



Ithaca College Student Governance Council Meeting Agenda
Monday, 3/24/2025| 7:00 P.M. in Campus Center Taughannock Falls Room

Call to Order: 7:01 PM

Roll Call: Rishabh Sen, Eva Horst, Kathi Hodel, Caleb Cackowski, Ty Anderson, Nicole Sutura, Tisa Manandhar, Juno Brooks, Amelia Grimshaw, Lori Armstrong, Marshall Long, Giulia Gennari, Evan Wasserman, Login Abudalla, Claude Hayes, Mureen Doherty, Dan Rogers

Absent: Manan Maini, Noeline Luyindula, Abe Marron

Ithacan Reporter: Aela Shaw

Approval of the Minutes: A lot of minutes to approve in the next meeting!

Appropriations Financial Report:

- Allocated a total of \$12,426, money is coming back but running out

New Business

Community Session

Guest Speaker

- Rishabh Sen: Introducing Professor Paula Murray Cole

Prof. Paula Murray Cole, Faculty Council Member

1. David Gondek unable to make it to the meeting since he is out of town, Paula has been serving on this committee for a long time
2. Questions on the student statement:
 - a. Methods of instruction in course contributed to learning, likert scale with the option to expand using a text entry box
 - b. Overall contributed to academic, professional, personal growth
 - c. Fostered an equitable scale, diverse backgrounds valued
 - d. Comment on aspects that should continue
 - e. Comment on aspects that should be changed

~ Feedback and Q&A~

Marshall mentions that the likert scale and option to add text is helpful, but the text should be optional.

Evan says he would like to see a required question on instructor performance.

Rishabh mentions that the wording of one of the questions (“methods of instruction) could be changed as it can be interpreted in different ways.

Haley appreciates the third questions about inclusivity and fostering equitable spaces, and also addresses the international student population in the classrooms.

Rishabh asks about how student statements affect tenure of the faculty members. How does it get brought up?

Paula says that it makes a big impact on tenure, but there are more steps and positions after the tenure too, like associate professor and so on. Student statements can affect these milestones in a faculty members’ career. Reflections and reviews are shared with the professors at every stage.

Paula mentions about the formative and summative feedback that professors are given, and how student statements are designed to help professors improve. Paula mentions that this is why the course evaluations and student statements are created to put the attention on the course, and not make the instructor the focus of the survey.

Marshall talks about the lower student submissions, and encourages professors to dedicate 5 minutes at the end of the semester.

Paula says even then, submissions are still low. Less than 50% would result in non-response bias and actions will not be taken to the review board.

Kathi asks if professors could give a speech to encourage submitting surveys.

Paula says this is something new that has been implemented.

Nikki suggests changing the first question to “instruction of this course...”

Login mentions mid term surveys that some professors implement. It also helped increase the number of submissions at the end as it shows how much the professors care about teaching and making sure students are taking the information in. Also incentivised with bonus points, helps cultivate the environment for the value of student feedback.

Giulia suggests bringing more attention to how it helps shape instructors into better instructors.

Login suggests changing the timing and the deadline for the submission of the surveys as they are usually during finals and busy times. Maybe even changing when the final grades are posted.

Evan brings up a concern about the second question asking too many questions in the same question.

Paula takes the suggestion and says that these questions will be separated out into multiple questions.

Haley asks what the impact of the feedback is on course offerings.

Paula says Paula will look into it.

Tisa suggests the use of QR code as it might increase submission as students won't have to scroll through their emails.

Paula takes this suggestion.

Caleb mentions how some of the classes and professors introduce the changes made according to the last semester's course evaluations to show the ongoing changes that are centered around student feedback. It could be something that is encouraging for the students to see how feedback was incorporated.

Login suggests campaigning about the value of student feedback and the changes that have and can be made.

Evan mentions for the first question it could be instruction and content.

Rishabh suggests including a rubric to get them to think and evaluate better and also decrease bias towards professors.

Caleb suggested partnering with SGC for any campaign, or with Peer leaders too.

Login mentions the first question could be made editable according to the departments so it fits the type of course it is.

Confirmations

Miscellaneous

Continuing Business

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Senator Reports

- Login Abudalla, Transfer Senator
 - Committees:
 - Appropriations: moving on to fall budgets
 - Crash Course:
 - Incorporating it into apps
 - Incorporating SGC into the orientations
- Evan Wasserman, School of MTD Senator
 - Difficulty scheduling 12 people
 - New Dean, Steve,
 - Listening session for Deans
 - Meeting independently of deans now
 - Figuring out animosity between the different majors, lack of sense of belonging because of the disconnect
 - Looking into existing literature as well

Officer Reports

President of the Student Body

- Giving Day volunteers
- Updates from Experience Ithaca!
 - Big thank you to those who tabled
- SGC Open House

Vice President of Campus Affairs

- CAC working on accessibility bill
 - Updates to signs, creating program for orientation week, making students aware of different routes
 - Working with Disabled Student Alliance, OPS

Vice President of Academic Affairs

Vice President of Business & Finance

- No meeting for Appropriations
- Tim Downs said thank you for the questions!

Vice President of Communications

- Updates made to the trifold
- Changed from Town Hall to Open house
- Locations for posters will be shared soon

Vice President of Residential Affairs

- Meeting with Eileen this week

Senate Chair

- Help with the Land Acknowledgement Bill!

Chief of Staff

Open Agenda

- Nikki wants to create a piece of legislation to add land acknowledgement before every senate meeting
- Rishabh is running SGC search for ex-officio positions
- Caleb asks for 3 people to add on to SGC talking points, mainly for tabling, elevator pitch
- Kathi wants feedback on the appropriations website to make updates and changes
- Ty wants to crowdsource and get feedback on utilities that residence halls could benefit from
- Marshall talks about the SJSC bill about trans inclusion, there is lack of response so far, amendments that could be made
- Login talked with the NSTP to include SGC in the orientation
 - One idea was for SGC to MC the event, and give a shout out to the open positions
 - Including SGC in move-in committee
- Rishabh talks about the restructuring of APC, APC full will not be meeting if the proposal passes, designees will be chosen by SGC (3 SGC members), especially academic senators
- Kathi asks if anyone who is not returning would want to be in the Elections Committee

Adjournment: 8:53 PM