



Ithaca College Student Governance Council
Senate Meeting Minutes

Minutes by: Connor Watson, Chief of Staff

Monday, September 27th, 2021 | Start: 7:00PM | End:

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Roll Call**
 - a. In Attendance:** D. Guy, L. Guibunda, C. Abreu, J. Zampetti, A. Ruffino, C. Watson (late), E. Moore (Late), N. Viggiani, T. Kurtz, S. Joshi, M. Powers, L. Weiser, M. Holland-Bavis (Zoom), M. Andia
- III. New Business**
 - a. Approval of Minutes**
 - i. Kurtz motion; Powers seconded**
 - 1. Passed 5-0-0**
 - b. Community Session**
 - i. N/A**
 - c. Guest Speaker**
 - i. N/A**
 - d. Confirmations**
 - i. Appropriations Committee**
 - 1. Joe Pescatore (Junior)**
 - a. Presentation**
 - i. Finance & Biology double major; transfer student.**
 - ii. Previously served on committee.**
 - iii. Particular academic interest in debt management.**
 - iv. Involved in Books Thru Bars and PACE.**
 - v. Involved in student government in high school.**
 - b. Question & Answer**
 - i. What might you change about the committee?**
 - 1. Involve more members from the organizations other than the treasurer. Making information more accessible.**
 - ii. How would you get information out beyond the treasurers of each organization?**
 - 1. Encouraging the president or vice president of the organization to attend the meetings along with the treasurer. The possibility of creating tutorial videos.**
 - c. Confirmation Vote**
 - i. Powers motion; Viggiani second**
 - 1. Confirmed 5-0-0**
 - 2. Noah Strathmann (Sophomore)**
 - a. Presentation**
 - i. Biochemistry & Neuroscience major.**



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- iii. Wants to work with funds in career work; great experience to prepare for that.
- iv. Enjoyed learning about everyone's interests and the different organizations around campus.
- v. Best way to learn about all the student organizations around campus and the work that they do at IC.
- vi. Passionate about helping individuals bring their passions to life.

b. Question & Answer

- i. As a former member, what ideas do you have to improve the committee?
 - 1. Making the Excel worksheet more accessible and easier to understand so that it can be filled out correctly. Education would make the process move much smoother.

c. Confirmation Vote

- i. Joshi motion; Weiser second
 - 1. Confirmed 5-0-0

e. Bills

- i. N/A

f. Miscellaneous

i. Vice President of Business & Finance position

- 1. Malena ("Mely") Megahed Ramadan has officially resigned from the VPBF role effective immediately.
- 2. The position is now open; application process for the position will be open after the Senate Retreat on October 11th.
 - a. Application will open, then interviews conducted.
 - b. Executive Board will bring qualified candidates to the Senate for confirmation with a 2/3 majority vote.
- 3. Max Powers, the current assistant to the VP of Business & Finance, will be helping with the role in the interim, with logistical assistance from Déontae and Connor in the meantime.
- 4. Max Powers, sgcbusiness_assist@ithaca.edu.
- 5. Funding workshops will be moving to Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12 noon. More information to follow.

ii. Tri-Council

- 1. Comprised of members from Student Governance Council, Staff Council, and Faculty Council.
- 2. D. Guy, L. Guibunda, and A. Ruffino were in attendance at the last tri-council meeting.



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3. Meetings are scheduled for the remainder of the semester, and each Council will take turns chairing meetings and creating agendas.

iii. Information Technology Meeting

1. Executive Board met with staff from Information Technology for discussion.
2. Chief Information Officer will be attending our Senate meeting as a guest speaker next week, October 4th, to share goals for potential partnership with SGC.

iv. Alumni Weekend

1. Alumni Weekend is this weekend, October 1st-3rd, 2021.
2. Opportunities for Senate and Executive Board to be involved with the weekend.
 - a. Assist with Bomber Picnic on October 2nd.
 - b. Alumni Awards Ceremony. Reception 4:30p, Ceremony 5:30p.

IV. Continuing Business

a. Senator Reports

- i. *Senator Reports will begin next week, per A. Ruffino.*

b. Bill Updates

- i. N/A

c. Miscellaneous

- i. Please submit committee form by Friday, October 1st, 2021.

V. Office Reports

a. President of the Student Body – D. Guy

- i. Welcomed prospective students at Admissions Open House this past Saturday. Will be participating in the two others of the semester.
- ii. Assisting Bureau of Concerts with their event.
- iii. POC Kickback event happening this Friday, October 1st, 6pm-9pm at Towers Marketplace.
 1. Able to obtain \$1,000 of funding from a campus partner.
- iv. Beginning stages of preparing for Cortaca Jug; SGC provides busses. Working with VPCA, Chief of Staff, and Interim VPBF.
- v. With VPAA, submitted APC proposal for the Election Holiday Bill.
- vi. Assisting Conference & Events Services with advertising employment.

b. Vice President of Campus Affairs – L. Guibunda

- i. Meeting with Director of MLK Program, Shadayvia Wallace, on Thursday, September 30th.
- ii. 1:1 meeting with Dr. Ferro, hoping to discuss randomized surveillance testing, dining services, and Student Emergency Relief Fund (SERF).



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- iii. Working on Dining Bill w/ G. Madeya; potential for any new Senators to assist.
 - 1. One bill discussing religious food restrictions, working with Hierald Osorto, Director of Office of Religious & Spiritual Life.
 - 2. Another bill working to expand dining opportunities.
- iv. Partnership opportunities with Residence Hall Association
- v. Working to improve transportation to Ithaca for International Students.
- vi. Office Hours every Friday 12pm-1pm in Student Activities Center
- c. **Vice President of Academic Affairs – C. Abreu**
 - i. No updates.
- d. **Vice President of Business & Finance – M. Powers (Interim)**
 - i. No updates.
- e. **Vice President of Communications – J. Zampetti**
 - i. Application for Communications Committee still open on IC Engage; enough applicants to start meeting as a committee. More updates to follow.
 - ii. Reminder that Senators have a 2 committee requirement.
 - iii. Met with Dan DeCaria earlier today to discuss sending out college-wide e-mails.
 - iv. Met with Casey Kendall to discuss Ithaca College app. All-gender restrooms have been added to campus map, as have printers.
 - v. Social Justice and Sustainability Committee meeting will
 - vi. Assistant position has been filled.
- f. **Senate Chair – A. Ruffino**
 - i. Elections are currently underway. Elections only open to the constituencies being represented in the election.
 - ii. IT as a guest speaker next week.
 - iii. IT sharing information regarding data & privacy of students using Ithaca College IT services.
 - iv. Ted Schiele (Smoke Free Campus) coming as guest speaker on October 18th. Austin is meeting with Ted on October 7th.
 - v. Absent next week, M. Powers will be running the meeting.
 - vi. Senator 1:1 meetings – 2 are finished, 4 more left (right now). Following up shortly.
 - vii. Organizational Review Committee gathering after this meeting.
- g. **Chief of Staff – C. Watson**
 - i. No updates.
- h. **Student Trustee – K. Yearwood**
 - i. N/A.
- i. **Residence Hall Association Designee – E. Moore**



- i. RHA has been given \$1,500 from Residential Life to disperse to student organizations. Trying to find more funds to help student organizations.
 - ii. First funding request tomorrow for the POC Kickback event.
 - iii. Open Executive Board positions – Secretary, Director of Ad/PR
- j. **Student Liaison to the Alumni Association Board of Directors – N/A**
 - i. N/A.

VI. Open Agenda

- a. **L. Weiser: Light by campus center stairs—has anyone been in contact with Tim Carey?**
 - i. N. Viggiani e-mailed Tim Carey.
- b. **T. Kurtz: HSHP Dean’s Student Council met last week for first time this semester. Heard a lot about changes happening to inter-professional relations within the school.**
- c. **S. Joshi: Trying to revive Mental Health & Wellness Committee along with T. Kurtz.**
- d. **J. Zampetti: Anti-littering campaign happening over the course of two weeks. Contact if interested in assisting with campaign.**
- e. **M. Holland-Bavis: IC One Love (student organization), if interested in joining/assisting, contact A. Ruffino.**
- f. **C. Watson: Working with Hialrd Osorto to bring a mainline protestant church service to our campus since we’re currently without a eucharistic celebration on campus for mainline Protestant students.**
- g. **D. Guy: Great job to Austin for the info session last week! CCC kickoff event just happened; great job, Carlos!**
- h. **A. Ruffino: If you have anything for next week’s meeting, please e-mail and CC Max Powers.**

VII. Adjournment

- a. Motion: Joshi.
 - i. No dissenting.