



Ithaca College Student Governance Council Meeting Agenda
Monday, 10/7/2024| 7:00 P.M. in Campus Center Taughannock Falls Room

Call to Order: 7:02 PM

Roll Call: Rishabh Sen, Eva Horst, Kathi Hodel, Caleb Cackowski, Ty Anderson, Nicole Sutera, Tisa Manandhar, Dante Conde, Juno Brooks, Amelia Grimshaw, Manan Maini, Giulia Gennari, Lori Armstrong, Evan Wasserman, Login Abudalla, Baneet Pukhrambam, Noeline Luyindula, Anabel Pimenta Velloso, Marshall Long, Joslyn Forcione, Paris Agiomavritis, Abe Marron, Claude Hayes, Mureen Doherty, Dan Rogers.

Absent: Alexis Arias

Approval of the Minutes: Evan motions to approve last meetings minutes (10/03/2024), Dante seconds the motion, motion passes (15-0-0).

Ithacan Reporter: Jacqueline Reaves

Appropriations Financial Report:

- First meeting this Wednesday, 20 budgets to go through

New Business

Community Session

Guest Speaker

Shadayvia Wallace, Program Director, MLK Scholars and First-Gen Center/Associate Director, BIPOC Unity Center, MLK Scholars and First-Gen Programs

BIPOC Unity Center

Associate director for BIPOC

1. Team includes 3 other staff members

2. Mission and Vision
 - a. Empower students through programming, events and education in their journey at IC, like Ithaca Achievement Program, MLK scholars, First Generation
3. Vision
 - a. Campus community, celebrate unique identities, resist and interrupt systems of oppression
4. Core: Support, perseverance and holistic care
5. Center pillars: solidarity, empowerment, excellence, advocacy, community, education
6. BIPOC unity center and its programs are open to all students
7. Goals and objectives:
 - a. Provide programs and workshops related to race, ethnicity and inclusion at IC
 - b. Cultivate culturally validating spaces
 - c. Collaborate with other key offices to help students, staff and faculty
 - d. Work collaboratively with Student Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Team to provide campus community and belonging
8. Service Offerings:
 - a. 1:1 meetings with staff, weekly office hours
 - b. Events and engagement opportunities
 - i. Community building
 - ii. Social justice and social change
 - iii. Connections with alumni
 - c. Scholar Program and Scholarship
 - d. Continuing education and learning
 - e. Supporting cultural/identity based student organization
 - f. Provide physical spaces
9. Annual and Upcoming Events
 - a. Cookout hoops
 - b. Relaxation stations
 - c. Smores on the quad
10. History heritage month speakers series
11. Scholarships:
 - a. Rashad F Richardson
 - b. African Latino Society Memorial Scholarship
 - c. Dr. Gloria Hobbs Scholarship
12. Peer Educator job opening
13. Cultural/Identity based Student Organization
 - a. Advisors for different clubs
 - b. SOCC
14. Physical Spaces:
 - a. Sensory room

- b. Prayer meditation space
- c. Unity lounge
- d. MLK and First Gen study lounge
- e. African Latino Society Lounge

Q/A Session

Noeline asks if students can visit the BIPOC unity center to be educated about issues.

SLI offering talk about vocabulary, and can be created based on what is needed

Login asks who students would need to contact in order to have access to the rooms

All students should have access to it as long as the building is open, the ALS room needs an approval which students can get by emailing BIPOC unity center

Juno asks if the BIPOC unity center has other job offerings and if they help students find employment on campus

BIPOC unity center works closely with reslife for the RLC RA positions

Rishabh asks about whether there was a reflection in scholarship programs because of lower enrollment.

MLK only takes 15 students per year, and 13 spots are filled in already.

Nikki asks if there is a resource that students don't utilize as much

First Gen is not utilized as much, and they don't know the place exists until they need help with something. Shadayvia was able to help a lot of students with textbook purchase

Login asks if there is any information that could be sent out to transfer students in particular, and if there is a way for them to know about the scholarships available and what they are eligible for

Shadayvia will be sending the information to Login as well as Nikki to check for eligibility.

Rishabh asks which of the scholarships were open and whether information can be shared about it

Shadayvia says the Rashad G Richardson, I can achieve and ALS scholarships programs are available

Nikki asks if there are any updates on the new director for the office.

No updates on the search yet, but the search committee will resume in the spring, and students

will also be involved in the decision making process.

Baneet asks about the changes in the structure of SOCC

Shadayvia says they are trying to make SOCC more of a student run organization instead of an office under BIPOC unity center, so they can have power and work with OSE and other offices.

Noeline asks if the President of SOCC will also be the senate chair.

Shadayvia is not sure about this.

Dante asks how SOCC and BIPOC students can work together to help SOCC be student run.

Shadayvia says to attend all the upcoming programs

Baneet asks how the RLC transition after COVID has been, how have new RLCs helped?

Cliff-Simon has helped a lot with the Shared Journeys RLC. First place has been a little tougher, but now the whole floor is First Gen, First Gen mentors are paired with these students too to help maintain engagement and involvement.

Nikki asks about First Gen targeted Jumpstart programs, what has the feedback been?

There has always been positive feedback, 6 week reach out was also done.

Login asks if BIPOC unity center is open to creating a new position for First gen and Transfer students

Shadayvia loves the idea, and would love to work with SGC to create this position.

~ 6 minute break ~

Confirmations

1. Juno Brooks
 - a. Financially oriented person, family is small business owner and they run a restaurant
 - b. Background with taxes
 - c. Treasurer for club on campus

Noeline asks what Juno would do if budgets cannot be approved?

Juno says Juno will try to get the budgets approved for the following semester.

Executive session begins 7:51 PM

Executive session ends 7:53 PM

Miscellaneous

Continuing Business

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Microsoft Teams Crash Course

- Presentation by Eva

Bill Writing Workshop

- Nikki talks about what bills are, their types (amendments, acts, resolutions, recommendations), where the bill template is, information about amendments, how to write a bill etc.
- Break into small groups for a mini-bill writing sessions
- 30 second bill presentation

Senator Reports

- **Baneet Pukhrambam**, International Senator
 - Academic calendar meeting was successful
 - Mandala program organization, coordinating with the monks
 - First year international students for Fall Break, International Student and Hillel office collaboration for fall apple picking event
- **Lori Armstrong**, School of H&S Senator
 - Regular updates for reaccreditation
 - Meeting with the dean too

Officer Reports

President of the Student Body

- Meeting with President Cornish next week
 - Message is on teams and will also be brought up in open agenda
 - ICC requirements committee, student representatives, 2 hours per semester

Vice President of Campus Affairs

- First CAC meeting was AMAZING
 - Solicitation policies
 - RLC task force meeting this Thursday

- Meeting with Park Deans for student initiatives
- Meeting with Dr. B on Friday 8/11

Vice President of Academic Affairs

Vice President of Business & Finance

- Appropriations retreat (last week) and 1st meeting coming up
- Looking for an assistant

Vice President of Communications

- Instagram reel for open E-board position
- 1st Communications Committee meeting will be this week
- Thank you cards done for this week done, need to catch up on the past ones
- Keep reposting!

Vice President of Residential Affairs

- Meeting with Eileen tomorrow

Senate Chair

- New Assistant!
 - Anabel
- VPoAA Update
 - Search will start soon
 - Think of people you have in mind

Chief of Staff

Open Agenda

Joslyn

Discussion about the calendar issue: need for extra Thursday and Friday

- Evan asks if the number of Monday Tuesdays is equal to the number of Thursdays and Fridays
 - Joslyn says yes
- Nikki asks if SGC members can use Teams for the feedback, and questions.
- Login asks if 1 Thanksgiving day can be used instead of 2 and 1 be Labor day
 - Joslyn says this is possible but not a popular choice

Anabel

State of the turf, Anabel has received feedback in order to assess the situation, and will be updating SGC members on the condition of the field.

Amelia and Abe

Pathify, new dashboard, apps.ithaca combined with widgets on your iphone, user friendly and is appealing to you, your major, and your academic needs. One stop shop

Adjournment: 9:05 PM