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Ithaca College Student Governance Council Meeting Agenda  
Monday, 9/8/2025 | 7:00 P.M. in Campus Center Taughannock Falls Room

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**Call to Order-: 7:00pm**

**Roll Call-: Rishabh Sen, Eva Horst, Asata Rothblatt, Juno Brooks, Caleb Cackowski, Ty Anderson, Nicole Sutera, Haley Beckford, Manan Maini, Jagrit Dhingra, Amelia Grimshaw, Luis Antonio Toriche, Emmi Chen, Abe Marron**

**Absent-: Angel Pandey, Pranat Shah, Login Abudallah, Marshall Long**

**Ithacan Reporter-: Eamon Corbo**

**Approval of the Minutes-: No minutes for this week for (September 8)**

**Appropriations Financial Report (Juno)-: Gave an overview of what the Appropriations Committee does, extended an invitation to new senators to join the committee**

**New Business**

- **Community Session**
- **Guest Speaker**
  - **Luca Maurer**, Executive Director for Student Equity, Inclusion and Belonging, Student Equity and Belonging
    - Luca serves as Executive Director for Student Equity, Inclusion and Belonging at Ithaca College. He has written a variety of books, journal articles, chapters, and curricula, and has taught at the undergraduate and graduate levels. His research interests include diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging, LGBTQ themes,

intersectionality, global health, disability, and interactive learning tools for teaching often erased community histories.

- Overview
- Gave a brief introduction of the staff at the Centre for equity, inclusion and belonging
- Explained a few initiatives organized by the program around topics and themes of common interest to foster equity and belonging open to everyone on campus (E.g., Queer groups, disability affiliated groups, Diversity Scholars, Equity and belonging courses offered to all new and transfer students)
- Events held-:
  - Create a Flower Wall in the beginning of May last spring
  - Event around a book published about the Gayogoho:no Nation
  - Sand Mandala event by the Buddhist Monastery
  - Ending note-: Invited all students to visit the new lounge in Job Hall 221. A space that offers coffee and snacks, printing machines, books, etc. Is meant to free space to all students to work, socialize or relax

#### Q&A Segment

**Question-:** *Due to changes in the political landscape, what resources can students use in the event of being targeted by hurtful words and actions?*

- Answer-: Ithaca Non-Discrimination Policy. The foundational policy states that Ithaca College does not discriminate based on
- Speak directly to professors, the dean's office, or Provost in the event the situation takes place in the classroom
- Outside the office, bring all your concerns to the student conduct office and fill out a College Discrimination Report Form. After the form is submitted students will receive the support needed.
- Explained to senators that local laws, state law, federal law, and institutional policies are always upheld, hence making discrimination on any basis prohibited. As stated by President Cornish, all students must be treated with dignity and respect
- Visit any staff at the Centre for Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Centre to vent or to discuss the next steps to address the situation

**Question-** *How are Discrimination Report Forms processed?*

- Once submitted the form will go to Linda, Omar, Legal Affairs office or outside authorities, depending on the circumstance of the report
- Students can also file a confidential report via phone call or website called Ethics Point that goes directly to the college Attorney's office

**Question-:** *What kind of programming events are planned for this academic school year?*

- Inter-Faith Dinner last week hosted by Lauren Kelly (Director of Muller Chapel)
- LGBTQ Centre will be hosting 1 event week (Creative, educational, etc.)
- Protect your Crown Retreat-: Unity Centre
- Building Better Brotherhood Retreat-: Unity Centre
- Boots on the Ground-; Unity Centre
- 1st Gen Week in November-: Unity Centre

· **Confirmations**

-Appropriations Committee-: **Asata Rothblatt**

- Vice president for Student Affairs
- Served on the Appropriations Committee for 2.5 years
- Has gained experience from being the assistant to the Vice President of Finance and Business and fulfilling secretarial duties for the committee
- Finds being a part of the committee satisfactory, free Wednesday nights, believes she would bring valuable information to the committee

Q&A Segment

**Question-:** *What are some ways you think you have grown from being a part of the committee*

- Asata was afraid of asking questions or making mistakes about the constitution however, by being the assistant to the president and shadowing the secretary, she became more confident and learned how to identify issues with reports and started to ask informative questions about the procedures of the committee

**Question-:** *How do you decide how to allocate funds to clubs?*

- Asata would assess the situation or table the request. The club would be asked to amend their request; if not edited, the request will be denied. Depending on the situation, prior requests must be filed to have the request approved.

**Vote Happened**

· **Miscellaneous**

## Continuing Business

- Miscellaneous
- Senator Reports
  - **None tonight!**

## Officer Reports

- President of the Student Body
  - Welcome back!
  - Committee/service opportunities
  - Meetings with President Cornish
- Vice President of Campus Affairs
  - Social Justice and Sustainability Committee Chair Search
  - Sent a form in the team chat for anyone interested in joining the committee
  - Shared information about Platform Workshops on Thursday from 4-5 in the Ithaca Falls Room
- Vice President of Academic Affairs
  - Meeting with the Provost on Friday 9/12, any questions?
  - Looking for an assistant
- Vice President of Business & Finance
  - Appropriations committee open call
  - Looking for an assistant
  - Invites interested senators to fill out a Google form expressing interest
- Vice President of Communications
  - Communications Committee open call / Advertisement
  - Looking for an Assistant to become the Interim President of Communications in Spring Semester
  - Keep PR efforts on your radar- will need help with posters and announcements for voting
  - Please brainstorm outreach goals that Comms will help prepare
- Vice President of Residential Affairs
  - Shared information about his upcoming bill with Emerson RD to renovate the outdoor volleyball court

- Asked for questions to be brought to the attention of Eileen Roth
  
- Senate Chair
  - Elections events-: Platform Presentations from 4-6 in Klingenstein Lounge on September 15
  - Senate Retreat!
  
- Chief of Staff
  - Welcoming new members to the senate and looking forward to working with everyone this academic year

## Open Agenda

**Asata-: Made an announcement to ask senators to express questions they have for the Provost that are academically related**

- **Question-:** *The shutting down of Dust*
- **Question-:** *Have syllabi been given by professors before classes begin*
- **Question-:** *Title XI sexual harassment procedure*
- **Question-:** *Extending the Add/Drop period specifically for students wanting to take interdisciplinary courses, getting taken off waitlists after the add/drop period*
- **Question-:** *An update about the academic platform Pathify*

**Rishabh-: Will be meeting with President Cornish and asking for questions about lived experiences**

- **Question-:** *Requesting more information about the college and President Cornish's inadequate use of the natural lands*
- **Question-:** *Addressing questions related to summer housing in relation to issues about environmental conditions such as lack of air conditioning and cost reductions*
- **Question-:** *Shifts in federal and political landscapes and its impact on student life on campus*
- **Question-:** *Improvements regarding the process of filing title XI cases to ensure all cases are handled with care and by individuals with proper qualifications*
- **Question-:** *The protocol and lack of steps taken in support of by the school advocate for trans students in athletics. Addressing the need for proper support mechanisms in place for students affected*
- **Question-:** *Integrate OPS better with students on campus to increase familiarity*
- **Question-:** *Update on how President Cornish has found ways to address students concerns of not being seen/more present on campus*

**Adjournment:- 8:36pm**