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Ithaca College Student Governance Council Meeting Agenda  
Monday, 10/21/2024| 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, Nicole Sutera, Tisa Manandhar, Dante Conde, Juno Brooks, Amelia Grimshaw, Manan Maini, Giulia Gennari, Lori Armstrong, Login Abudalla, Baneet Pukhrambam, Noeline Luyindula, Anabel Pimenta Velloso, Marshall Long, Paris Agiomavritis, Abe Marron, Claude Hayes, Mureen Doherty, Noah Richardson, Dan Rogers

**Absent:** Ty Anderson, Alexis Arias, Evan Wasserman, Joslyn Forcione

**Approval of the Minutes:** Login motions to approve last meetings minutes (10/14/2024), Amelia seconds the motion, motion passes (12-0-1).

**Ithacan Reporter:** Eamon Corbo

**Appropriations Financial Report:**

- No appropriations meeting due to fall break

**New Business**

**Community Session**

**Guest Speaker**

**Tim Downs**, Vice President for Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer

1. State of the College is tomorrow
  - a. Centering exercise
  - b. President's welcome
  - c. Chris Coletti, Assistant professor of Music
  - d. Middle states update
  - e. Enrollment strategy update from Rock Hall, VP of Enrollment Management and Student Success
  - f. Financial update from Tim Downs
  - g. Remarks from President Cornish

- h. Q&A
- 2. What is IC's enrollment?
  - a. Enrollment is down at IC and nationwide
  - b. Predicted target was not met
    - i. In the process of assessing the cause behind this dip
    - ii. 30% less families filling out the FAFSA, which was an anomaly, might be better this year

**Noeline** asks if there are any resources to help students with FAFSA.

*Tim says that there was an SAI calculator but this had 70 questions which wasn't very helpful. FAFSA used to be easier, and that the newer FAFSA (which might be a couple years), will help families get through this process faster.*

**Giulia** asks if dropping out would change the enrollment number.

*Tim says leave of absence would not count, but fully dropping out would put you in the retention number group.*

**Rishabh** asks what time of the year the projected number of enrollment comes out.

*Tim says usually they are done in the Fall census, but some happen during spring too.*

**Login** asks if the budget is influenced by students appealing their financial aid.

*Tim says the trustees allocate money to different aspects of a students bill, and is driven by the total budget of the institution.*

- 3. Other areas of interest
  - a. TCAT
    - i. Access the free pass using the TFare app, spread the word!!
    - ii. Useful as all the data is available like misusing your student ID, using a transfer pass
    - iii. Contact the ID office for any problems or questions
  - b. Work on campus
    - i. Terrace 1 entrance
      - Makes T1, T2 and T5 accessible
      - Moving bus stop to this area too
    - ii. Terrace dining staircase
  - c. Sustainability
    - i. EV chargers: 4 level 3 non-proprietary EV chargers on campus, done through grants
  - d. Where SGC help is requested
    - i. Renovate student center space: Park school, quads, and campus center
    - ii. Feedback and input on the design
      - Free food, contest or raffle involving prizes, QR codes for

- introverted students, surveys, asking during bigger events
- IC instagram, utilizing social media
  - Voting platforms, similar to what was done at IC square
  - Similar to good/bad days at the dining hall, bathrooms etc.

## Q&A

**Dante** asks why they've chosen Park school for renovation instead of a place like Friends.

*Tim says the building was meant for 800 students, however, there are constantly 1200 students, and it's more functional change rather than modernization.*

**Giulia** asks how the EV chargers would work if it is open to the public.

*Tim says it takes 40 minutes for a car to charge, if it is necessary to reduce the usage of it more information will be sent to the public where it is available for what population during what hours.*

**Rishabh** asks how to determine what a sustainable size for enrollment would look like and when it would be established.

*Tim says it depends on the budget, and changes are made as frequently as possible depending on the enrollment.*

**Login** mentions a FAFSA show night that could help prepare students to fill it out, and wonder if it would help.

*Tim says SFS was even doing individual appointments with families to work with and complete the FAFSA, which have been more useful than a public FAFSA tutorial.*

**Eva** mentions that the vending machine prices have gone up as well as the failed vending experiences, and is asking why this happened.

*Tim says he is looking into why the prices are higher than before, and isn't sure as to why vending machines fail frequently.*

**Noeline** asks if translators are offered during the appointments with SFS.

*Tim says he isn't sure if this service is available but partners can be made to help with this situation.*

**Giulia** asks how to fix the issue with the pass not showing up on the wallet for the TFare app.

*Tim says it might be because the activation happened too fast, before it was loaded by the ID office. It is usually a 30 second fix by the ID office. Closing and opening the app can also help fix the issue.*

**Dante** asks if there are any road modernization ideas on the radar, like for sidewalks, better lighting at night, better signs etc.

*For some places like near T13, there is no real estate to have a sidewalk built, which Tim says is less than ideal, but there are ideas for speed regulating tools so it isn't as much of a threat to pedestrians.*

**Nikki** asks how the low enrollment affected IC and how they are working to come back from it. *Tim says the budget they have right now is still the same, and asked every department to tighten the budgets too. There won't be the option of spending more for each department though.*

**Login** asks what is specifically being done with the enrollment and FAFSA situation.

*Tim says 30% of families have not filled out the FAFSA, and are looking into if there is any rebound with regards to the FAFSA, or if that is going to be the new normal from here on for the next couple years.*

**Juno** asks what type of wiggle room is there with the TCAT in terms of the hours, as transfers usually take a lot of the day.

*Tim says this is the constraint TCAT has because of the number of buses and the number of drivers, so there isn't that much wiggle room when it comes to this. They tried to compensate by extending the hours to 2 AM. Tim says that the data from the app will definitely be useful.*

**Marshall** asks to what degree IC information regarding budgets and finances are available to the public.

*Tim says it is certainly less than what students know, but there are information sessions that are open to everyone to attend to learn more about the financial aspect of IC.*

**Rishabh** asks if there are any ideas for preventing going over the budget.

*Tim clarifies that projects have not gone over budget, but they do fluctuate as the construction happens, and may go up for unforeseen circumstances, but there are steps to mitigate this and stay within the allocated budget.*

**Amelia** asks if the college is geared to becoming cashless.

*Tim says yes, the college is trying to become cashless, and use it less all over the campus, as it has many more advantages. ATMs have also gone down from 4 to 1 because of this.*

**Caleb** asks about the existing infrastructure regarding the Textor ball, and maybe how it may have been a fountain at some point.

*Tim says Ernie mentions that it was never a fountain, and the probability of having one is also very slim.*

**~ 5 minute break ~**

## **Confirmations**

## **Miscellaneous**

## **Continuing Business**

### Miscellaneous

### Senator Reports

#### **Juno Brooks**, Class of 2027 Senator

1. Planning an event for the sophomore class, but struggling to meet with everyone in the same space, so Juno is actively reaching out and talking to people
2. Been difficult to having a difficult line to the grocery store
3. A goal is helping people transition better

#### **Amelia Grimshaw**, Class of 2028 Senator

1. Talking to constituents and answering questions, and letting them know that they can reach out to Amelia
2. QR code is also ready
3. Need help with printing, and where to put it

#### **Giulia Gennari**, School of HS&HP Senator

1. Currently working on instagram posts for more outreach
2. Talked to HSHP dean
3. Making people mr knowledgeable about the program

#### **Marshall Long**, Club Athlete Senator

1. Sean is having a meeting with all the presidents and vice presidents of club sports
2. Marshall will be able to talk to each one of them during this time
3. Drafting a bill about the use on campus facilities for club sports

## **Officer Reports**

### President of the Student Body

1. Recently and 1:1 with President Cornish
  - a. She is very excited about the vibrance of the SGC
  - b. Successful board of trustees meeting
  - c. Student advising initiative
    - i. Concern regarding quality of advising differing from school to school
    - ii. Eva is taking that on
    - iii. Working with Dr. B about student peer advisors too, also monthly meetings

### Vice President of Campus Affairs

1. New assistant Login
2. ETAC meeting this Friday

3. Reminder for Dr. B coming in next week, check teams for more info on what will be discussed

#### Vice President of Academic Affairs

#### Vice President of Business & Finance

1. Had a meeting with Tim Downs
2. Another appropriations committee meeting, only 10 budgets to discuss

#### Vice President of Communications

1. Did not have a meeting for the communications committee meeting last week due to fall break
2. VPoAA posts are up, please reach out and re-share so more people know about this opportunity and can apply

#### Vice President of Residential Affairs

#### Senate Chair

1. On November 11, student organizations will come for SGC meetings to talk, please reach out to organizations that you know and think should be more connected to SGC
2. November 4, town hall style meeting in the IC Pub. Invite as many people as you can and think would be interested

#### Chief of Staff

1. Approved minutes are available on Teams.

### **Open Agenda**

#### **Rishabh**

- Encourages everyone to reach out to people to apply for the VPoAA position, and if anyone is interested in being the E-board, they are also highly encouraged to apply.

#### **Juno**

- Juno would appreciate insight on how to create an event for a class year as it is a difficult population to target at once
- Caleb suggests talking about it with the communications committee
- Mureen also recommends talking to Dr. B
- Eva says Campus Affairs is more than happy to help

#### **Noeline** asks how the budget can be made available for a First Gen event,

- This can be done through a student organization or done as an SGC outreach event and the E-board would be responsible for approving the budget
- Baneet suggested connecting with Shadayvia

**Caleb**

- SGC communications form
- Draft will be sent tonight and it will be refined this week

**Paris** suggests asking Kari Smoker for help regarding finances.

**Login**

- Login will be sending something out on teams for more input and feedback for the crash course

**Eva**

- Campus affairs starting to draft a bill for accessibility so input and feedback will be appreciated

**Adjournment: 8:57 PM**