



Ithaca College Student Governance Council Meeting Agenda
Monday, 3/17/2025| 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, Ty Anderson, Nicole Sutera, Tisa Manandhar, Juno Brooks, Amelia Grimshaw, Giulia Gennari, Evan Wasserman, Login Abudalla, Noeline Luyindula, Abe Marron, Claude Hayes, Mureen Doherty, Dan Rogers

Absent: Manan Maini, Lori Armstrong, Marshall Long,

Ithacan Reporter: Eamon Corbo

Approval of the Minutes: Juno motions to approve the minutes from last meeting (03/03/2025), Login seconds the motion, motion passes (8-0-1).

Appropriations Financial Report

- Allocated total of \$23,787

New Business

Community Session

Guest Speaker

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

1. State of the College
 - a. Finalize Multi-Year Plan in the Next Month
 - i. Bounce back by 2028
 - ii. March: stitching together hundreds of opportunities into a multi-year plan to balance budget by FY28, include divisional level targets
 - iii. April: review commitment of the board
 - iv. May: submit multi-year plan to the BOT and obtain approval of FY25 budget
 - v. Summer 2025: implement FY26 initiative and flush out department specific details to be implemented for the following years
 - b. DOE Office of Civil Rights Investigations

- i. 2 scholarships that were deemed to be given based on race

Noeline asks how the attack on DEI will affect the financial budget.

Downs says, yes, there will be changes made to the budget, but the question is how big of a change it will be.

- c. New Outdoor track
 - i. Outdoor track project sideways, bus turn around and so on
 - ii. Approvals are done, waiting for construction permit
 - iii. May have to reroute parking
 - iv. Anticipated cost is \$4 million
- d. Quad renovations
 - i. Eastman and Landon Halls as they are the ones that need it most
 - ii. New windows, heating systems, single use bathrooms on the 1st floor, refresh the exterior and interiors (lighting, carpeting, painting etc)
 - iii. Approximately \$9 million
- e. Still Working on Campus Center Plans
 - i. Working on getting feedback

Ty asks about South Hill Bakery and how long the renovation will take.

Downs says that the gate broke down and it is very expensive to replace it, so decisions are still being made about how to fix it cost efficiently, unlikely to be there long term with the CC renovations so Downs doesn't want to spend too much money on it just to tear it down. He also says feedback will help decide what happens ultimately.

Rishabh asks about the changes proposed by the Huron working group and whether students and faculty will have input on it.

Downs says that he plans to publish it all (what was accepted/rejected) but there isn't a way to do it in advance yet.

Noeline mentions that there are no working water fountains in CNS.

Downs recommends filling out a Maintenance request online.

Evan asks about the concern regarding high tuition rates and people not applying because of it.

Downs says that IC tries to not lean on competitors as much, but makes sure that the education is worth the expenses. Previously reduced housing and meal plans while increasing tuition.

Login asks about the TFare app and some concerns regarding being logged out.

Downs says that this is an issue that he himself has faced in the past couple weeks. He recommends reaching out to the ID office about these concerns.

Rishabh asks about how tariffs might affect how much students will be paying.

Downs says that it usually doesn't affect the amount students pay for college, but they constantly try to find ways to bring costs down and rethink their strategy.

Ty asks about federally funded scholarships like HEOP and how it will be affected.

Downs says that typically someone who is already part of HEOP can continue, and those who are new, cannot use it to fund their college experiences.

Nikki asks how the rise in cost will affect the 2028 goals.

Downs says that models account for where the changes in prices will be to give a more accurate projection to factor in the increases and reassess their approach.

Login asks if there is a plan and communication strategies to help students with FAFSA applications.

Downs says that this is something IC has already dealt with before, the only difference is that with the lack of federal funding, applications might be affected on the government end. As for the communication, Downs says that communication with the families will happen at the time (when applications start moving), depending on what is different or what the issue might be.

Evan asks how dependent IC is on the government for the budget.

Downs says that IC is heavily dependent on the government, about \$45 million.

Caleb asks whether there are plans to reach out to the student organizations to share the changes about CC.

Downs says yes, this is something that will be done as feedback is crucial to shape the changes.

Evan asks how much the operational budget of IC is.

Downs says that everything is available online.

Login asks how they are planning around how the projects will be funded if enrollment is down and we want to increase revenue.

Downs says that these projects are funded by Capital dollars that don't compete with the operational budget. The key idea is to be able to balance out how much of each is being used and make the best use of the finances available.

Confirmations

Miscellaneous

Continuing Business

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Senator Reports

Amelia Grimshaw, Class of 2028 Senator

- Communicating what SGC is and what we do to the student body (word of mouth etc)
- CAC is going smoothly, Communications is good too with editing reels

Giulia Gennari, School of HS&HP Senator

- Working on general information about HSHP majors are and their lengths
- Working directly with the dean and 2 other people in administrative roles
- Increasing social media presence to get more information out consistently
- On Communications, EPC
- Thinking of more motion sensor lights across schools

Manan Maini, Class of 2028 Senator

Officer Reports

President of the Student Body

- Asking for volunteers, reminders about tabling events
- Draft letter to the President or the General Counsel to address the uncertainty regarding the investigations, will be asking for feedback from SGC on Teams as well

Vice President of Campus Affairs

- Email received from Melanie, solicitation hours are officially from 9 AM to 8 PM

Vice President of Academic Affairs

Vice President of Business & Finance

- Out of money after the next Appropriations meeting for the Spring
- Fall funding will be a little more rigid so be mindful of that
- Any follow up questions for Tim Downs

Vice President of Communications

- Refresh the Trifold
- Communications meeting open to everyone!

Vice President of Residential Affairs

- Not much on event management from RHA
- Thinking of dedicating RHA budget to utilities that residential buildings could benefit from

Senate Chair

- Thank you for Senator 1:1s!
- Dates to keep in mind
 - Dave Gondek
 - Week after: President Cornish
- April 14th: Town Hall
 - Will be run differently, location will be differently and the format might be different as well, more informal

Chief of Staff

- Changes/questions/concerns regarding minutes can and should be shared with Tisa!

Open Agenda

Login suggests a layout for the town hall that would be more open.

Nikki says there were some talks about smaller break out groups.

Rishabh asks about the tabling events.

Adjournment: 8:38 PM