



Ithaca College Student Governance Council Meeting Agenda
Monday, 9/15/2025 | 7:00 P.M. in Campus Center Taughannock Falls Room

Call to Order-: 7:00pm

Land Acknowledgement

Roll Call-: Eva Horst, Asata Rothblatt, Juno Brooks, Caleb Cackowski, Nicole Sutera, Haley Beckford, Pranat Shah, Amelia Grimshaw, Luis Antonio Toriche, Emmi Chen, Abe Marron

Absent-: Rishabh Sen, Ty Anderson, Login Abudallah, Ty Sayahi,

Ithacan Reporter-: Naomi Martin

Approval of the Minutes-: No vote took place due to no quorum

Appropriations Financial Report-: No financial reports

New Business

· **Community Session**

- Members of the community introduced themselves but did not have an update to share with the senate

· **Guest Speaker**

- **Reginald Briggs**, Senior Director of Dining Services

- **Residential Dining**
 - Campus Center Dining Hall
 - Operations schedule remains the same to Spring 2025
 - Terrace Dining
 - Will no longer be serving breakfast
 - Extended dinner closing hours to 10:00pm. This allows students to have a more balanced meal with access to the salad bar. Also allows students to off-load the demand at Towers after hours
 - Ace Sushi
 - Offered the circles marketplace as the new hub outside of the Pub
 - Now operates out of the Pub, the Scribe Library Cafe
 - The Dailies Cafe
 - No longer offer meal exchanges
 - Discontinued offering traditional sandwiches and paninis
 - Now offers coffee in partnership with Gimme Coffee and pastries
 - Paninis will be offered at the Towers Concourse from 6:00pm - midnight on the Sunday after Fall Break
 - Eleven Wall Cafe
 - The sub shop will be moved to the Tower Concourse for the after hours menu (6:00pm – Midnight)
 - Acai bowls are now offered here as opposed to Scribe Library Cafe
 - Food Court
 - Still offers Ace Sushi
 - Now offer smash burger rather than regular burgers in order to provide students with fresh burgers as opposed to frozen patties
 - Now offers burritos and burrito bowls
 - Ithaca Bakery
 - Operations schedule and menus remain the same as Spring Semester 2025
 - Working towards maintaining a similar menu to the other Ithaca Bakery locations off-campus
 - Scribe Cafe
 - Moving towards a more robust coffee menu
 - Now offers pastries from South Hill bakery

- Still offer meal swipes, however, has changed its offering from Acai bowls to sandwiches
- South Hill Cafe
 - Now accepts meal swipes and offers deli style sandwiches for lunch
- Towers Eatery
 - Tower Concourse (the lower level of towers) is experiencing delays in re-opening the afterhours meal exchanges (6:00pm – midnight) due to plumbing equipment
 - Will begin to offer other services such as ice cream, paninis and sandwiches and other dishes as both meal swipes and retails options

Q&A Segment

Pranat: *Can IC food court begin to accept meal swipes in addition to bomber bucks and credit cards?*

- The volume and scales of people using exchanges in the food court and bakery are predominantly people without a meal plan and staff. To maintain a balanced use of campus facilities, placing exchanges in high-traffic areas like the food court and bakery is impractical, as it would likely deter people from using the dining hall. The intended purpose of the current exchange program is to alleviate congestion in the campus center, ensuring that individuals can effectively navigate the spaces available without compounding overcrowding.

Asata-: *Will Ace Sushi offer their products for sale from the Circle Clubhouse?*

- I know there were issues with a display cooler, and I cannot specify when a storefront will be available. The intention seems to be that this space will allow access to vending machines along with the storefront to provide drinks and other items. Additionally, there are plans to accommodate Ace Sushi in the future as they develop the area further.

Amelia-: *Can improvement be made to the regular maintenance of vending machine in Residence Halls?*

- Scan the QR code right on the machine and use the phone number on the machine to report issues with the vending machines.

9Abdul-: *What steps can be taken to mitigate contamination issues at self-serving stations and meal preparations on grill stations, more specifically omelets*

- Reginald Briggs highlighted that pork and alcohol are labeled on their menu for awareness, and staff should handle these items with the same caution as allergens. He

addressed the need for collaborative decision-making regarding food handling and offered an apology, stating that solutions are possible with the team's cooperation.

Emma-: *Questions the reasons for the increase in price for IC Dining catering and the formatting of the Catering form*

- There has been an ongoing discussion for two years regarding budget constraints and food pricing at the college, as prices have not been updated since 2019. The significant rise in food costs has prompted the need for financial responsibility, including reassessing expenses related to events and meals served during meetings. Past events often led to excessive food waste due to misestimations of attendance and food preferences; however, efforts are being made to improve event planning and food forecasting to reduce waste and better align costs with expectations.

Abe-: *Is it possible to expand the lunch options following the discontinuation of sandwiches and paninis for lunch at the Eleven Wall Cafe and Dailies Cafe?*

- Reginald Briggs clarified that food providers such as Tower's Eatery that are currently accepting meal swipes for lunch are doing their best to provide as much variety as possible to the menus, given the space available in the kitchens.

Naomi-: *What percentage of students are on a meal plan?*

- 2,300 people in on-campus housing have meal plans, and approximately 1400—2200 students who live in Circles, Gardens or off-campus voluntarily have meal plans, giving a rough percentage of 75% of students at Ithaca College have a meal plan.

Caleb-: *Is it possible to have the pictures on Grubhub menus updated*

- Since returning, Reginald Briggs has also noticed discrepancies between images and actual items on Grubhub, particularly regarding the Scribes Cafe. He expressed concerns that new students may get confused by these changes and recommended updating the images. He mentioned efforts to improve staffing at exchange locations and proposed a "cafe crawl" event the week before classes to allow students to familiarize themselves with these spaces before the semester officially starts.

Pranat-: *What efforts have been made to reduce food wastage and keep up with the demand of students in the dining hall following the extension of operation hours from 9:00pm – 10:00 pm in Terrace Dining Hall*

- The only thing that actually gets composted is what was thrown out/wasted. Extra food from the night before is not thrown away but put in the freezer after being cooled properly and brought down to the appropriate temperature. In Terraces for example, offers these leftovers at lunch in an attempt to utilize food from the previous night.

Abe-: *Were there significant changes leading to the reduction of options in the vegan and vegetarian meals being offered in the Dining Halls*

- In a discussion about dining options, Reginald Briggs expressed a desire to learn more about specific needs through direct communication, like sharing their email address. He commented on the salad bar at Terrace, noting its appeal and drawbacks, and emphasized the importance of offering varied high-protein ingredients. Reginald Briggs also mentioned the experience of touring the dining hall with plant-based eaters to help them find suitable protein sources. He expressed disappointment regarding reactions from some individuals who have not sought clarification before reacting negatively to the dining services.

• **Confirmations**

- Appropriations Committee

1) **Nikki Sutera**

- Senate chair
- Has never been a part of the committee, but had to fill in for the committee
- Free on Wednesdays from 7:00 – 9:00pm

Vote Happened

2) **Anabel**

- Has served on the committee

Vote Happened

3) **Isa Hernandez**

- Has never served on the committee
- Has prior experience with finance protocols from high school

Vote Happened

4) **Eva Horst**

- Has never served on the Appropriations Committee
- Has served as a fill-in for the committee

Vote Happened

• **Miscellaneous**

Continuing Business

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

Officer Reports

- President of the Student Body
 - Honorary degree nominations
 - Fall elections process
- Vice President of Campus Affairs
 - Looking for a chair for Social Justice and Sustainability Committee
 - Will be meeting with Dr. Bradford and is asking the senate for questions to bring to his attention
 - Elections Table Sign Up
 - Plaques
- Vice President of Academic Affairs
 - Form for Assistant Position
 - Discussion with the Provost
- Vice President of Business & Finance
 - Appropriations committee open call
 - First meeting with Tim Downs
- Vice President of Communications
 - Communications Committee:
 - Sending out preliminary when2meet this week for Comms Committee – Mondays would be best, I believe.
 - In Open Agenda, I will share a communications plan example – I'm working on a set procedure for requesting PR
 - Elections Committee
 - I made standard requirements for elections promotional materials last week and attended platform workshop to help with these, and overall, it was helpful with the content of posters. I know better how to include this once I'm gone.

- Got posters sent in to be printed- please stand by for a Teams message announcing when they are ready to be put up – we will need all hands on deck
- I will continue to pursue my assistant and successor (hopefully one and the same) but focusing largely on elections materials, then committee requests to begin
- Working on evergreen materials – SGC sign for outside box, SGC pro table sign for org fairs etc.
- Vice President of Residential Affairs
- Senate Chair
 - Tell people to vote!!!
- Chief of Staff
 - Strongly encouraging all members of the Senate to re-read the minutes before approval for possible misquotations or inaccuracies

Open Agenda

- Senate Retreat Next Monday!

Eva Horst

- Announced tabling times for elections this Thursday and Friday (September 17&18)

Asata

- Mental Health Screening Day + Flu Shot (September 30)

Juno

- He is looking for an Assistant for the Appropriations Committee to work pproxiamately 8hrs a week

Caleb

- Showed and explained his demo for the SGC Communications Plan that will be posted on Instagram, Intercom, LCD Screens, etc., weekly

Eva

- Asking for questions for meeting with Dr. Bradwell-
 - Would it be possible to have public ice machines?
 - What actions have SACL done since the message about alleged hate crimes about the Glow at Pride event?
 - With an increase of 800 students what plans have been put in place to accommodate this increase in regards to budgeting and student events
 - What alternative spaces can be used to host events in addition to spaces such as Emerson, Clarke and Kling?
 - What steps can be taking to address the heating issues mainly in residential halls, mainly Terraces
 - What are the process and protocols for cleaning dorms and apartments during Summer Breaks, Summer Breaks, specifically in Terraces?

Abe

- Teams Abe individuals interested in his Environmental initiative

Adjournment-: 8:58pm