



Ithaca College Student Governance Council Meeting Agenda
Monday, 3/9/2026 | 7:00 P.M. in Campus Center Taughannock Falls Room

Call to Order-: 7:03pm

Roll Call-: Rishabh Sen, Eva Horst, Asata Rothblatt, Juno Brooks, Marissa Moskowitz, Amelia Grimshaw, Nicole Sutera, Haley Beckford, Jacqueline Thompson, Frankie Weisse Ari Medvinsky, Oliva Adams, Abe Marron, Ty Sayahi, Ash Beall, Ayush Sharma

Absent-: Jamie Sweren, Aja Jelks, Margaret Gem Martinez, Aditya Valecha

Land Acknowledgement

Approval of Minutes-: 8-0-0

Appropriations Financial Report (25 minutes)

- Student Organization Travel Budgets

1) What led to the decision being made

- Budget cuts within SACL to decrease college deficits. This included two cuts to the Appropriations budget-: \$234, 312 (Academic Year (25/26) and \$191, 594 for Academic Year (26/27)**
- Staffing pressures, no capacity to support student org travel**
- Inability to allocate funding for student organization travel**

2) Looking to the future for student organizations

The Appropriations Committee will be allocating funds for-:

- **Non-Travel Budgets**
- **Travel Within Thompkins County**

The Appropriation Committee will not be allocating funds for-:

- **Travel Outside of Thompkins County**

Appropriation Committee

- **10 budgets from the Appropriations waitlist will be heard at the Appropriations meeting on Wednesday, March 11**

New Business

- **Community Session**
- **Guest Speaker**
 - **Dr. Stanley Bazile**, Vice President of Student Affairs and Campus Life; Dean of Students **Marsha Johnson**, Assistant Dean for Student Life & Engagement, **Laura Davis**; Associate Director of Operations and Compliance **Jenny Pickett**.

1) SACL Updates

- **Higher Education Trends and Resource Impacts**
- **The Enrollment Cliff**

There is a projected 13% decline in high school graduates from 2024-2041

With this in mind, the Cliff examines where students are choosing to go to school specifically out of state

There is a public questioning of the relevance and trustworthiness of higher education.

With the rise of new career paths such as content creation, there is the question of the relevance of going to college. There has been an increase in individual choosing to go to vocational schools or two-year program schools rather than attending a 4 year institution

- Undergraduate Enrollment

Ithaca College has noticed an increase in student enrollment. The school has been considering factors such as migration, engagement,

- Strategically Doing “Less and Less”

Sustainability requires subtractions as well as addition. IC intends to lean into its mission and vision for all students. This involves having to take a stance on what is a “need” at this point in time.

2020s

- Intentionally decreasing “productivity” in favor of sustainable operations**
- Budget decisions reflect realities of enrollment, funding**
- Potentially better staff experience; work is scaled to a reasonable level**

- Theme Living

New initiative launched in Fall 2025

80% of students received one of their top 2 choices this past year

No changes in themes for 2026-2027 Academic Year

In early stages of exploring Living and Learning Community pilots for future years

Theme Living and RLCs will remain available to all students

- Pilot Year Assessment Initiatives**

Surveys-: Floor Feedback, Quality of life for Spring 2025

Professional and Student Staff focus groups

Program attendance data from IC Engage

- Residential Life RA Voices

Changes to come-:

- **Creating a formalized feedback loop between RAs and leadership (work in progress)**
- **Improved channels for concerns to reach decision-makers**
- **RA voices centered in staffing and program decisions (work in progress)**
- **Stronger partnerships with RAs via RHA (Residential Hall Association)**

Area Coordinator Structure

Changes to come-:

- **More live-in professional staff**
- **Increased on campus coverage and availability**
- **Intentional search targeting candidates aligned with our residential model (finalized)**
- **Targeted and specific training for professional staff**
- **Addressing RA supervisory presence to help students and RAs become more engaged with their Area Coordinator**

Health Promotion-: Integrated Model

Changes to come-:

- **Health Promotion is now unified with ICare and Student Support under one director**
- **Intentionally unites proactive wellness work and reactive student support**
- **A new Health Promotion Specialist added to preserve and expand frontline programming**

- **The new location for the Wellness Centre is the West Tower main Floor and the Wellness Resource Room is located in the Fitness Center**

Residential Hall Renovations

- **Funded through capital funding budgets**
- **Renovations include-: Bathrooms, Kitchens, Air-Conditioning Unit in at least one lounge in each building**
 - **Summer 2025-: Eastman and Landon**
 - **Spring 2026-: Clarke**
 - **Summer 2026-: Bogart**
 - **Summer 2027-: Lyon**

- **Other Additions to Residential Halls**

Bidets-: Currently in Terrace 1 and Circle Apartment, and over the summer will be added to Bogart, Clarke and Terrace 4

Disability Student Alliance sensory room in Holmes

Prayer/Mediation room in West Tower

- **Quality of Life Survey-: March 11- April 9**

Q&A Segment

- **Question-: Are there structures and conversation in space to ensure that information is disseminated clearly and timely manner without the dependence on student leaders to explain these changes to the wider student population**
- **Answer-: SACL is working towards more intentional communication and representation. This will involve creating a team between students and staff**

NB) O2 Funds + Endowment Funds -: Restricted funds allocated to a specific cause by a donor

- **Confirmations (8 minutes)**

- **Miscellaneous**

Continuing Business

- Miscellaneous (25 minutes)
- Senator Reports (10 minutes)

Officer Reports (10 minutes)

- President of the Student Body
 - Nothing to report
- Vice President of Campus Affairs
 - First-Year Event Finalized
 - Meeting with Dr. B, Wednesday – any follow up questions please message me!
- Vice President of Academic Affairs
 - Meeting with the Provost Friday (please send questions to me on teams or email them to me by Friday at 9am)
- Vice President of Business & Finance
 - Nothing to report
- Vice President of Communications
 - Nothing to report
- Vice President of Residential Affairs
 - RHA is up and running!! No meeting this Friday due to spring break, but meeting will resume the Friday we return.
 - Meeting with Assistant Director, Residential Education and Assessment, Residential Life and Student Conduct and Community Standards), teams me with any questions!
- Senate Chairs

- Have a great Spring Break!!!
- Chief of Staff
 - Headshots for all members of the Senate + Committees before Spring Break 2026 for the SGC Website

Open Agenda (5 minutes)

Adjournment-: 9:09pm