



Ithaca College Student Governance Council Meeting Agenda
Monday, 4/7/2025| 7:00 P.M. in Campus Center Taughannock Falls Room

Call to Order: 7:04 PM

Roll Call: Rishabh Sen, Eva Horst, Kathi Hodel, Caleb Cackowski, Ty Anderson, Tisa Manandhar, Amelia Grimshaw, Manan Maini, Alexis Arias, Evan Wasserman, Login Abudalla, Marshall Long, Abe Marron, Claude Hayes, Mureen Doherty, Dan Rogers

Absent: Nicole Sutura, Juno Brooks, Giulia Gennari, Lori Armstrong, Noeline Luyindula.

Ithacan Reporter: Eamon Corbo

Approval of the Minutes: Will be done next week

Appropriations Financial Report

- No appropriations meeting!

New Business

Community Session

Guest Speaker

Scott Doyle, Director, Energy Management and Sustainability

1. IC a Sustainable Future: Blue+Gold=Green
2. Campus Sustainability Planning Actions:
 - a. History
 - i. Climate action plan: Approved by board of Trustees (2009)
 - ii. 2024-2025 sustainability plans
 - b. Reduced Emissions
 - i. Scope 1: Stationary sources; natural gas, refrigerant, fertilizer, gasoline and diesel
 - More geothermal needed on campus like PRW
 - ii. Scope 2: Renewable Electric Supply, over 5 years
 - iii. Scope 3: Other emissions: faculty and staff commuting, business, academic and athletic travel, landfill waste, paper usage

- iv. IC EV Charger Update: in the process of putting 26 level 2 chargers that are mid level, including 2 fast chargers
3. IC Sustainability Week 4/16-4/29
- a. Main:
 - i. Pop-up Pop
 - ii. Sustainability Fair
 - iii. Urban Green Spaces Panel
 - iv. Demo Day
 - v. Student Colloquium
 - vi. Keynote: Terry Carroll

Marshall asks about IT collaboration to reduce negative impact of AI usage:

Scott says this is something he is interested in and something that IC should be conscious of. There are water and electric use impacts because of AI usage, and there are real impacts that cannot always be seen, but the best thing to do moving forward is making sure you know the cost at which this comes with.

Abe asks about potentially having a Friday Night food pack at terraces.

Scott talks about the process of how excess food is donated. This initiative has been piloted this semester with the help of student athletes as well, The dining staff and students are pleased with the outcome. It is a lighter model compared to the one in CC.

Evan talks about the dead battery terminals in CC and the library and what happens to them.

Scott says it used to be great when the county used to divert and recycle them. The idea is to either restructure it or remove it, but it is no longer useful.

Marshall asks if there are medical sharps disposal in IC.

Scott isn't entirely sure about this, but will make a note of it and get in touch with the Health Center as well.

Ty asks if there are any sustainable energy initiatives for residential halls.

Scott says they are always looking for ways to make the campus more sustainable and efficient. One example is the revamping of the Quads for lights as well as their heating systems. He wants to implement some kind of challenge, maybe even like Cortaca, to see who uses lesser energy, but the issue with that is collection of data. Scott is also looking forward to the Sustainability themed living group.

Login asks if the food packaging could be done for other cafes and not just the dining hall too.

Scott says that he has learnt a lot from student workers who work at these cafes. The food pantry should also be marketed more. Another exciting option came with the green containers issue with them not being returned. But they would do well in cafes. Other than that increase in partnership and collaboration would also be helpful, but considerations are needed for different types of food.

Abe asks about the garden farm pond compost.

Scott said in the past, there have been some issues with these composts on campus. A lot of the composting happens in ways no one usually is able to see it, but Scott hopes to make these initiatives more visible.

Eva asks about the push for non-renewable energy affects sustainability on campus.

Scott says there seems to be some interest in geothermal energy, and there might be more to explore here for the future.

Amelia asks if the college uses windmills or wind energy.

Scott says this was something that was in the works when he came to IC, but it had a lot of criticisms and people advocating against it, because it wouldn't produce as much energy for the investment it needed.

Evan asks what the school is doing to reduce water usage as it is the second most used energy.

Scott says that part of this is understanding the system of Ithaca. There is no concrete plan yet, but Scott says there should be. Despite that, they have worked to reduce water usage with smaller initiatives.

Abe asks about the initiative about recycling.

Scott says a lot of the issue is the lack of education and knowledge about waste segregation. The plan is to have more cues for people to follow to have proper discard of waste. He also intends to have some sort of campaigning around this.

Abe also asks about having more waste/recycling bins around campus.

Scott says this is a controversial topic, as there is some research showing having more bins outside buildings can promote more littering. That's why more waste options are available within buildings.

Scott also brings up TIOLI and the huge impact that it has had.

Caleb asks about the changes in location for TIOLI and how to know where it is.

Scott says they changed this location because it was tucked away in the basement of Clark, and there were safety concerns too. Now, it is in the basement of Bogart since it is right next to the

parking lot. No card access is needed for when TIOLI is open. Categorization of materials is also better, and different kinds of things are located in different parts of campus. TIOLI is open 10-2 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Abe asks about marketing and promotion for sustainability.

Scott says they are collaborating with the marketing team from Park, as well as a sustainability hike/walk/tour/trail. The team at Park is also doing an incredible job.

Confirmations

Miscellaneous

Continuing Business

Senator Reports

Haley Beckford, SOCC Senator

- Meeting with Cliff-Simon and SOCC related clubs
 - Trying to find new ways to bring more student engagement, and also reducing the gap and divide based on race
- SOCC is thinking of events for next semester and planning according to feedback as well
- Trying to find ways to connect better with constituents
- Pointing and encouraging people to use more resources as the BIPOC unity center

Abe Marron, Senator at Large

- Focusing more on environmental things like NatureRX, other clubs, as well as Scott Doyle
- Wants to create a better form of communication between these clubs that have similar ideologies and bring them together to create a stronger foundation
 - Maybe even monthly meetings so interested student can reach out and meet everyone at the same time
- More outdoor recreational activities and accessibility
- CAC: accessibility bill

Miscellaneous

- Open House Prep!

Officer Reports

President of the Student Body

- Update for volunteers for Experience Ithaca
- Search for Student Liaison to the Alumni Board
- Vice President of Campus Affairs

Vice President of Academic Affairs

Vice President of Business & Finance

- Tim Downs
- Appropriations
- Tabling

Vice President of Communications

Vice President of Residential Affairs

Senate Chair

Chief of Staff

- Looking for someone to take over Chief of Staff for next year

Open Agenda

~Executive Motion Begins: 8:23 PM~

Open house planning

~Executive Motion Ends: 8:57 PM~

Adjournment: 8:57 PM