



Ithaca College Student Governance Council Meeting Agenda
Monday, 11/4/2024| 7:00 P.M. in Campus Center Taughannock Falls Room

Call to Order: 7:09 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, Alexis Arias, Giulia Gennari, 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: Lori Armstrong

Approval of the Minutes: Login motions to approve last meetings minutes (10/28/2024), Joslyn seconds the motion, motion passes (10-0-3).

Ithacan Reporter: Eamon Corbo

Guest Speakers

IC Alums Jason Starkman and Sam Edelstein, Founders of Poliquicks App

1. Jason and Sam talk about their app Poliquicks, which is to educate people on politics.
2. Jason and Sam talk about their majors and life after graduation
3. Poliquicks:
 - a. Team of 15 people currently
 - b. Reasons for creating the app and about the app:
 - i. Make information consumable, drawn from objective data sources
 - ii. Integrated with AI
 - iii. Free, easy to understand, and engaging application
 - iv. Broken down into 5 tabs: bill action item on home feed, elections tab: information about candidates and polling locations, representatives tab, learn tab: a version of duolingo with modules for learning, polymatch: quiz to match with candidates based on beliefs, search tab
 - v. One stop shop for politics

- vi. Will be working directly with political offices, which is the long term goal for the application
- c. Where the idea came from:
 - i. Thought of in high school
 - ii. Initially collaborated with AMD chip company, but eventually worked by themselves
- 4. Experiences at IC:
 - a. Many leadership programs in clubs that have helped shape them and what they are doing currently

Noeline asks what grade levels would be able to understand.

They say LLM was used to make it 11th grade reading

Login asks how AI was incorporated.

They have their own LLM that they didn't really have to create themselves. It doesn't generate its own information, it takes information from reliable resources and summarizes it.

Dante asks if any of the data collected is sold to third parties.

Jason says they don't sell information, and only ask for information if it is absolutely needed.

Sarah asks about the information that goes into LLM, risk for AI political mis/disinformation, and how they intend to effectively mitigate that.

Jason says bias is eliminated as LLM doesn't generate its own information, only summarizes from objective data sources.

Login asks about the fact checking progress.

Jason says each tab is driven by 1 data source, the home page is driven by congress, they also have people who do manual reviews. There is also a verification process for the Reps, so they can double check if the fact summarized is correct or not.

Noeline asks about how the elections in 2020 were like when they were undergraduates.

Sam says there was a lot of uncertainty, and anxiety just as there is this year. Jason says Jason felt safe being at IC for the environment.

Dante asks if the app has a subscription method or whether it is free.

Jason says the app is free and runs on ads currently, there is work being done to make subscriptions to make the app ad free.

Statement of Purpose

Caleb thanks everyone for being at this meeting and talks about the outreach purpose of the Town Hall meeting, as well as how this meeting serves to be a community session.

Town Hall

Quincy Fireside (President for Students for Palestine)

Petition has over 700 signatures for disclosure and divestment from the state of Israel.

Referendum for IC similar to Cornell

Rishabh says there is no formal process for referendum according to the SGC constitution. It would be a recommendation legislation. SGC can also help connect students with the right people, through events or contact information.

Quincy Fireside talks about the 990 form, and how difficult it is to access, and asks if SGC can make it accessible and digestible.

Login says there is a Dollars and Cents event to make financial stuff more digestible, which was talked about in the State of the school meeting.

Quincy Fireside asks if there is a way to make it easier to find.

Rishabh says SGC will reach out to Tim Downs as well as IT.

Ben (President of Ithacans for Israel)

Ben talks about how protests are student rights. Ben also talks about combating antisemitism at IC.

Ben asks what will be done to protect students who are Jewish and Pro-Israel?

Nikki gives everyone present that the conversations might be triggering.

Nikki clarifies that SGC members cannot make statements on behalf of constituents or on behalf of Ithaca College.

Joslyn mentions that the Swastikas on campus were reprimanded. Joslyn asks what SGC can do for Students for

Ben mentions that there are no particular demands currently, and would be the next step for their student organization. Ben also says that SGC members are encouraged to come to their events and would love to see the support.

Nikki talks about what Nikki did as a senator at the time which included more security cameras. Since then, there have been more thoughtful placement of security measures and cameras.

Noeline asks what the content of the event is.

Ben says they are trying to put a speaker series together, and Hillel side by side might be the first one, and will be about the history of Israel.

SJ asks about dairy free options on campus.

Joslyn and Noeline, both lactose-intolerant (as themselves), agree that the campus events should be more accessible in terms of food.

Eva also says she can bring this up with VP Dr. B.

Evan asks for what kinds of dairy free options they would like.

Rishabh makes everyone present aware of the Minus 3 rooms in both dining halls, and talks about the process of sign up sheets.

Celia asks about why the new Title IX part about pregnancy isn't talked about more.

Rishabh says that RAs are given training about Title IX. All teachers also have to include it in the syllabus which is, but if this is something that needs to be highlighted more SGC can be brought up to the Provost

Ben asks about the Bombers mascot.

Nikki says that this has been brought up multiple times in the past, and higher administration is aware of it, however fixing it is complicated. However, this is something SGC will push.

Molly asks about accessibility to the towers and terraces.

Eva talks about the accessibility bill that the Campus Affairs Committee is making, and this will be included in that bill.

Ty mentions that the new terraces elevator is to address the terraces accessibility issues.

1. Eva talks about CAC and what the committee is working on.
 2. Joslyn talks about SJSC, and encourages everyone to reach out about anything related to SJSC.
 3. Marshall talks about a space for transgender athletes to play, and how they are working on a recommendation to strengthen policies.
 4. Noeline talks about 1st Gen Week, and what it is to be a 1st Gen student, and encourages everyone to look at the BIPOC unity center Instagram and attend events that are open to anyone.
 5. Login talks about IC Crash course which will be a one stop shop for any prospective student (transfer and new), and would love to receive any input from anyone.
 6. Caleb talks about open senate meetings for everyone, open SGC positions, and the bus SGC is sponsoring for Cortaca. Caleb also mentions that all committee meetings are open to the public too.
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Someone asks Marshall about the amendment and whether there is anything about intramural sports.

Marshall says his role is more catered to club sports, and they are not under national policies. For intramural sports, Marshall mentions that a lot of intramural sports are already co-ed and if there are any restrictions for a transgender person, this is something that should be reported.

Anabel says that Anabel just had a meeting with Susan Bassett, and are working towards making intramural sports participation increase, and that she would be open to more inclusivity for transgender people.

Jonah talks about the Title IX process and how there have been complaints about it.

Nikki says that SGC has not currently had much discussion about it, but is glad Jonah brought it up. Nikki also says she would be more than happy to invite a member of the Title IX office to voice concerns and would like to get in touch with Jonah to get the specific concerns.

Jonah asks about the disconnect between the student body and SGC, and what Jonah can do to help SGC.

Kathi says that one of the best ways to help SGC is to bring up any range of complaints and concerns to bring up to higher levels of administration. This can be done through emails, open senate meetings, and Caleb also mentions the quarter cards (that can be given to residents) and agendas.

Noeline also says that showing up to events and utilizing the spaces can really help. If more people show up, this will be recognized and more resources will be dedicated to uplift offices and communities.

Nikki also mentions that SGC is responsible for approving budgets for clubs. Caleb also mentions that they are more than welcome to tag SGC to re-share the event.

Adjournment: 8:53 PM

Respect is a core value of SGC. We expect all SGC members and guests to treat each other with respect throughout the entirety of the meeting.