



Ithaca College Student Governance Council

Senate Meeting Agenda

Monday, November 1st, 2021 | 7:00 P.M. in Campus Center Taughannock Falls Room

Call to Order

Roll Call: in attendance: Austin Ruffino, Carlos Abreu, Lauren Hitesman, Noah Richardson, Nick Viggiani, Leticia Guibunda, Vincent Tavernese, Soumyaa Joshi, Lila Weiser, Tessa Kurtz, Max Powers, Grace Madeya, Mary Holland-Bavis
Mel and Lauren (Ithacan)

Approval of the Minutes (10/25): Tess Motions, Soumyaa seconds minutes pass 8-0-0

New Business

- **Community Session**
- **Guest Speaker:** Ted Schiele
 - Tobacco-free Tompkins County
 - Pushing for Ithaca College becoming a smoke-free campus
 - Parent pressure aided in smoke-free residence halls
 - Law passed that all dormitories must be smoke-free
 - Prof. in health communications here working with Ted Shiele
 - 2015 tobacco use survey
 - 2016 smoke-free campus bill passed on SGC, to be brought in front of faculty and President's council, but did not get to these councils.
 - A similar initiative is in progress at Cornell
 - City of Ithaca has a comprehensive smoke-free policy
 - <https://tompkinscountyny.gov/files2/wellness/tobaccofree/zone/ithaca.htm>
 - Has a google folder already set up that has data sets for tobacco-free IC
 - Walking through second-hand smoke is unpleasant
 - Many schools have already gone tobacco-free
 - <https://no-smoke.org/wp-content/uploads/pdf/smokefreecollegesuniversities.pdf>

- Question from Noah: what's the punishment for students who do go against a smoke-free policy?
 - Answer: same as going against comparable school policies. When Cornell had a similar initiative, a committee was going to be set up to create an enforcement policy. The previous IC bill states, this policy is driven by respect for others and the environment and relies on the cooperate of tobacco users and non-tobacco users to be successful. It is the responsibility of all members to ensure the policy (paraphrased).
 - Maybe there are ambassadors trained in how to approach people
 - Need signage to ensure clear policies
- Question from Grace: do you have data from students regarding student desire for this?
 - Answer: student did survey in 2015 or 2016. Survey of the Cornell community in fall of 2019 revealed that campus may not be that different, but numbers could be a starting point. The Cornell survey revealed students clearly in favor of the policy, but not by an overwhelming amount.
 - 80% of IC students and 50% of staff report being exposed to second-hand smoke on campus
 - Smoke-free policy benefits individuals, health insurance policy, individuals' families, etc.
- Question from Vincent: Many campuses have different policies regarding smoking-permitted areas, smoking in cars, etc. What's the ideal resolution?
 - Answer: Ideal is no smoking anywhere on campus including in vehicles.
 - Comes with the risk of having people walk away from their positions because they can't smoke on campus (this risk is increased on the Ithaca College campus since it's pretty far away from anything, which would mean designated smoking areas.)
 - Could still be called "smoke-free campus with designated smoking areas"
 - Accessibility issue for people who can't access pathways that may have second-hand smoke. Ideally designated smoking areas would be away from campus activity, high transit pathways, etc.
- Austin: E-Board is discussing survey methods, if senators are interested in bills contact Austin
- **Confirmations:** N/A
- **Bills:** N/A
- **Miscellaneous**

Continuing Business

- **Senator Reports:**
 - Soumyaa Joshi
 - Still working with Tess on the Mental Health and Wellness Committee, need more members

- Setting up meeting with H & S interim Dean
 - Setting up Dean's Student Council for H & S
- Lila Weiser
 - Working on Whalen food bill with Vincent
 - Working on Gender neutral bathroom bill with Tessa
 - Met with communications committee last Friday
 - Working with Nick and some students at large on a bill regarding campus lighting
 - Vote :)
- Paloma LaValley
- Vincent Tavernese
 - First senate report yay
 - On Whalen Dean's Search Committee
 - Interested in Mental Health and Wellness Committee
 - Meeting with Whalen Dean Walz on Wednesday
 - Working on Whalen food bill (vending machines in Whalen)
 - Working on connecting with more constituents
- **Bill Updates:** N/A
- **Miscellaneous**

Officer Reports (max 4 minutes each)

- President of the Student Body
 - Mental Health Open Conversation
 - SGC/SLT Webinar
- Vice President of Campus Affairs
 - Self-care packages update
 - Emails have been sent out for people interested in break housing (Thanksgiving and Winter break)
 - Considering partnering with RHA for those packages (which include self-care items, resources,
 - Cortaca bus (80 seats left)
 - Comms Committee is aiding in promotion of this
 - 60 seats remain, senators should continue to share message with constituents
- Vice President of Academic Affairs
 - Dean's search committees have been filled, mostly by SGC members
- Vice President of Business & Finance
 - Budget Update
 - 9 budgets upcoming
 - Assistant application still open
 - Office Hours Update
- Vice President of Communications

- Met with Communications Committee
 - First campus email updates/stats!
- Senate Chair
 - Confirmations Open
 - ORC
 - Looking for meeting times and more senators
 - Student rep. on School of Business Dean's Search committee
 - Still on parking services appeal's committee
 - Campus analytics task-group: discussing how Canvas data is used. If you're interested in joining reach out to Austin
 - SGC historian: most paper bills (since 2011) are now on the SGC website and accessible to the public
- Chief of Staff
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- Student Trustee
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- Residence Hall Association Designee
 - Pots & Pans
 - Resource sharing bin. Rec center will be used and this plan will hopefully be implemented next semester. Feel free to send Esther ideas for what utensils, etc. you want to see in the bin
 - RH-play
 - Planning more events on campus
 - Meetings
 - Encourage community council members to come to RHA meetings
- Student Liaison to the Alumni Board
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Five Minute Break

Open Agenda

- Dining Prioritization Discussion
 - Dave Prunty has list of dining things, senators need to rank them in order of priority using the link in Teams
- Leticia: This coming Friday SAC mixer 12-2 great for student orgs. Intended to share SAC resources with student org leaders
- Leticia: One World concert happening Friday to kick off family weekend
- Nick: Terraces parking is a mess. What are parking regulations?
 - Austin: most parking only enforced on weekdays. Most common ticket parking services sees is Monday morning

Minutes taken by Lila Weiser

- Once Emerson Hall opens parking may be more accessible
- SAB Murder Mystery dinner Wednesday 6 PM

Adjournment

Tessa motions to adjourn 8:04 PM but Austin overrides to let Esther do her officer report
Tessa once again motions to adjourn at 8:07 PM.