



Ithaca College Student Governance Council Meeting Agenda
Monday, 10/27/2025 | 7:00 P.M. in Campus Center Taughannock Falls Room

Call to Order-: 7:00pm

Land Acknowledgement

Roll Call-: Rishabh Sen, Eva Horst, Asata Rothblatt, Ty Anderson, Caleb Cackowski, Nicole Sutera, Haley Beckford, Jagrit Dhingra, Jacqueline Thompson, Angel Pandey, Frankie Weisse, Amelia Grimshaw, Margaret Gem Martinez, Emmi Chen, Abe Marron, Ty Sayahi, Aditya Valecha, Ari Medvinsky, Ash Beall

Absent-: Luis Antonio Toriche, Marissa Moskowitz, Pranat Shah

Ithacan Reporter-: Naomi Martin

Approval of the Minutes-: 10/13/2025 12-0-0

Appropriations Financial Report (10 minutes)-: Juno Brooks

- **Total amount allocated-: \$16, 085.37**
- **Number of approved budgets-: 12**

New Business

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

- **Paula Younger**, Executive Director of Government, Community, and Constituent Relations

- Represent the school externally and is an on-campus resource for faculty and students
- Has had direct experience with the Tompkins County Government
- Directly involved in emergency response with local, state and community based governmental structures
- Highly involved in day to day government and higher education

1) GCCR Snapshot

- She primarily focuses on stakeholder relations
- This involves working alongside with local, state and federal government
- Interacts with NAKU on policies and projects
- Interacts with about state legislation before it is officially passed
- Connects stakeholders and community groups with college resources

2) GCCR Challenges and Opportunities

- Building Trust-: Ithaca College must show real community impact
- Doing the work as a department of one-: Building connections in partnership with the Ithaca College and elected officials, local businesses, or community groups
- Connecting college to career -: Help to strengthen the relationship and career opportunities for students after graduation to help improve the local economy. Would have focus groups meetings with students (eg. Rising seniors, etc) to hear what resources or opportunities are lacking to help with retention of students after graduation

3) Tell our story at Ithaca College

- IC in the Community is a program designed to facilitate community engagement with faculty, staff and students. (Eg. Community outreach initiatives, etc)

4) Congress to Campus Initiative

- Former Members of Congress (FMC) is an NGO who will send two representatives (former representatives of Congress) to visit campus
- Students will benefit from this through direct engagement with policymakers and community leaders
- It will involve student led activities, campus outreach, and collaboration with local community partners and inspire Civic participation
- Will tentatively be hosted by Ithaca College in Fall 2026

Q&A Segment

- Frankie-: *Expressed gratitude to her contributions to and ask how does IC hope to continue fostering off-campus employment opportunities for H&S students after graduation*

Mentioned the goals and initiatives related with the Congress to Campus initiatives meant to bridge the gap between the local Ithaca community and current students, faculties as well as programs currently being offered at IC.

- Amelia-: *Would be interested in expanding opportunities for students beyond health sciences and post-graduate employment opportunities. This includes research opportunities, internships, etc*

Would like to get in contact with professors and shed more light on the robust nature of the science programs

- Abe-: *Where or what programs/schools have the most promotional representation*

All school do a good job of keeping her abreast and she has been able to maintain a good relationship with all the deans in each school

- Ty-: *Would local high schools be interested in partnering with IC's HSSP programs for opportunities in research*

IC will be working in partnership with the Thompkins Workforce Development Board to host a fair that models the New Horizons Program. The goal of this fair will be to expose high school students to the science program at IC and possible career opportunities within the scope of health sciences.

- **Confirmations**

- **Miscellaneous**

Continuing Business

- Miscellaneous
- Senator Reports (10 minutes)
 - Jacqueline Thompson, Class of 2029 Senator
 - 1) Working on her initiative for civic engagement. This involves providing transportation for students from IC to the commons for early voting
 - 2) Attended the NSTP Ad Hoc Committee meeting

- Frankie Weisse, School of HSHP Senator
 - 1) Will be meeting with the dean on Tuesday
 - 2) Will be speaking about growing class sizes in HSHP, the launch of the AI major and minor, budget communications within the school and the HSHP student portal
 - 3) Will be meeting with assistant dean Jannet Waller
 - 4) Spoke about first CPR training class that was offered this semester
 - 5) Has made strides with his org Public Health
 - 6) Spoke about the Narcan training collaboration with HSSP and NatureRX

- Mega Martinez, International Senator
 - 1) Attended the NSTP and SJSC meeting
 - 2) Working on an AI-related initiative in collaboration with other members of the Senate
 - 3) Spoke the international office and office of residential living to discuss the implementation of prayer rooms and bidets in Residential dorms such as Clark, Rowland and possibly towers

- Ash Beall, Senator at Large
 - 1) Met with Chrissi from the LGBTQ+ Center
 - 2) Working on transgender student housing preference forms
 - 3) In the process of working on an initiative aimed at creating a disabled student RLC
 - 4) Will be interested in reaching out to DSA and the Office of Residential Life

Officer Reports (10 minutes)

- President of the Student Body
 - Student Director for the Alumni Board of Directors – last call!
 - Congress2Campus: Juno will be my designee

- Vice President of Campus Affairs
 - CAC Update

- Vice President of Academic Affairs
 - If you have not scheduled your Academic Senator one-on-one with me yet, you need to schedule it with me by the end of the week.
 - APC update

- Vice President of Business & Finance

- Will be taking over Rishabh's role for Congress2Campus
- Will be making changes to the Appropriations Handbook
- Will be meeting with Tim Downs this week Friday
- Vice President of Communications
 - Communications Committee Updates
 - Interested in revamping on the notice boards in Campus Centre to highlight initiatives
 - Looking at working in partnership with the Print Centre to help students develop a clearer understanding of how it works and what services are offered to help improve communications across campus
- 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
 - RHA Funding allocation update
 - Looking for volunteers for the yearly Thanksgiving Dinner hosted by SGC and RHA
- Senate Chair
 - Assistant Announcement!
- Chief of Staff
 - No new announcements

Open Agenda (10 minutes)

- Nikki
 - Inviting members of the Senate and their friends to attend IC Voice Streams Concert on Saturday, November 1, 2025
- Rishabh
 - Shared information about the SGC and STAT Cortaca Watch Party Event on Saturday, November 15, 2025
 - Asking for members of the Senate to volunteer at the event
- Amelia
 - Asked members to send her questions for her meeting with the Dean in the Humanities and Sciences on October 30, 2025 on Teams
- Frankie
 - Inviting members of the Senate to join the Mental Health Flock and their subcommittees

For individuals interested, reach out to Asata on Teams

Adjournment-: 9:00pm