edu for more information.
- ii. Parking Appeals Committee is aware of issues with Towers parking situation and they are working on it.
- iii. Info Session for Candidates on Wednesday, September 22nd at 7pm in Klingenstein Lounge in Campus Center.
- iv. Platform Presentations are happening via Zoom on Thursday, September 23rd at 7pm on Zoom.



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- v. Reminder that Senators have a 2-committee requirement. Contact with questions or concerns.
- vi. 1:1 Meetings with Senators to begin the week on October 4th. Goal is to meet once per block.

g. Chief of Staff – C. Watson

- i. First week of SGC Office Open Door Policy. Contact with questions or concerns.
- ii. Reminder to e-mail sgcchiefstaff@ithaca.edu to schedule meetings with Déontae.

h. Student Trustee – K. Yearwood

- i. N/A

i. Residence Hall Association Designee – E. Moore

j. Student Liaison to the Alumni Association Board of Directors – N/A

VI. Open Agenda

a. D. Guy: Presidential Search Committee

- i. Faculty Council Chair and two more faculty positions to be appointed to the committee. Students only have one representative. Déontae will be asking questions.
 - 1. Good for transparency to have students at large on the Presidential Search Committee.
 - 2. SGC going to work to get student feedback.
- ii. Different campus groups are calling for transparency.

b. G. Madeya: Circles Apartments bonfire from 6pm-7pm on Wednesday, September 22nd. Grace Madeya is hosting the event. Free s'mores!

c. C. Watson: Has anyone heard information on randomized surveillance testing? Is it working properly?

- i. If a student tests positive within 90 days after being randomly tested, their name is then taken off of the randomized surveillance testing e-mail list.
- ii. The surveillance testing e-mail states that the test is not mandatory, but "highly encouraged."
- iii. According to Sam Swarts, no positive cases in the first few days of randomized surveillance testing.
 - 1. Within first few days, "no concerns."
- iv. Students do not need to be chosen randomly in order to be tested.
- v. Can Sam Swarts be invited to be a guest speaker in the coming weeks to discuss COVID dashboard and this surveillance testing?
- vi. Overheard: students knowing the testing is optional are choosing to not get tested.



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- d. D. Guy: Issues with communications of some offices working entirely remotely?**
 - i. Yes. Issues with some Deans offices.
- e. L. Guibunda: Community Events**
 - i. SAC Logo celebration this Friday from 1pm-5pm; food, music, games.
 - ii. International Student gathering this Friday at 6pm.
 - iii. This weekend, Christian Community Church is having its launch weekend.
 - iv. Office of Religious & Spiritual Life is a great resource for students across campus.
- f. A. Ruffino: Organizational Review Committee (ORC) will be meeting this evening after the meeting. Also offering help with writing bills.**
- g. A. Ruffino: Linking past *Ithacan* articles and past meeting minutes that are uploaded to Engage after their approval.**
- h. D. Guy**
 - i. If not on Engage profile yet, let Déontae know and he'll send an invite.
 - ii. Connect with SGC on LinkedIn.
 - iii. Join Teams site, too.
 - iv. New Director of Career Services.

VII. Adjournment

- a. Motion: Powers.**
 - i. No dissenting.