



Ithaca College Student Governance Council Meeting Agenda
Monday, 9/9/2024| 7:00 P.M. in Campus Center Taughannock Falls Room

Call to Order: 7:03 PM

Roll Call: Rishabh Sen, Eva Horst, Yusef Scott-Wetherbee, Kathi Hodel, Caleb Cackowski, Ty Anderson, Nicole Sutura, Tisa Manandhar, Alexis Arias, Lori Armstrong, Evan Wasserman, Baneet Pukhrambam, Marshall Long, Paris Agiomavritis, Mureen Doherty, Noah Richardson, Dan Rogers.

Absent: Joslyn Forcione, Lili Chalfant

Ithacan Report: Jacqueline Reaves, Eamon Corbo

Approval of the Minutes: Evan motions to approve last meetings minutes (5/6/24), Baneet seconds the motion, motion passes (6-0-0).

Appropriations Financial Report:

New Business

· **Community Session**

1. Nikki encourages members of SGC to spread the idea of community sessions and let community members know they can join in.

· **Guest Speaker**

Luca Maurer, Executive Director for Student Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging

Located in the second floor of Job Hall

1. Luca thanks the members of SGC for the effort and time that they put in.
2. Luca introduces the members of the Center for Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging
3. Climate Study
 - a. Working with the campus community to figure out next steps.
 - b. Figure out what the survey findings demonstrated and what the next steps should be to fix things.
4. Gayogoho: Kurt A. Jordan
 - a. Ensure connection with the Cayuga Lake indigenous people
5. Dalai Lama
 - a. Luca coordinates the Mandala and meditation with the monk, which will happen during the last week of September.
6. Lounge in the CEIB:
 - a. Located in the same floor as the office
7. Luca describes his role to be closely related with staff from different on campus communities like BIPOC, Office of religious and spiritual life
8. LGBTQ Center
 - a. Resources like gender affirmation closet: it is for anyone to give and take
 - b. Open pages RLC
 - c. BAM! Binders and More program
9. Office of religious and spiritual life
 - a. Lauren Kelly Benson: the new director of the office
 - b. Exploration of religious and spiritual activities
 - c. Muller Chapel affiliated with Muslim Student Association, The Pagan Community, Hillel at IC, IC Mindfulness Meditation etc.
 - d. Upcoming events:
 - i. Catholic Mass
 - ii. Mindfulness Meditation
 - iii. Qigong Meditation
 - iv. Ice cream Social
10. BIPOC Unity Center:
 - a. New members McKenzie and Erin
 - b. Empower students through education, events and support for different programs and scholarships
 - c. Provide a number of different SLIs
 - d. Physical Spaces: sensory room, prayer/meditation space etc
 - e. 2 Jumpstart programs this year
 - f. Number of different RLCs
11. FirstGen @ IC
 - a. Expanded definition at IC, more than first in family to attend college
 - b. Upcoming events:

- i. Karaoke night
- ii. Brunch-n-punch
- iii. Org fair DJ and BBQ

12. Recent Recognition:

- a. First Gen forward network campus: Shadayvia Wallace and BIPOC Unity Center
- b. Elected CSPA-NYS Executive Board as the VP of Membership: Cliff-Simon Vital
- c. Keuka College Alumna of the Decade: Shadayvia Wallace and more

Speakers list

Caleb:

Q. Caleb is looking to create spaces for DEI, and is looking for resources even though he's not affiliated with any of the centers mentioned. Have any other organizations reached out for non-affiliated organizations?

Answer:

- Currently building a part on the website for non-affiliated organizations, Beta Alpha Psi, an honor society has a focus on DEI, NABA,
- Key is to create an organization or space and follow up on it, see what needs to be fixed/changed or added (check the transcript)

Yusef

Q. Are you planning on any events with the Center for the Study of Culture, Race, and Ethnicity?

Answer:

- Yes, we are working on this using the climate survey. We are collaborating with the firm that ran the survey to figure out, based on the data, what the recommendations are.

Nikki:

Q. How did the lack of a BIPOC unity center director affect you and the community?

Answer:

- From Luca's perspective: it was a year of challenge and opportunities
- Shadayvia and Cliff-Simon stepped up
- Shadayvia wanted to be a confidential Title IX resource
- How can we set up the next leader for success?

- Search was paused because people searching wanted to make sure that the successor would have a lot of experience to bring to IC
- Search committee felt that was important to find someone to fill this role for the students and the entire campus

Rishabh

Q. Could you expand more on the initiative that was born from the Climate Survey results?

Answer:

- Changes from the last survey: online DEI Foundational Course to get everyone on a foundational baseline of knowledge.
- The course is still not sufficient so they are building a new model, which will be available for everyone to take Summer 2025
- Climate survey from a couple senior leaderships ago: incidents of bias that happened on campus prompted the question of how they can report incidents of bias?
 - One stop online form: It still exists, and the current goal is bridging the gap between why this form exists and how to submit it.
 - Physical structures at IC:
 - There has been progress but needs to be more, how to access existing elevators better
 - Some are quick fixes, some might need advocating for further funding, or simple education on certain topics

Mureen:

Q. On the lines of centralizing resources for students, is there a timeline for when the form will be rolled out and where can we go at this moment, for incidents surrounding DEI?

Answer:

- Bias Impact Resource form, can be filled out anonymously as well
- Formal Complaints for Students: complaints about classrooms, SAS, sexual misconduct etc
 - Parallel sites for students and faculty
- EthicsPoint: Third party that takes ethics data, that goes to Ithaca College Office of Legal Affairs, anything to do with discrimination to improper use of funds, confidential one stop resource

Baneet:

Q. Is there any work that you are currently doing or planning to do with prospective students?

Answer:

- Some work has happened in the past
- There are more direct and concrete ways of doing this
- Had conversation with administrations, and upcoming meetings are being planned
- Meetings with Alumni that will both support our current students and prospective students

Paris:

Q. Paris went on a “meet the firm's trip” for business, where some firms did internship mentorship for students. Is this something that IC is planning to do?

Answer:

- Former students have worked with DEI organizations through the LA program, and are looking at doing more partnerships for internships and mentorships.

~ 5 minute break ~

· **Confirmations**

· **Miscellaneous**

Rishabh

- 1) SGC Legislation from the past to show how SGC is full of changemakers:
 - a) Gender neutral Bathrooms
 - b) Employee Vaccinations
 - c) Restarting the conversation for campus lighting
- 2) SGC Goals:
 - a) New and old business will be discussed together to revisit previous goals while also implementing new ones
 - i) Sustainability within SGC:
 - (1) Smoother transition for the new members
 - (2) Environmental and cultural
 - ii) Student Success:
 - (1) Student welfare and student success

- (2) Support by being reactive AND proactive (reach out yourself)
- iii) Visibility:
 - (1) Outreach
 - (2) Transparency

Continuing Business

- Miscellaneous
- Senator Reports

Officer Reports

- President of the Student Body
 - Reminder to keep it short for E-board
 - 1:1 with President Cornish: we are in a good position for VP Down
 - Middle states process: to make sure Ithaca College remains accredited
 - Platform presentations this Thursday from 3:30 Pm to 5:00, Textor 101
 - Elections events and tabling
- Vice President of Campus Affairs
 - SJSC Chair Search, Meeting with VP Bazile
 - Looking for a chair for the Social Justice Committee
- Vice President of Academic Affairs
 - Meeting with the Provost:
 - Yusef requests everyone to bring concerns about academics to share with the Provost
- Vice President of Business & Finance
 - Meeting with VP Downs on Friday
 - Kathi will be updating handbook page
- Vice President of Communications
 - New brochures
 - Look out for posts on instagram
 - Tabling at laser tag

- Vice President of Residential Affairs
 - There was a good turnout for the laser tag for residents
 - Looking into continuing this event in the future
 - Meeting with Eileen and transparency in the RHA, and how to make students engage with the RHA

- Senate Chair

Senator 1:1s next week!

- Discuss ideas initiatives, one meeting per block
 - Committees both internal (SGC, appropriations) and external (all across the campus)
 - Social justice and sustainability
 - Campus Affairs Committee
 - Communications Committee: more outreach
 - Academic Calendar Committee
 - Traffic and Parking Appeals
 - Organizational Review (internal)
 - Academic Policy committee
 - Elections updates
 - Textor 101: Info Session for Election process
 - Platform presentations
- Chief of Staff
 - Pictures needed for the website
 - Email at tmanandhar@ithaca.edu

Open Agenda

Eva: SJSC

- Yusef is interested in chairing the committee

Rishabh: There will be recommendations for each position. The Parking Traffic Appeals committee needs a student representative by the end of the week. Open call to fill up this position.

Q. Evan: When do they meet? And for how long?

Answer: Depends on your schedule and the duration and frequency of the meeting will be change according to the semester

Evan will be the student representative for the Parking Traffic Appeals Committee.

Eva: Does anyone have any questions for VP Bazile

Q. Rishabh: What is his goal and what can he bring to the IC from his past experiences?

Q. Ty: When will the swimming pool in A&E be back?

Q. Caleb: Is there anything he would want us to do before the meeting in November?

Rishabh: Any questions for President Cornish?

Q. Yusef: What are her thoughts on academic concerns about the 4 credit system?

Q. Paris: Lowering credit for intro classes and increasing the credit for senior classes, has left people bored

Q. Transfer students are going to lose their credits which sets people behind, how will that impact these students?

Q. Paris: Are they thinking of helping students with financial literacy?

→ Caleb mentions financial avenue.

→ Paris mentions how scholarships for room and board are taxed, something that should be included in financial literacy talks.

Q. Caleb: What are President Cornish's overarching goals?

Rishabh: President Cornish's institutional goals are:

- Enhance student experience
- Integration both academic and non-academic
- Enrollment target to be appropriate and a sustainable size
- Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging

Ty: What would everyone like to see on campus whether it is indoor or outdoor activities to battle with seasonal depression? Please bring your suggestions next week

→ Paris: Christmas lights

→ Caleb: Fireplace in indoor spaces

Adjournment: 8:58 PM