



Ithaca College Student Governance Council Meeting Agenda
Monday, 10/20/2025 | 7:00 P.M. in Campus Center Taughannock Falls Room

Call to Order-: 7:00pm

Land Acknowledgement

Roll Call-: Eva Horst, Juno Brooks, Asata Rothblatt, Caleb Cackowski, Nicole Sutera, Haley Beckford, Marissa Moskowitz, Jacqueline Thompson, Frankie Weisse, Amelia Grimshaw, Margaret Gem Martinez, Abe Marron, Ari Medvinsky, Ash Beall

Absent-: Rishabh Sen, Ty Anderson, Manan Maini, Jagrit Dhingra, Angel Pandey, Pranat Shah, Luis Antonio Toriche, Emmi Chen, Ty Sayahi, Aditya Valecha

Ithacan Reporter-: Naomi Martin

Approval of the Minutes-: Did not meet quorum

Appropriations Financial Report-: Juno Brooks (10 minutes)

- **Heard 22 budgets and approved 16**
- **Total amount allocated was \$16,135.26**

New Business

- **Community Session**
- **Guest Speaker (40 minutes)**

- **Elyse Nepa**, Assistant Director, Clery Act and Prevention Education, Public Safety & Emergency Management

- Community Outreach and Involvement

- IC Runs Purple-: Raises funds for the volunteer program at the Ithaca Advocacy Centre. This includes funds towards their hotline program. The Centre was able to double their donations for the volunteers in the advocacy program.
- Has done a lot of advocacy work for victims of sexual violence including working experience at Albany Special Victims Unit
- Now she has expanded her experience to college students to teach them how to understand and navigate violence. Is focused on sharing the importance of advocacy.
- Has background training in education and psychology and community mental health training. This included crisis counselling, 1:1 counselling, and mental health training.
- Has had volunteer experience in countries such as Nepal to fight against human trafficking
- Potentially launching an initiative with Reslife , NatureRx and CAPS to put plants and flowers along the trail between Circles and Terraces

- Role at IC

- Is involved in overseeing the Clery Act
- Working towards building a strong community that helps students to grow and find a sense of belonging
- Works on providing programming, events and campaigns such as-:
- Pancakes with Public Safety
- Who are you sextexting? -: Educate students about online safety
- De-escalation training to teach students, faculty and staff about de-escalation training
- IC Responsibility Program-: involves 6 SLI training sessions to teach students how to respond to drug related situations
- Supporting Survivors-: teaches students how to support a survivor of violence
- Hazing Prevention Program
- Leads the Core Emergency Team at IC
- Puppies and Police

- Public Safety

- Fully operational department that has staff working for 24hrs
- A multi-faceted team composed of staff with experience from local emergency units and agencies

Q&A Segment

- Amelia-: more training for First Aid training and De-escalation Training

Due to compliance with the Red Cross, first aid training programs would be difficult to implement and provide to all students openly. Furthermore, OPS would be interested in offering de-escalation training next semester in block three for 1hr session as opposed to 2hrs.

- Abe-: what is the Clery Act

It is a federal Consumer protection law that helps to ensure transparency and provide protection for students, faculty and staff. Meant to ensure the maintenance of campus security through reporting, safety and security systems, emergency management, etc. Involves the collection of qualitative and quantitative data through policies such as Hazing prevention, Title IX, IC Care, etc .

- Juno-: Asking about improvements to be made to advocacy for instances of queer sexual violence

Has been in dialogue with the LGBTQ+ Centre to create programs towards educating queer students about sexual violence. Is open to creating an open-space with LGBTQ students to hear about what is going on within the community and what resources and programming they would be interested in seeing to create a strong partnership.

- Frankie-: Would be interested in forming a partnership with the H&S School to grow their involvement in the HOPE Core. This involves-: Psychological First Aid, free CPR training, etc.

- Abe-: Where can you find information about programming available?

Using the Public Safety website-: Ithaca.edu/safety, students can find information about programming and yearly Safety Reports

- Caleb-: Does the Safety Escort Program apply off-campus?
No, if a student is off-campus and is in crisis, IC OPS is out of jurisdiction; however, students are still urged to call OPS where they can then be connected to other resources and help within the Ithaca community.

· **Confirmations**

- **None!**

- **Miscellaneous (10 minutes)**

Entered Executive Session at 8:03pm

- Discussions of an open committee position in the Presidential Working Group for AI

Voted Happened

Exited Executive Session at 8:19pm

Continuing Business

- Miscellaneous
- Senator Reports (10 minutes)
 - **Pranat Shah**, School of Communications Senator-: Absent
 - **Ari Medvinsky**, Senator at Large
 - On the Academic Calendar Committee
 - Has met SJSC and is working towards creating an AI Ad hoc committee towards discussing AI usage on campus
 - Working with Mega to write a recommendation on AI usage in classrooms
 - **Marissa Moskowitz**, Class of 2028 Senator
 - Attended the STP meeting last week
 - Working with Amelia to organize a professor + alumni fair for the School of H&S
 - **Aditya Valecha**, Senator at Large-: Absent

Officer Reports (10 minutes)

- President of the Student Body
 - Senator needed for AI Principles and Values Committee
 - Cortaca event updates (collaboration with STAT)
 - SGC merch
- Vice President of Campus Affairs

- CAC Updates
- Dr. B Updates
 - Vice President of Academic Affairs
 - NSTP Met! Yay!
 - APC Update
 - Assistant Position Update
 - Make sure that you are checking if you got emails about SGC stuff
 - Vice President of Business & Finance
 - Assistant Position Update
 - RVM Update
 - Vice President of Communications
- I am focusing more now on gathering and reviewing applications for my interim / assistant
 - Communications committee meeting on the way but did anyone interested not fill out the when2meet?
 - Any post needed in the next two weeks, please send me a teams
 - Communicating with middle states to promote their initiative
 - Working on giveaway with Eva
- Vice President of Residential Affairs:
 - Two senators preferably, to sponsor the Amenity's bill.
 - Anyone staying over the fall break and willing to help with the event
- Senate Chair
 - Possible Opportunity for Senators
 - Assistants!
- Chief of Staff
 - No new updates

Open Agenda (10 minutes)

- Next Week's Guest Speaker-: Paula Younger (Executive Director of Government, Community and Constituent Relations)
- Amelia-: Asking members of the Senate to send her questions for the Dean of the School of H&S on Teams
- Caleb-: Shared information about the Majors and Minors Fair and possibly pushing senators to make a recommendation to make improvements to Course Catalogs and Degree Schematics

Adjournment-: 8:57pm