



Ithaca College Student Governance Council Meeting Agenda
Monday, 10/14/2024| 7:00 P.M. in Campus Center Taughannock Falls Room

Call to Order: 7:03 PM

Roll Call: Rishabh Sen, Eva Horst, Kathi Hodel, Caleb Cackowski, Nicole Sutera, Tisa Manandhar, Dante Conde, Juno Brooks, Amelia Grimshaw, Manan Maini, Alexis Arias, Lori Armstrong, Evan Wasserman, Login Abudalla, Baneet Pukhrambam, Noeline Luyindula, Marshall Long, Joslyn Forcione, Paris Agiomavritis, Claude Hayes, Mureen Doherty, Noah Richardson, Dan Rogers

Absent: Ty Anderson, Giulia Gennari, Anabel Pimenta Velloso, Abe Marron

Approval of the Minutes: Login motions to approve last meetings minutes (10/07/2024), Alexis seconds the motion, motion passes (13-0-0).

Ithacan Reporter: Eamon Corbo

Appropriations Financial Report

Kathi:

- Allocated total of \$27,525
- 20 total budgets approved and 1 denied because of lack of supporting documentations

New Business

Community Session

Guest Speaker

Noah Richardson, Student Director of the Alumni Association Board of Directors

1. Worked with members of ResLife for POC opportunities, helped established the Shared Journey's RLC, a place where you belong Jumpstart program
2. Meeting with alumni association board, regular updates to them, advice and services; what they can do as alumni
3. Interested in finding a new candidate for this position

Q & A Session

Logyn asks what initiatives are taken to connect students to the alumni.

Mureen says the school is trying to regain some of the alumni connections that were lost.

Noeline asks what the day to day job looks like.

Noah says they are monthly meetings where Noah reviews the initiatives, same loyalty to the board as Mureen's.

Joslyn asks if there were any issues and concerns that were brought up to alumni.

Rise up was one that caught their attention.

Noeline asks how she could find a specific alumni.

Noah says yes, anyone can reach out to Noah, and Noah will take that to the board in order to connect alumni with current students.

Eamon asks about how alumni connections were lost.

Mureen says it was because of the switch from paper to digital media.

Noeline asks how the regaining of alumni connections process looks like.

Mureen says the school is working on it.

Rishabh asks if there is a way to connect with past SGC members to see what their position was like and what their roles looked like.

Yes, email Noah.

Contact information: nrichardson1@ithaca.edu

Evan asks if there are active requests and involvement from alumni.

Park has own alumni connections, Noah also says that most of the alumni are always excited to talk about their experiences.

Mureen also encourages everyone to reach out to get in contact and connect.

Joslyn asks why there is a disconnect between the H&S alumni and students.

Noah says it's probably because neither party is as interested.

Rishabh says that there hasn't been a central place for contact for all schools which may be the cause.

Noeline asks if Noah is the person to go to if anyone is interested in setting up an alumni system for the different schools individually.

Noah says it is possible to set up these meetings and it is important to be proactive.

Login asks if there is anything SGC can do in order to help Noah in this position.

Noah says hearing feedback from students and primary resources.

Dante asks if there has ever been an attempt to centralize the way of connecting students with alumni.

Noah says not that Noah knows of.

Mureen Doherty, Student Trustee

1. Role:
 - a. Student voice on the Board of Trustees, highest level of administration
 - b. Providing student perspective, governance, policy influence, and committee work
2. Fiduciary Duties:
 - a. As a trustee: duty of care, loyalty and obedience
 - b. Legal implications and compliances
3. Decision making role of the Board of Trustees:
 - a. Institutional policies, campus development, academic programs, long term health and sustainability of the institution
4. Scope of Influence:
 - a. Reviewing and approving budgets
 - b. Deciding on tuition increase/cuts
 - c. Ensuring resources are available for new buildings
5. Confidentiality and its importance in this role:
 - a. Obligation of the trustees to maintain confidentiality
 - b. Fostering trust between student trustee and other board members
6. Balancing transparency and confidentiality: QR code for sharing thoughts to enhance and ensure transparency

Q & A Session

Joslyn asks what things are confidential and what are things that you can report?

Mureen says confirmed financial reports and any other information that will be reported eventually are things she can report.

Dante asks how students can contact the chair of the board directly.

Mureen says direct lines may be possible by emailing erockett@ithaca.edu, even though direct lines aren't always possible.

Rishabh asks for more collaboration for the Tri Council meeting for more opportunities to get

more face time with one another.

Mureen says this is possible and will be brought up.

Nikki asks what changes can be made through this position.

Mureen says her role allows her to vote for a lot of decisions (other than code of conduct and some limitations when it comes to tuition).

Login asks what senators of SGC and SGC can do to help Mureen in her position without violating rules.

Mureen says to acknowledge and respect the role and the necessity of confidentiality and that it comes in good faith.

Evan asks how long the meetings are and how often they are.

Mureen says full board meetings are 3 full days, and are very in depth, every opinion is heard. Committee meetings last an hour or 2 and they are monthly.

Rishabh asks if the board of trustees has a say in the search committees for faculty etc.

Mureen says they give input and recommendations but at the end of the day the decision comes to President Cornish.

Nikki asks what Mureen's personal goals are.

Mureen says more direct involvement and more transparency, also more materials for an easier transition for the next board of the trustees.

Dante asks why there isn't a voting opportunity for the most important decisions.

Mureen says even though voting is not allowed, her opinions and thoughts are always heard.

~ 5 minute break ~

Confirmations

Miscellaneous

Academic Calendar Committee

Baneet and Joslyn:

1. Problem with Fall 2026 academic calendar:
 - a. 14 Thursdays and Fridays instead of 15 each
 - b. Pros and cons of each possible solution presented

Q & A Session

Rishabh asks if this is only for students or staff as well.

Joslyn says it is for everyone.

Evan asks what the reason behind the calendar looking different this year is.

Baneet says it is something that happens often, but this year Yom kippur is being observed as a holiday.

Nikki likes the solution Joslyn proposed, and also suggests labor day + December 16th which would mean moving the reading day.

Manan proposed an asynchronous learning day.

Nikki says not possible especially for certain classes like labs

Rishabh asks how the contract for staff would work since they are losing a day if labor day is canceled.

Joslyn says Joslyn doesn't know, and they will take it back to the committee for further discussion

Amelya likes the idea of having classes on labor day, and one fall break day, but is asking how a Thursday class on a Monday works.

Baneet says college will send out reminders, and that this is something that is common so everyone accommodates for it.

Juno asks why 2 days of grading for professors might not be ideal.

Baneet says that some of the finals will take place on the last day of finals week and the last slot, so it is very inconvenient for them, especially also depending on the class size.

Noeline also says that SAS also has some issues with it, since students with SAS could take the exam 24 hours after the day of the exam, which gives professors one day to grade the papers.

Eva asks if 21st September is a non-negotiable holiday.

Joslyn says yes, most probably.

Rishabh asks what kind of help they are looking for from SGC.

Joslyn says a vote for all the solutions would help determine which one is most preferred.

Noeline asks if it is possible to move the due date of the grades to be after another day.

Baneet and Joslyn say that the 22nd is considered the holiday week, and also school is usually closed from the 22nd. Mureen also says this affects the winter graduation dates.

Paris asks if Saturday classes are possible on the first week.

Joslyn says the committee would strongly be against it.

Continuing Business

Miscellaneous

Initiative Incubator!

1. Caleb:
 - a. Long drink line at terraces dining hall
 - b. Evan says this should be back after fall break
2. Claude:
 - a. HRT (hormone replacement therapy) on campus/ more resources about it through the LGBTQ+ committee
3. Login:
 - a. Ithaca College Crash Course:
 - i. Detailed master list of all the things that should be included in it
 - ii. Juno asks about accessibility maps, Eva says Campus Affairs committee is working on it, Login says they are also working on it
 - iii. Rishabh talks about the suggestion made by Casey from IT to create modules for learning through Canvas
4. Noeline:
 - a. Shadayvia talks about how engagement might be the issue for First Gen students, since events are happening but not many people show up.
 - b. Noeline highly encourages people to attend these events
5. Mureen asks if health and wellness can have all information be brought to a one stop shop as well, and Rishabh suggests reaching out to Michelle Goode.

Senator Reports

Alexis Arias, School of Business Senator

- Met up with AD of business a couple times, catching up with problems about in the business school
- Meetings with the dean will be set for after fall break
- Alexis also wants to do a dropbox/google form to get feedback, especially from seniors

Marshall Long, Club Athlete Senator

Login Abudalla, Transfer Senator

- First Gen event, anonymous google form for students to share any issues or concerns about
- Transition instagram account, use that for outreach, especially for other transfer students
- IC Crash Course

Officer Reports

President of the Student Body

- Upper Park administrations
- Concerns brought to President Cornish
 - More cameras, students are not made aware of where they are
 - Get in touch with Chief Garren
 - Tuition increase; they are working hard so that 100% of students can have some sort of financial aid
 - Work study grant
 - October 22nd noon hour: how college runs as an academic and business institution
- Actively looking for the VoPAA

Vice President of Campus Affairs

- Attended how RLCs are created
- Meeting with Dr. B
 - NYC marathon, donate canned food to the IC pantry
 - Talked about Dr. B's transition to IC
- Cultivate JEDI
- Housing Survey
- No CAC this week
- Currently looking for an assistant
- ETAC meeting schedule for end of October

Vice President of Academic Affairs

Vice President of Business & Finance

- No appropriations meeting this week due to fall break
- Meeting with Tim Downs soon

Vice President of Communications

- 1st communications meeting held
- Discussed that the purpose/main goal would be to serve senators of SGC for outreach
- Working on posts for the new VPoAA

Vice President of Residential Affairs

Senate Chair

- Nothing for this week!

Chief of Staff

- Nothing to report

Open Agenda

Joslyn

- SJSC meeting coming up

Nikki

- Marshall's constituents reached out about the climate survey and lack of diversity for the race question, especially how all asians were under the one asian category

Adjournment: 9:07 PM