



STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Ithaca College Student Government Association
Senate Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, September 8, 2009 – Taughannock Falls Meeting Room

I. Call to Order.

II. Roll Call.

Excused: Kevin Fish, Chris Lee

Not Here: Mary Curran, Brian Davis

III. Public Forum. (Each guest will have 5 minutes to speak, followed by a brief Q&A session. Discussion is reserved for Open Agenda.)

Jeff: Explains the process of the presentation

New traditions: the Sombrero

Nathan McCourt: Sport Management from Rhode Island. Reason for being here, really interested in serving for class. Great detail of experience with being on SGA. Student Body Prez in high school. Great communication skills—vital to a successful organization. Academics are an important part of the college experience. Need to set goals—in order to better the school environment. As freshman, hasn't really been able to find many problems. A few things about residential life (noise control). If elected will continue to speak with peers to help solve their problems.

Jimmy: Do you hope to get involved with anything else on campus?

Nathan: Involved with athletic director.

Will: Biggest challenge faced in high school as prez?

Nathan: Part of the team to help high school get accredited.

Alexander Ramirez: Exploratory major from Newark? As senator, have ideas to progress with the sustainability efforts on campus. Thinks there needs to be a push on recycling. Should be easier to recycle, but need to motivate students to want to do it. Sees what needs to be done.

Jeff: Why do you want to get involved in SGA?

Alexander: Have more power than a regular student

Ranu: Do you have any plans to make IC more eco-friendly?

Alex: More notices around campus putting things their face.

Brian G.: What other concerns do you have other than sustainability?

Alex: I see inconsistencies in the res life. Help fix that.

Elizabeth Stoltz: IMC major. Involved in SGA in high school. Emerged in numerous leadership opportunities. Improve opportunities for sustainability. Improve campus security. Create online community for peers. Talked to 80 freshman and earned 80 ideas on what can be changed. Building new connections with her class.

Jimmy: Are there any other organizations that you want to get involved in?

Elizabeth: 1000 villages, leadership in , nonprofit Food for Thought—improve mal nutrition, Indian dance classes

Susannah:

Christie: With all your other extra curriculars can you balance?

Elizabeth: I have everything planned out.

Kelly: Indian Dance classes?

Elizabeth: Thurs. nights

Bri: How do you think you will go about getting your ideas done?

Elizabeth: I have looked into speaking with public safety.

Ruthie: I think it is really cool how prepared you are for this meeting.

Rachel Heiss: Chicago. IMC major. Two different kinds of leaders (task oriented and people orientated) Senator needs to find a balance between both. SGA in high school, camp counselor. Works with the tv stations on campus. These experiences have affected her in a positive way. Free tutorial about the student organizations on campus. Make the database more easily accessible to students. Help students know where things are on campus. Have more freshman only events. Biggest goal is to make sure everyone has found their place.

Jimmy: Is there anything else on campus?

Rachel: Model UN. Advertising Federation

Andy: Just wondering. With everything you are involved in, can you multi task?

Rachel: Figured out that the meetings do not conflict. Senator is the top priority

Aaron: Working with three other senators, how do you address any issues between you?

Rachel: Talk things out. Approach problem directly. Compromising. Weigh advantages and disadvantages.

Aaron: If there is something that you really want and it doesn't work out, would you drop it?

Rachel: I would but I would mention it every so often.

Carter: White Sox or Cubs?

Rachel: Cubs

Bri: I like your dress.

Jamie Hom: Exploratory. Freshman senator. Diversity. Not just race. Other forms i.e. different schools. Venue for networking. Get more communication between schools. Diversity for unity. Help Ithaca become more sustainable. Help students with food allergies. Want students to see more to

Jeff: What made you interested in getting involved with SGA?

Jamie: Involved in high school. Want to make the school the best it can be.

Susanna: Why does the allergen thing interest you so much?

Rachel: I have a friend with an allergy to wheat. Make things easier for students to know what they are eating.

Ashley Braziel: From MA. On a smaller scale involved in SGA. Student Body Prez. Able to work closely with administration. Communication is key. Really get peers talking to each other.

Aaron: How do you get in touch with your class if they don't want messages and e-mails?

Ashley: Want to find every mode of communication. Willing to go door to door.

Jimmy: What else are you involved in?

Ashley: Habitat, RHA, service Saturdays.

Susannah: You have been here two weeks any issues you have noticed?

Ashley: So far nothing yet.

Christie: How will you go about finding out any issues your peers have?

Ashley: I will go to the students and find out what's going on

Brian: Where in MA?

Ashley:

Anissa Richmond: Very much involved. Did not get first position that I ran for, but I didn't give up. Elected Student Body Prez senior year. I am a very talkative person, and I think that is a good quality for a senator. Went to peers to see what issues they have. Res Halls= a big one. Hope to better the communication between the upper classman and the freshman class. Be the voice for my grade. Good listener. Talk to them and talk to SGA.

Jimmy: Extracurriculars, where do your interests lie?

Anissa: Ithacan, choir (AMANI)

Andy: How are you going to make sure that the upper classman maintain comm. With the freshman?

Anissa: Have a picnic with more than just freshman.

Moirra: Like your bubbly personality. Like the comment on your failure, says a lot about character. Why did you keep going?

Anissa: Really stubborn. Made the secretary have me do things.

Emily: If you didn't get elected, would we still see you?

Anissa: I would bother you so much.

Eve Trojanov: Transfer student. Sophomore. Not a city person. Transferring was a huge deal. A part of the IC transfer student org. Transfer students don't want to be labeled as transfer students. Harder for them to get involved with things on campus. Transfers had an orientation that was half a day. Want to bring transfer students so they can drop the label. Create a website to talk to each other, match up with each other. Use the site for students that may be coming or going from IC. Want to help everyone feel comfortable with the transferring process. Interested in helping other students meet the transfers and vice versa. There a lot of transfer students who have transferred more than once. Help them know IC is there home.

Jimmy: What was your major at Emerson?

Eve: Film

Brian: Why did you leave? And what do you like most about IC?

Eve: Not a city person. Like being outdoors. Like my programs.

Jeff: Have any SGA experience?

Eve: In high school. Did announcements so people knew who I was.

Jimmy: Involvements?

Eve: Rugby. Out of my element. Leadership scholar. Photos for Buzzsaw. ICT help plan events for transfers.

Morgan Ewing: Junior Senator. Crew. RA WT. Talking to students getting sigs. Why did the college take out paper towels? (i.e.) Have a resource for students that lays out all the plans so that students can see what the college is planning. This way students can see what is going on and why the college does things. Like to be able to change that.

Christie: What are you running for?

Morgan: Junior class.

Andy: How

Morgan: Single site that lists out what the college is planning to do. Talk to the office that controls the verse of the college.

Ranu: Do you think you will have the time?

Morgan: I do. Very good multi-tasking

Jimmy: What is your favorite junk food?

Morgan: Ho-Hos

- IV. Guest Speakers: All prospective senator candidates (each 2-3 minute presentation will be followed by a brief Q&A session).
- V. Discussion and Voting
- VI. Officer Reports.

A. President – Jeff Goodwin

Jeff: Focused on elections. Things are going smoothly. Getting things set up for committees. Meeting with the Cornell Student Council Prez. Create a bond. Getting a bunch of assistant apps. Re-organized the office. Painting pending. Prospective senators stick around. Everyone who is eligible to vote will receive e-mails to vote. Hype the fact there is a vote going on. Reminder current senators Senate orientation noon to 3

B. Vice President of Communications – Will Mathewson

Will: Mostly doing elections. Meet up w/ Dan and I can give you the link to the elections site. Talking to the Ithacan about advertising. Remind ppl that I am involved with the LED boards and the Ithacan. If you don't get elected, please apply for the assistant positions. Deadline is Sept. 28th

Brian: Does that include the Pub?

Will: Just terraces, CC, and towers

Jeff: Still help with other modes of info.

C. Vice President of Campus Affairs – Bree Bendix

Bree: Julia Dunn and I have meetings set up with Brian McCree. Having campus life comm. on Mondays. Work with ppl if Monday doesn't work.

Jimmy: Is that different from the meetings with Brian and Teri?

Bree: They will be there.

D. Vice President of Academics – Dan Cassell

Dan: The academic policies comm. getting started soon.

Andy: When?

Dan: Sub comm. not you.

E. Vice President of Business and Finance – Brian Keefe

Brian: First meeting next week. You can clap. Handbook is good to go for your viewing.

Carter: When is the meeting?

Brian: Next week on Wed.

Jimmy: Have the members been chosen?

Brian: So members!

F. Student Trustee – Chris Lee

Chris: Won't have anything until the board meeting.

Jeff: What do you do?

Chris: Work with the board of trustees. Talk about certain issues

G. Residence Hall Association –

H. Approval of Officer Reports

VII. Open Agenda.

Emily: What will happen to the Business School spot?

Ruthie: Have someone who is interested.

Jeff: Will will present them. The senate will determine if they are a senator.

Moira: 24 hrs. notice on theme

Susannah: How many junior positions are open?

Ruthie: Currently, two. Vanessa transferred

Christie: If someone is interested what do we do?

Jeff: If we can get someone on the ballot by midnight that would be great.

Christie: I don't think by tonight.

Jeff: Talk to me later.

Jimmy moves to close open agenda. Aaron seconds. 11-0-0

VIII. Adjournment.

Jimmy moves to adjourn the meeting. Aaron seconds. 11-0-0
