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Ithaca College Student Governance Council Meeting Agenda  
Monday, 9/16/24 | 7:00 P.M. in Campus Center Taughannock Falls Room

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**Call to Order: 7:00 PM**

**Roll Call:** Rishabh Sen, Eva Horst, Kathi Hodel, Caleb Cackowski, Ty Anderson, Nicole Sutera, Tisa Manandhar, Lori Armstrong, Evan Wasserman, Baneet Pukhrambam, Marshall Long, Joslyn Frocione, Mureen Doherty, Noah Richardson, Dan Rogers.

**Absent:** Yusef Scott-Wetherbee, Alexis Arias, Paris Agiomavritis, Lili Chalfant

**Approval of the Minutes:** Evan motions to approve last meetings minutes (9/9/24), Baneet seconds the motion, motion passes (6-0-0).

**Ithacan Reporters:** Eamon Corbo

**Appropriations Financial Report:**

**New Business**

- Community Session
  - **Guest Speaker**
  - **Dave Weil, Casey Kendall, Jenna Linskens, and Jenna Lamb, IT Department**  
IC IT and Analytics
    - 63 full time staff members
    - Partner with college community to help students and faculty
    - 75-100 student employee
1. Ithaca College E-Sports Club
    - a. One of the largest clubs
    - b. Organized game leagues
    - c. E-Sports room: opened during COVID, not adequate for the size of the club, hence a new esports facility that will open in 4 weeks

- d. Location of the room: Previously the Friends 110 Computer Lab, across the previous location of the ESports room, also including the location of the previous ID office
  - e. Upgrades/new additions:
    - i. 6 stations to 12 stations
    - ii. Arcade gaming console with 4600 games
    - iii. Broadcast booth
    - iv. Coaches display
    - v. 2 casual gaming areas
    - vi. Hours: 3:00 PM 8:00 PM (subject to change)
  - 2. Ribbon cutting October 14th 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM
  - 3. Open studio in the Digital Media Lab to students, make this reservable
- Q. Ty:** Is the studio going to be available on 25Live to be booked?  
**Answer:** Jenna mentions that this is a question for \_\_\_\_\_ to ask about booking the space

### **Jenna Lamb**

- 1. AI exploratorium, opening 18th September at 10 AM
- 2. Goals:
  - a. Increase knowledge about generative AI both for students and faculty: when to use and what are the drawbacks
  - b. Access paid AI tools
  - c. Resources like prompting tips
  - d. Discuss newest AI developments with the team of AI Exploration Guides who are student employees
  - e. Attend workshops
  - f. Open to students, faculty, and staff
  - g. Available through appointment virtually as well
- 3. SGC is welcome to event at the AI exploratorium

### **Kasey**

- 1. Student mobile app/portal: Demo on 9/30/24 3-4PM, created by a 3rd party
  - a. One stop to look at all the services available
- 2. Cellular improvements:
  - a. Worked with Verizon
  - b. Agreement specifications and legal review has been submitted
- 3. Campus Network improvements:
  - a. Bandwidth increase
  - b. Hardware upgrades

**Q. Evan:** Is there a way to directly connect to the jacks in the router for better internet?  
Kasey says there should be a way to plug into the jacks, or they can also submit a ticket to apogee so IT can negotiate whether this is something they are able to do or not.

**Q. Evan:** Can students pay for more upload/download speed  
Kasey says IT has what is called “Choice” to pay for better internet speed.

### **Jenna Linskins, Co-Chair for Educational Technology Advisory Committee (ETAC) ETAC Info and Updates**

1. 3 new student representatives this year
2. Faculty that represents all schools, and staff from different areas of the campus
3. Goals:
  - a. Help faculty, take in request and create a seamless experience for everyone, create environment available and accessible for everyone
4. New Software for Teaching and Learning:
  - a. iClicker- Student Response System: feature classroom polling, formative assessment, student engagement, and attendance
  - b. Respondus Lockdown Browser: exams and quizzes are done in Canvas, and for a secure testing experience
5. Technology review requests: more of an exploration
  - a. Gradescope: used by faculty to grade assignments and give feedback, change rubric to change grades when necessary, robust feedback
  - b. Canva: graphic design tool used to build visual content, used by faculty, students, and staff
  - c. Faculty Survey

### **Back to Dave for questions**

#### **Speakers list**

**Evan:** Does IT oversee the printers? Can we have more printers around campus?

Dave says the team will look into it, and see what areas need it most.

**Ty follows up:** The Towers eatery printer is not working

Dave says the team will look into it

**Rishabh:** Are there any thoughts of working with the Center for Student success? Especially because freshmen are trying to gauge what is the appropriate use of AI and what their limitations are.

Jenna Lamb says that there aren't any yet but Jenna loves the idea and would like to implement it.

Dave says that they would also like to see if SGC would have a student representative on their team.

**Nikki:** Nikki had a similar question about AI workshops for both students and faculty.

Jenna Lenskins says their team has some ideas to support faculty in exploring and using AI and integrating it into learning.

Kasey also mentions the Presidential working group on AI which comprises faculty, staff, and students from across the campus, and are currently looking into the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats of using AI at IC.

Jenna also mentions that they are requesting faculty to put a statement on their syllabus regarding AI use.

**Rishabh:** What areas of the campus are the boosters going to be with Verizon?

Kasey says that Verizon does a whole campus analysis that takes some time. Kasey says the plan is full coverage and that there will be 5 primary sites for the towers including macro and micro cells

**Caleb:** Are you the team behind the Student Success dashboard?

Kasey says their team works closely with the team responsible, but if there is any feedback we can relay it to that team.

**Nikki:** What is the new merger/dashboard trying to enhance?

Kasey says their team wants to tailor the website to students and distinguish it from faculty to make it more personalized.

Dave says that the new dashboard is going to ask students to login first which will help make the website more personalized, unlike the current one which takes everyone to the same website then asks them to login.

**Nikki:** When is the estimated time for the actual dashboard change?

Kasey says the team has the demo, but they still need the green signal from the community to make sure this is something that should be invested in

**Evan:** What is the feasibility of making ID digitized so they can go on our Google/ Apple wallets?

Dave says this is something on the list but there is no timeline yet.

**Caleb:** Caleb has heard from people, especially from the Park school of Communication, that they would like to access their Adobe accounts through their personal devices. Is this something that the IT team deals with?

Dave said they know they understand the need for it, however, this is something very expensive. Dave said looked into it and came to the conclusion that it would be a lot financially but the team is looking into alternatives.

**Ty:** What can be done in terms of security on the faculty end, since faculty members like to use their personal Gmail accounts for communication sometimes?

Dave says this is an important topic, using Gmail and personal accounts is something the IT team discourages, and we work with faculty to increase use of their Ithaca accounts. Kasey also mentions that this is a tough situation to navigate, and it is something discouraged, and the IT team continues to improve the provided services so that people will want to use them. Having emails come through students' Ithaca email accounts also adds another layer of protection.

**Login** makes a suggestion for specifically transfer students and first year students, for IT to combine all the requirements after admissions in the portal section to make the whole process smoother and less confusing, in a way that students don't have a lot of tabs open.

**Ty: Is there any way to make IT capable of troubleshooting personal devices and accounts?**

Dave says that this is something that was done about 8 years ago and the shop was called the "Fix it" shop. There were issues with certification from Apple and Dell so the shop no longer exists. Dave understands the difficulty of finding a place to have personal devices repaired/fixed in Ithaca, and this is something they will look into.

## ~ 5 Minute Break~

- **Confirmations**
- **Miscellaneous**

### Continuing Business

- **Miscellaneous**

#### **Rishabh:**

Initiative Incubator

- Rishabh reminds everyone of the SGC goals for 2024-2025
- Election Timeline
- Monday 09/23: Senate orientation

- **Senator Reports**

#### **Evan Wasserman, MTD Senator**

- Looking for a new MTD dean
- In the meantime there are 2 co-deans
- Re-establishing MTD senate: 12 people in total, open line of communication
- Discussed importance of DEI

### Officer Reports

- President of the Student Body

- Rishabh encourages everyone to support candidates who are campaigning
- Upcoming meeting with President Cornish
- Vice President of Campus Affairs
  - Recap of Meeting with Dr. B:
    - Dr. B wants SGC to think about : what partnership looks like, how we can make IC a place to brag about etc.
    - Dr. B also wants to be involved more than just the meeting
  - SJSC Chair Application is Open
  - ETAC Meeting on Wednesday
    - Looking for another representative
- Vice President of Academic Affairs
  - Yusef's meeting Provost:
    - Concerns about course loads across schools
    - Creating scheduling grid
    - Interest in meeting more frequently
- Vice President of Business & Finance
  - Starting date for the appropriations committee: 9th of October
  - Meeting with Tim Downs:
    - Institutional Effectiveness and Budget representative
- Vice President of Communications
  - Flyers are printed for the candidates who are running for the election
  - Working on poster about SGC elections
  - Logged in to post on IC intercoms
- Vice President of Residential Affairs
  - Issues raised
    - A large surplus of mesh bags for laundry, make sure every student has them
    - Funding: RHA does funding for events, Ty wants everyone to know RHA can provide for that
- Senate Chair
  - One-on-Ones starting 09/18/2024
- Chief of Staff
  - Google form for everyone to put their pictures and information

## **Open Agenda**

**Caleb:** If you want to talk about elections, please do it in your classes above all, it is probably the most effective way, repost things from Instagram, come to tabling events, etc.

**Eva:** Is there any interest in joining ETAC?

Ty volunteers

**Ty:** Ty was talking to Cliff-Simon about the SOCC position. Since no one has applied, if someone is confirmed mid semester, it defeats the purpose of the

**Kathi:** IEBC is a board of faculty, staff and students. Tim Downs prefers a non-SGC member, to get more representation. Kathi requests everyone to ask around and announce it in classes

Evan: When does the committee meet?

Kathi says it is depends on the student s

Baneet: Is there a short blurb about this committee?

Kathi: Yes this blurb will be on teams.

**Evans:** Acknowledging how the washing machines are have fully been changed to avoid fires etc.

**Rishabh:** Open committee call for the Academic Calendars Committee, which is an important committee for the students. 2 representatives required

Baneet and Joslyn volunteer.

**Ty:** Increasing the knowledge of and promoting offices like C-STEM and C-STEP.

**Nujain:** Idea for the mesh bags to be left in different laundry areas for people to pick up

**Amelia:** Is there a way to recover the lost laundry items?

Rishabh says there isn't a way unless they take the machine apart.

Evan also says one can ask CSC to see if they can take apart the machines.

**Rishabh:** Open call for SGC members to go to the demo mentioned by the IT department, and share with the senate what they saw and what they learned.

**Adjournment: 8:42 PM**