



Ithaca College Student Governance Council Meeting Agenda
Monday, 2/3/2025| 7:00 P.M. in Campus Center Taughannock Falls Room

Call to Order: 7:00 PM

Roll Call: Rishabh Sen, Eva Horst, Kathi Hodel, Caleb Cackowski, Ty Anderson, Nicole Sutera, Dante Conde, Amelia Grimshaw, Manan Maini, Lori Armstrong, Evan Wasserman, Login Abudalla, Baneet Pukhrambam, Noeline Luyindula, Marshall Long, Paris Agiomavritis, Abe Marron, Claude Hayes, Mureen Doherty, Dan Rogers

Absent: Tisa Manandhar, Juno Brooks, Alexis Arias, Giulia Gennari, Anabel Pimenta Velloso, Joslyn Forcione.

Approval of the Minutes: Motion passes (9-0-1)

Ithacan Reporter: Aela Shaw

Appropriations Financial Report

- Allocated a total of \$ 36,039

New Business

Community Session

Guest Speaker

- **Dr. Stanley Bazile**, Vice President of Student Affairs and Campus Life
 - **Laura Davis**, Director and Interim Assistant Dean of Students, Residential Life and Judicial Affairs
1. 3700 students living on campus, and only 8% of those are part of RLCs
 2. Benefits of living in Themed Housing Communities:
 - a. GPAs higher
 - b. Timely graduation
 - c. More engaged
 - d. More contribution to student experience and leadership
 - e. Giving back to campus communities
 - f. Part of student clubs

3. Goal
 - a. Adding another layer for more engagement in residential communities in terms of interests, culture and background
 - b. Creating more of a sense of belonging
4. 15 themes in total, providing more flexibility for housing assignments to create opportunities throughout the campus
5. History
 - a. 2013 and 2015: programming by floor and building in resident halls
 - b. No increased engagement, same results in 2014
 - c. 2017-2022: assessment on RLCs as mentioned before
6. RLCs will still exist for incoming and returning students, with the addition of Themed living
 - a. 54% students indicated that themed living would improve student experience
 - b. 37% students indicated lack of sense of belonging
 - c. ICare: 18% struggle to find connections
7. Reducing barriers that existed for RLCs and making themed living more accessible, and allowing for different kinds of engagement

Q&A Session

Manan asks can upper years participate in phase one of themed housing?

Laura says at this point they are looking for feedback, if they get higher demand from upper classes, the next target for themed housing will be sophomores and then moving up.

Amelia asks how soon will returning students be able to participate in themed housing?

Abe asks what will applications look like for RLCs after themed housing, and what would the applications look like for returning students?

Noeline asks if they considered the “housing bubbles” that occur?

Themes will be in multiple locations on campus.

Marshall asks how executive orders rolling back DEI initiatives impact certain themes? (i.e. Lavender Living)

Legal counsel will be talking with SACL about how executive orders impact higher education.

Login asks if they have a plan to integrate transfer students into themed housing?

Ideally everyone will have a chance to participate in themed housing, the reason first years are targeted is because we have to start somewhere. Intentionally continuing the transfer RLC because many transfers come from multiple different experiences.

Caleb asks whether athletic teams still be grouped together in theme housing?

That doesn't intentionally happen, roommate selection/block housing is still a priority.

Evan asks who will work programming?

RAs and Community Support

Nikki asks if there will be more RAs hired to take on additional work?

Programming is always a requirement of RAs, themed housing offers a more laser focused way of creating the programming.

Haley asks if they are considering partnering the social justice themed housing with BIPOC Center and SOCC?

They are meeting with Cliff-Simon.

Rishabh asks if RLC's will eventually phase out or merge? (i.e. Lavender Living and Open Pages)

Some RLC's are in high demand, it would be irresponsible to get rid of some resources already offered.

Login asks if RAs have theme specific training?

RAs will get to choose themes they are interested in and will receive specific training.

Abe asks if each theme will have a specific faculty advisor?

Having a staff advisor in the past did not help create meaningful connections and focused more on community involvement for the themes.

Nikki asks is funding going to be different for programming in themed housing?

They are working on a budget cycle currently, waiting on getting a definite number from what themed housing will demand to function.

Rishabh suggests Reslife helps sponsor community boards or pins for themed housing.

Noeline asks whether there will be a difference between Jumpstart and some of the themes as they seem to be similar.

They are trying to create synergy between jumpstart and themed housing.

Confirmations

Miscellaneous

Continuing Business

Miscellaneous

Senator Reports

Officer Reports

President of the Student Body

Vice President of Campus Affairs

Vice President of Academic Affairs

Vice President of Business & Finance

Vice President of Communications

Vice President of Residential Affairs

Senate Chair

Chief of Staff

Open Agenda

Adjournment: 9:00 PM