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Ithaca College Student Governance Council Meeting Agenda  
Monday, 10/23/2023| 7:00 P.M. in Campus Center Taughannock Falls Room

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**Call to Order at 7:00 PM**

**Roll Call**

Carli McConnell, Rishabh Sen, Noah, Strathmann, Ty Anderson, Eleanor Patterson, Quinn Tufino, Cameron Small, Ava Cassell-Lapetina, Eva Horst, Utkarsh Maini, Jocelyn Forcione, Nikki Sutera, Baneet Pukhrambam, Noah Kamens, Kathi Hodel

**Approval of the Minutes**

Nikki motions to approve last week's minutes, and Baneet's seconds. 9-0-0! This motion PASSES!

**New Business**

- **Community Session**
- **Guest Speaker**
  - Scott Doyle. Director, Energy Management and Sustainability
    - Introductions of Scott Doyle
      - Been working at IC for 16 months, and before he had worked for Tompkins County
      - 2022 Notes
        - Gold STARS assessment

- Expansion of green power markets
- Ithaca was ranked a top ten 'Green College'
- President's Climate Commitment
  - Taking steps in the plan to develop a climate-neutral deal
  - It was approved by the Board of Trustees to pledge to become carbon neutral by 2050
- Scope I – Stationary Sources
  - Most difficult scope to deal with. Being measured by different categories
- The town of Ithaca – Energy Code Supplement
  - Regulated by the town of Ithaca's energy regulations and their own Green New Deal
    - When IC builds, there are various topics that they must be aware of to make sure they are within codes of electrification
- Scope II – Carbon Emissions (what is being bought from outside entities)
  - City of Ithaca, Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)
    - Bulk purchasing programs that leverage collective buying power to secure better pricing on energy
  - Ithaca College has three buildings that are within the city limits of Ithaca
- Scope III – Other Items
  - Faculty and staff commuting and various other aspects that are directly related to the college
  - Facilitating EV usages
    - Need to change more of the charging stations and expand them across the campus
  - How the College can invest more in the electrification of the vehicle fleet
  - Using the bike-share and investing more in the pilot program
  - TCAT free riding program for this semester
- **Discussion with SGC**

- Nikki: Questions on the Sustainability Week.
  - Scott: The plan is yes to have it for this year. Open to ideas and expanding the Week in the middle of April.
- Makai: Aspects of composting that go on behind the scenes?
  - Scott: The county is dramatically increasing the fee that the college will be paying because of food waste. Food waste is processed and collected differently in the county. Separate bins that are used in Circles and by staff. A reduction in food waste from what the Eco-Reps are collecting. Activities on how much food is left on plates that are being trashed by the dining hall.
- Rishabh: Challenges that the college is facing in turning the fleet electric.
  - Scott: The college has about 150 vehicles, and certain maintenance vehicles will have to stay fossil fuel reliant. The infrastructure for EV stations is not set up enough, as well as the cost difference that the change will show. Looking through creative financing that may offset that price set differential. Looking to get a couple of rigs changed first and then continue to phase out the fossil fuel fleet.
- Carli: Looking at the ridership on the TCAT and what that may look like in the future.
  - Scott: Getting better more reliable routes as more students are using the TCAT because it is free. More regular service also would run later into the night. If there is a showing that people are using it throughout the semester, there will be more help in getting people to stay riding. Additionally, it will begin to offset emissions.
- Utkarsh: Looking at the Business School and the green roof garden, what can IC do with it?
  - Scott: The Business School is the first LEED-certified building on IC's campus. Functionally works, but there is more that could be done to make it look a bit better.
- Rishabh: Next steps in changing the sources of heating energy from fossil fuels.
  - Scott: Hoping to move it over. It is costly and more complicated; Scott is currently looking into new grants to assist in this switch. There are big systems that are reliable and affordable with natural gas. May be more reasonable with grid shifts to make it more efficient.
- Iurii Kovalenko. Field Service Representative. Apogee.

- Eleanor: The residential Wi-Fi tends to go out a few times a week.
- Rishabh: The start to begin to log in was not working for the first year's internet portal to get into the system.
- Ty: No WIFI in any building once you leave.
- Noah K.: More WIFI outside of buildings.
- Ty: Some more WIFI options for other devices.
- Presentation
  - Three important definitions
    - Provider –Apogee is not the internet provider
    - Customer – Ithaca College is the customer
    - Vendor – Apogee is the leading provider
  - Interruptions of connections are related to the provider and not the vendor
    - IC's provider is Spectrum Internet
  - Apogee serves 350 campuses
  - There are 24 years of experience with higher education institutions
  - Apogee can give:
    - 24/7 support online
    - There is a dispensary of people who will be ready to lend a hand regarding the internet
  - There is help that comes from the technology partner
  - Apogee provides internet to only the residential buildings, not the campus buildings
    - Students will move from the connections of Apogee to the infrastructure of the college

- Before an account can be made with Apogee, an account must be made through Ithaca
- Easy and unbound PSK updates
  - Ability to connect to the internet, but a student cannot immediately log in
- Account creation steps
  - Put in the student's email, and physical device address must put in the MAC address so that it is auto-detectable
    - There is a limit on how many active devices there can be on a student's account, currently can only be ten devices that can be connected
- Guest accounts
  - Guests can sign up with a student's account
- Over the summer, Apogee has doubled the number of ports that can be used throughout the residential halls to connect immediately to the account
  - Some of these ports have been broken because of where the ports are in various rooms that can be easily damaged
    - For quality internet, students need to hear more about the ports and the correct way to use ports to get high-speed internet
- Essential to let IT know that there are problems with the internet in individual room
- Inside residential halls Apple and Windows are best suited for 5G, and Android is best suited for 2G
- Need to communicate with Apogee and the students efficiently and correctly, it is not easy for just the field reps
- Complaints about people coming in and out of the room, but schedules do not always line up

- Because of the limited number of staff, students need to be flexible when it comes to getting into contact with Apogee and residential affairs
  - Field reps are coming to check on the exact equipment

### **SIX MINUTE INTERMITTENT BREAK**

- **Confirmations**
- **Miscellaneous**

### **Continuing Business**

- Miscellaneous
- Senator Reports: Ava, Eva
  - Ava:
    - Looking to make a meeting with the associate provost so they can work on the scheduling issues that were surrounding first-years having an established course
  - Eva:
    - Working with Ava and Jocelyn
    - Working with Nikki to meet with the Dean of the Business School about the student advising plans
  - **Alexa Rahaman Update on The Board of Trustees:**
    - **Voted on tuition for room and board**
    - **Voted on a cap for next year**
    - **Enrollment update with MLK Scholars, LSP Scholars, BOLD scholars, and Park Scholars**
    - **Interdisciplinary presentations**
    - **Performing arts and PT clinic immersions**
    - **Updates on campus and buildings and grounds – hopefully, Textor will be done soon**
    - **Review of Title XI – and interested in having some student representatives**
    - **Plenary on AI**
    - **Dinner for faculty to promote tenure and promotions of faculty**
    - **In February there will be another meeting will be happening in LA – where many alumni are based**
      - **Hope to discuss how to increase enrollment**
    - **Involved in buildings and grounds committee and philanthropy and engagement**

- **Looking for a student trustee at the beginning of next semester**

## **Officer Reports**

- President of the Student Body
  - ETAC meeting
  - Campus climate survey
  - DEIB open house this Wednesday
- Vice President of Campus Affairs
  - Campus climate reiterating, only happened a few years ago
  - First campus affairs committee meeting – updates on bills and great new action points
    - Nikki and Ava working with Business, Eva, Baneet, and Molly working with the exploratory programs
- Vice President of Academic Affairs
  - Meeting with the Provost this Friday
- Vice President of Business & Finance
  - Allocation of \$34,000 at last week's appropriations meeting
- Vice President of Communications
  - Working on events that SGC will be putting on
  - Having an assistant
  - SGC Instagram post of the climate survey
  - Weekly posting on Instagram
  - Visiting the career center to promote the headshot booth that they now have on campus
- Vice President of Residential Affairs
  - Pitching for programming during Thanksgiving Break
  - Programming approved should start work then
- Senate Chair
  - ORC is making steady progress
  - Developments with the 'newly' found constitution

- Chief of Staff

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## Open Agenda

- Rishabh:
  - Meeting with Bonnie Prunty every other week. She wanted to ask if the college is doing enough to support students' mental well-being in the aspect of what is happening on a global aspect.
    - Ty: Inform and provide more data on what is going on with what is happening across the community. Knowledge is power.
    - Nikki: Has there been any statement from the president?
      - Carli: Yes.
    - Nikki: A secondary email for where students can reach out when it comes to looking for support and resources that they may need.
    - Eleanor: There simply are not enough counselors at CAPS, and they expect more help than they cannot give.
      - Carli: With the Cayuga Med merger, trying to establish more of a line of communication with the rest of the Ithaca area.
        - Nikki: Hammond Health does have a list of providers outside of the campus.
    - Noah K.: Making sure that there are educational materials that students can access and making sure that all information that is happening is correct on all accounts. Taking the extra time before presenting the information is correct and accurate, which can give students the correct light without spinning it.
- Jocelyn:
  - Academic senators will be getting an email about how their first-year registration went
- Rishabh:
  - A note to the Senate. Just a reminder that guest speakers are taking time out of their day to come and speak to us, to make sure that senators are bringing in questions and concerns of constituents.
- Nikki:
  - IC Voicestream is having a Block II concert this Friday in Emerson Suites at 8 PM!
- Quinn:



- IC Genes is extracting DNA from a pumpkin this Thursday night in CNS 1<sup>st</sup> floor atrium!

### **Adjournment**

Nikki motions to adjourn the meeting, and Baneet seconds. 9-0-0.

**8:28 PM**