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**Ithaca College Student Governance Council Meeting Agenda**  
Monday, 3/23/2026 | 7:00 P.M. in Campus Center Taughannock Falls Room

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**Call to Order-: 7:03pm**

**Roll Call-: Eva Horst, Asata Rothblatt, Juno Brooks, Marissa Moskowitz, Amelia Grimshaw, Nicole Sutera, Frankie Weisse, Jacqueline Thompson, Ari Medvinsky, Margaret Gem Martinez, Olivia Adams, Abe Marron, Aditya Valecha, Ash Beall, Ayush Sharma**

**Absent-: Rishabh Sen, Jamie Sweren, Aja Jelks, Ty Sayahi**

**Ithacan Reporter-: Makai Yllnes**

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Appropriations Financial Report (5 minutes)**

- 10,000\$ reimbursed from credit card and various returns
- Approved 13 budgets from 12 organizations
- Meeting with advisor soon to discuss any remaining funds, if none, sending out an email to student body ending this year of budgets hearings
- Next week is seeing budgets for first quarter of fall 2026
- Allocated: \$9,281.60

**Approval of Minutes-: 8-0-0**

**New Business**

- **Community Session**

- Members joined for La Jerne Terry Cornish as Guest Speaker

- **Guest Speaker**

- **La Jerne Terry Cornish**, President of Ithaca College

(Q&A)

- **Community member**: Stem Ambassador asks about cuts to H&S

Response: We have a deficit goal. Our finances are in a good place. Our endowment is in a good place as well. However, we need to maintain a safe space where the cost of running the school works with what revenue we bring in. Preparing for open houses where we welcome prospective students can help prevent these problems. President Cornish spent the last two weeks meeting alumni in Florida, New York and Massachusetts.

- **Amelia**: Various budget and deficit of 4 million questions

Response: Meeting with the financial committee this week with the Board of Trustees. The college is meeting the mandate by the Board in terms of required enrollment.

- **Abe**: How bringing back activities that were cut during deficit would look like?

Response: The school is working to keep paperwork and trail to remember all changes and work on bringing specific things back after 2028 when the budget is leveled.

~ **Cornish asks general body what they tell prospective students** ~

- Marissa: School size. Getting friends and a close community to come.

- Aditya: Interdisciplinary in academics. Easy to get very involved.

- Eva:

Says people believe the school is special.

- Amelia: Professors and opportunities (stem perspective)

- Community member: Gave a transfer student into a new, fresh space.

~ **Back to Questions** ~

- **Ari**: Goals with AI

Response: Differentiating independent and free use versus educational use. This means preparing students for their fields and how AI is incorporated. References an alumnus at DOW, VP David Weil. Ithaca is unique because we can combine close knitted, liberal arts education and thinking with AI use.

- **Ari** follows up: how does our goals interact with the environment and commitment to good quality education.

Response: References to how Ithaca has an AI lab that uses renewable energy. Including that it helps students learn usage and is based on our values as a college.

- **Aditya**: How can student leaders get information about budget cuts without being complex?

Response: Can make an appointment with the President Cornish anytime. Use tools like meeting minutes and documents that translate information easily.

- **Ash**: Speaking for students who've said that the tuition is rising and quality getting worse.

Response: Wants to know what specific things have decreased in quality to address them. Works frequently on projects with extra funds found to improve campus quality.

- **Abe**: For current students, how can they see positive changes during this time where budgets are getting cut?

Response: More students enroll: we gain revenue. Members of the administration make revenue generating ideas and turn those extra funds (outside of required to maintain school) into things that will improve student life.

- **Amelia**: Regulating AI in professors.

Response: Handled by the academic section of the administration. The provost.

- **Community Member**: Ask how we use donations and endowments.

Response: Sometimes funds are contractually obligated to be used on certain parts of campus. Sometimes funds are given for any current use.

- **Community Member**: Communication between faculty and staff (cross department communication)

Response: Go right to administration and discuss with them immediately with issue of communication. If the response isn't correct. Document everything and go to the person who works in the office above them.

- **Nicole**: Lack of communication between administration and student (recalling last meeting on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026)

Response: More regular meetings with administration are being worked on. Ideas:

\*More than 1 SGC E-Board x President's Office town hall

\* More SGC members meeting with administration members

- **Abe**: What excites you about being on campus?

Response: Seeing students all over campus. Organizations, activities, and performances. When campus comes together for large events and everyone is excited.

- **Aditya**: What's the most overlooked thing about Ithaca College

Response: Ithaca is a great education but also lots of fun. Our city, the culture, the environment and area are unique.

- **Nicole**: Giving Day Goals?

Response: The Board of Trustees gave an estimate goal based on at least 15% increase from last year's outcome (which was 9 million). Wants to increase revenue for presidents' fund.

- **Abe**: When will students know about future cuts? What is the process?

Response: The Board of Trustees meets in May to discuss plans for next year. Make sure we hit our targets. We don't know if students will come until September, when the board gets the consensus (even if they commit, they just not show up or unenroll)

- **Abe** follows up: How will the cuts specifically be shared?

Response: Both state of the college meetings in Fall and Spring. If we hit enrollment target, we know what goals we can achieve, or cuts need to be made.

Reinforces the idea that the college is in a good financial place, our costs and revenue are just not aligned.

- **Ari**: Questions about donations and cuts related to AI.

Response: No plans to cut faculty. Administrators have seen areas where AI has been helpful. Also, how can donations and funds be used to maximize potential.

- **Ash**: How can students vocalize specific issues with college administrators?

Response: Some cuts are hard, but mandatory to align the budget. However, always made in mind with the values of the college. Sometimes, things will be backtracked when discussed with students.

~**Cornish Addresses SGC**~

\*Middle States will be a space where we can show off the excellence of the college using SGC collaboration\*

## · **Confirmations (15 minutes)**

- **Ash Beall**, Student Accessibility Senator
  - Attends DSA meetings as active member
  - Worked on legislation in the past to increase accessibility(CAC bill 2526- 004)
  - Wants to increase knowledge about SIS and accommodations
  - Talking to art department about strict attendance (even with SIS accommodations, it can be challenging)
    - Discussing spreading this idea to other majors or classes with strict attendance
  - Title best fits work done in the past for SGC
- **Sade Munroe**, First Generation Senator
  - Member of First-Generation E-Board
  - Member of Students of Color Coalition E-Board
  - Wants to uplift first-generation voices

- Strengthen community, especially with freshman (Idea includes first-generation guide)
- Connect with other first-generation students and faculty

**\*SGC enters executive session to vote and discuss at 8:15pm. The session ended at 8:20pm\***

- **Miscellaneous**

### **Continuing Business**

- Miscellaneous (45 minutes)
  - Bill 2526- 003: RHA Committee Specification  
 Summary: Seeks to move RHA from a body under OSE to an SGC committee.  
 Motion to approve the bill-: 8-0-0
  - Bill 2526- 004: Increasing Accessibility Signage  
 Summary: Increase accessibility signage for alternative paths around various places on campus.  
 Motion to approve the bill-: 6-0-2
  - Bill 2526- 004: Queer Senator  
 \*Moved to next week\*
  
- Senator Reports
  - **Ayush Sharma**, Senator at Large
    - Currently working on my google form going out next week.
      - Trying not to do it on Engage as I fell no one really goes to Engage to take surveys.
    - Putting up posters with the QR code on campus and the residence halls. Trying to get on the mass email list of a bunch of scholarship programs like the innovation, MLK, IAP, and leadership scholars.

- Asking Diana to send it to all the international students to get feedback from the wider population.
- **Mega Martinez**, International Senator
  - Ordered the items for the Prayer Room and we figured out the security system (paper) so students who cannot use electricity on Sabbath (it's going to look cutesy!!) and it'll be done probably this week!
  - Had first discussions about AI with students! it was really informative and I wrote the minutes
  - Planning the alumni connections with Aditya
- **Aditya Valecha**, Senator at Large
- **Ari Medvinsky**, School of H&S Senator
  - First SOAC meeting went well.
  - Working on advertising the next two events for SOAC.
  - Working with SJSC and SOAC to analyze and interpret student AI opinion data. Drafting report will begin soon.
  - Defining and drafting political action / voter registration initiative.
  - Looking to schedule block 2 meeting with H&S dean.

## Officer Reports

- President of the Student Body
  - Absence from Senate meeting on 3/23
- Vice President of Campus Affairs
- Vice President of Academic Affairs
  - NSTP AD-HOC Meeting Tuesday March 31<sup>st</sup> at 3:15-4:00 pm
  - Block 4 Academic Senator 1-on-1s
- Vice President of Business & Finance
- Vice President of Communications
- Vice President of Residential Affairs
  - RHA this Friday, 3-4 pm Six Mile Creek Room!
  - Meeting with Eileen, teams with any questions
  - RHA event coming soon!

- Senate Chair
  - Need bill writing help? Let me know!
  - Have questions about the upcoming election? Let me know!
  - My Senior Recital is this Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:15pm!!
- Chief of Staff
  - Get portraits done and send them via teams.
  - Submit finished initiatives to engage for website.

**Open Agenda (5 minutes)**

- Ash: Collecting Ideas for fixing maintenance website.
- Ari: AI Ad-HOC open conversation at The Pub, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.
- Ameila: Working on events with Eileen Roth for rising sophomores based on finding roommates.
- Aditya: International club is holding an event, in Emerson suites, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.
- Marissa: If anyone has promotional material, teams her with idea/poster.

**Adjournment:- 8:50pm**