



**Date Presented**  
4/28/25

**Type of action**  
Amendment

**Final vote**  
7-0-1

## 2425-0002: Land Acknowledgements at SGC

Sponsored by: Sutera, Abudalla

Recognizing that Ithaca resides on stolen land of the Gayogohó:nq' and Deyodi:ho:nq' people, members of the Haudenosaunee confederacy.

Reaffirming that we cannot repair the years of violence and deception done during the expropriation of these lands.

Understanding that by making land acknowledgements we are making a step towards dismantling legacies of settler colonialism and showing commitment towards social justice.

Drawing attention to how other departments on Ithaca College campus have land acknowledgements and use them frequently before meetings or performances.

Emphasizing that land acknowledgements are only a step towards respecting Indigenous people and Native lands, and there is more work to be done to provide justice to Indigenous people.

It is resolved that at the beginning of every Student Governance Council meeting henceforth, a land acknowledgement will be given before roll call. This statement will be:

Ithaca College resides on the traditional, ancestral, and contemporary lands of the Gayogohó:nq' (Cayuga) and Deyodi:ho:nq' (Tutelo) people, part of the Six Nations of the Hodiñhsq':nih (Haudenosaunee) Confederacy.

These are stolen lands, still occupied due to expropriation, violence, and deceptive and broken treaties.

As members of the Ithaca College community, it is our responsibility to know and name where we stand, and we acknowledge the painful history of Gayogohó:nq' and Deyodi:ho:nq' dispossession.

It is resolved that this will be added as Article VII, Section 2, Subsection b. The previous subsections *b* and *c* will now be *c* and *d*.