



STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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Ithaca College Student Government Association  
Senate Meeting Agenda  
*Tuesday, September 22, 2009 – Taughannock Falls Meeting Room*  
Dress code: BLUE

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Pre Meeting Info:

- Jeff
  - More effective manor or meeting
  - Large discussion over H1N1, great that it was brought up, but in context, this isn't that efficient—debating things in large groups/ we will stay here so long.
  - You should be finding issues then moving them to committee's. You can bring them up in senate meeting if you don't know where to take it or something. Committee will come back and present their findings to senate.
- Bree
  - You do not have to talk in senate meetings—we don't keep score/ penalize
  - It can be just a listening process
  - NOT to discourage people from talking, but try to not repeat people
- Will
  - It's great to express your opinions, but you should be speaking on behalf of your peers—so if something is brought up for the first time, maybe we want to put off discussion for a week so that our peers could be spoken to about it

I. Call to Order. 8:26 p.m.

II. Roll Call. Excused: Kevin Fish, Chris Lee. Not Excused: Bryan Davis, Mary Curran

Guest Speakers: Alexa, Amanda, Alicia, Kayla, Lynn

III. Approval of Minutes

- Morgan and Christie motioned/ second
- Senator of the Week: Nate McCoat
  - Went out and found issue and brought it back to us
  - Perks
    - Passing it off to the next senator of the week
    - Picking theme
    - Pick question for next week

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

- Alexa McRoberts, Amanda Riggio, Alicia , Kayla Inanc → overcrowding on campus
  - Sophomores, live throughout campus
  - Freshman Class Size
    - Last year we were short, and now we're way too much
    - Quotes from professors about students needing to find a seat in lectures
    - Bio lecture class: 290 last year, to 237 this year
    - Students came to Ithaca wanting more appropriate class sizes
  - Financial Aide
    - Only 38% left this year for non-freshmen
  - Extended Occupancy
    - Fall of 08, 8 people in temp housing. This year it's 600
  - Incentives
    - Bribed upperclassmen to move off campus
    - Bribed freshmen to take a GAP year
  - Acc Integrity
    - 15.8% increase in acceptance
    - we accepted students with worse writing SAT scores
  - Crowded Public Spaces
    - Class Rooms
      - Ratio of professors to students, is it still 1:12?
      - Capacity is pushing max
    - Library
      - Little space to do work in dorms, so library is more packed
      - Become bigger issue when finals/ midterms start
    - Dining Halls
      - Crazy crowded
      - Kids sitting on the floor
      - With Swine Flu, it's not sanitary—cleaning people don't have time to clean tables in between groups
  - Lounges as Dorms
    - Ruins sense of community even though it's a small school
    - Incentives are not fair just for extended occupancy kids, everyone is suffering
  - Sanitation
    - H1N1
      - We're supposed to keep a 6 foot separation, which is impossible with the over crowdedness
    - Dirty dining Halls
    - Cramped Quarters
  - What we want?
    - Incentives for non extended occupancy students
    - Options
    - SGA to get our message to higher power officials
    - Answers to where our money is going

#### Q&A

- Dan: Financial Aide—do you have any stats from last year?  
No, but I'm sure it can be found  
Cole: Financial aide for everyone has gone up

- Will: Could you email this?
- Bree: What class did Amanda have students on the floor?  
Amanda: Integrated Medicine (Anthro class)  
Susannah: Just to add, in my Intro to Sociology, the 12 TA's sit on the floor  
Jimmy: Last year my intro to Sociology course had TA's on the floor too
- Andy: What do you want to be seen?  
We want answers because like, all this money is going into the new athletic center but we have broken computers in the library. We are paying a lot of money to go here, and we want to know where it's going. It's like all the money is going to accommodate for the freshmen, but what about everyone else?
- Jimmy: Isn't the gym from the alumni?  
Dan: I think what they meant was like, we're able to raise that kind of money, so why can't we raise money for our standard of living
  - Rachel: As a freshman, I think that they accepted a lot more because of the economy (they didn't expect everyone to come)
  - Andy: It's been a problem since we got here, but apparently it's been an issue in past years. So why don't we focus fundraising on this stuff?
  - Bree: I'm meeting with Brian Mac. About H1N1 so I'll try to bring it up
  - Aaron: I know that with retention rates, it might work itself out next semester some  
One of the girls: I know that a lot of freshmen aren't meeting people because of the lack of lounges

V. Guest Speakers: (Each guest will have 10 minutes to speak, followed by a 5 minute Q&A session. Discussion is reserved for Open Agenda.)

- Lynne Pierce
  - Associate director of Alumni Relations
  - Homecoming weekend coming up, wants to highlight a few things, SGA is a driving force behind these events
  - Ithaca.edu/makeityours
    - Registration page to participate
  - Networking 101, 2:30- 3:30 —see details on website
    - All students are wanted. These alum can help you down the road. How do you approach the person? How to you talk with fruit in your mouth?
  - 6:00 Senior happy hour
    - Ithacapella will perform
    - Heavy on food
    - 1\$ bar (with ID) 3\$ (without)
  - Pep Rally/ Fire
    - After happy hour
    - Mike Lindberg will come up and get people pumped
  - Homecoming dance
    - Outside tent with sides and heaters
    - Dance floor, DJ, refreshments, FREE
    - Semi Formal Optional
  - Throughout the weekend there are a ton of events

- Need volunteers
- Free tee shirt if you do
- If you volunteer at an event that has a cost, you get in for free
- Sat evening: Big Bash in Hill Center
  - Alumni Band
  - IC Circus
  - 5\$ for students (one of the only events that charges)

## VI. Discussion and Voting

Issue: So Budget committee see's organizations and allocates them money. If one doesn't like what they get (as ACC has), then they can appeal it. Brian Keefe will speak on behalf of the Budget committee, we will discuss, and then ACC will come back and we will tell them what we think.

- Tiffany Cheng, President of Asian Culture Club (ACC)
  - Appeal operation find
  - Was allowed 239\$, wants more money
  - Mission of ACC
    - "To promote Asian culture to campus community"
    - Support Asians
    - In the past it has been criticized for being Asian exclusivity→this year we want to open it up and represent all Asian cultures/ everyone is welcome
    - All Asians are not the same—they come from all over
  - Importance of specific items that we want
    - 10 bags of Asian Chips, but were allocated 2 bags
      - This will be about 1/2 chip per person
    - Cookies and Candy
      - Allocated 2 packs of each, which is one cookie and one candy per person for two meetings
    - Pans of Food
      - Meetings focus on Food
      - Not allocated enough Pans of food
    - Chop Sticks
      - Not allocated any
      - Not only used to eat (like forks), but culturally, too
  - What does this mean?
    - We usually would not appeal what we are give, but this year we are very passionate about not being Asian exclusive and stuff
      - Learn about Asian Culture/ culture on campus
      - Break down the stereotypes
    - Cornell has 2 floors dedicated to Asians/ Asian Americans
      - There is a difference!
- Brian Keefe (on behalf of Budget Committee)
  - Budget committee can not give all the money all organizations want

- Policy on food is that we will cover 4 meetings worth of food (and we have standards to determine how much food is enough/ how much it will cost)
- Problems arise when food for meetings is very specific (such as ACC)—misunderstandings arose last meeting because the size of bags of candy/ chips was unclear.
- Things she outlined: Representing facts
  - Total appeal of 112\$, to add to the 239\$, so she will have 348\$
  - 10, 0.4 oz bags of chips is how many chips she needs
  - 10 packs of cookies and 10 packs of candies for meetings
  - 2 trays of food to feed 35 people at one meetings
  - Added together: over 4 meetings worth of food
- Brians personal feelings:
  - We should only provide food for 4 meetings
  - Easiest way to do this is to take away the chips/ candy
  - We can vote to give her all the money they want, to give them another number of money, or to have them come back to Budget committee to revisit proposal
- Q&A:
  - What are retroactive funds?
  - Nate: Can't they just ask others for chopsticks? (like a restaurant or something?)  
 Brian Keefe: Expense that has already been bought (if you bought pizza but then ask to be reimbursed). We thought that they had already used the chopsticks, but they will use them again. Miss understanding.  
 It's not our place to say that they seek out chopsticks.
  - Will: I feel like the food guidelines for food need to be different. From what ACC is saying, food is a part of their meetings more than just to eat. It's important that they have the food, not just for snack. I would encourage people to vote for giving them money other than the chopsticks
  - Brian Keefe: We thought about that, how if the group is about food we can't limit the amount of food. But ACC said that they were using food to draw people in as a way to entice people more than to use it as education. They want it for both, but not only education/ their organization does not require food.
  - Elizabeth: It seems unnecessary to give them money for the food. But if they asked to provide food to have a cultural event for others (outside of club) that would be different.
  - Bree: It's a cultural thing (the food), so adding the chips would just be normal compared to other groups
  - Eve: where would the money come from if we gave it to them?
  - Brian Keefe: We started off Spring Budget Committee with money, and we draw from that.
  - Morgan: Will brings up the point that food is a way to teach about culture. So I suggest that we don't fund the chips and candy, but more the holiday food things because that's more about culture

- Ranu: Point of Information, is the holiday thing just for ACC?
- Brian: All meetings are available to everyone, so everyone can get the holiday stuff
- Will: About what Eve said. It's important to know that budget process is set up so that every request is alone, not first come first serve—don't think about trying to save money
- Carter: are we allowed to see what they were allocated last year?
- Brian Keefe: Yes, but I don't know it right now. I look at that when they request stuff.
- Elizabeth: Point of information: Can organizations fundraise?
- Ruthie: Yes, we encourage it.

ACC comes back in

- Q&A
  - Will: Is food an integral part of the club?
  - ACC: I feel like it's the only way to get people to come.
  - Morgan: So the mission is to understand the culture more, how do the chips help with that?
  - ACC: this semester, most money will dedicate to food (to get people) but then second semester we will try to do stuff (like community service and stuff)
  - Rachel: Do you need all this variety?
  - ACC: I mean, I'm not saying its necessary, but just some would be great. I want variety to cover different cultures. So Variety has a reason
  - Bree: How many members do you want?
  - ACC: first meeting was 60-70 people, second was half that. In the past we don't have that many people, so this year we want at least like 25.
  - Aaron: Cornell has a lot of resources (you mentioned) have you thought about combining with their club?
  - ACC: I mean I've worked there and we work together (next semester). We will try to work with them but we don't want to say like "hey you pay more than us" if we're doing equal amount of work
  - Sherry Shen: Have you done any fundraising in the past?
  - ACC: they worked on tee shirts in the past, which were semi successful, but I don't think it broke even (it was like over 5 years ago). Last year we tried to sell Asian candy, but it's slow. It's hard to attract people to our table, because it seems so exclusive.

RUTHIE SIDE NOTE: Motions, its on the table, seconds, debate, restate motion, vote on it

Jimmy makes a motion that this appeal be taken back to budget committee given the recommendation of senate

- Point of order (Aaron)—so brian would look over it and re do the proposal completely or would it just be added to?
- Brian: ACC would come in tomorrow and would re propose with additional info. So we would essentially wipe out old proposal and redo it

Morgan Seconds it

Floor open to debate

- Ranu: I want to let people know that the first day they had 70 people with food then only half with out food. ACC thinks that they will pull away from food second semester, but will they?
- Emily: I think that the lack of organization might have to do with it too
- Brian Keefe: (No Offence) but we don't want to give them money just to get them members. She wrote down 25 members, so that's the number of people we go off of. This allocation is for first semester only, so she can re do it all second semester.
- Nate: So she wants money for food to get people but shouldn't she want it to teach people?
- Christie: I feel like there isn't a responsibility to give them money for food because after a point they will come for more than food if they want to
- Eve: She can do culture stuff other than food
- Bree: We're allocating money for 25 people, but she is talking about how her goal is to get more people. But then she'll run out of food no matter what.
- Brian Keefe: Yeah that's an issue for everyone
- Aaron: Wants to push this to a vote to send it to budget committee
- Jeff: You can just call to question, instead of motioning to move to vote
- Aaron: Calling of question Jimmys motion

Vote: All in favor of giving this to budget committee → 13-4-3

## VII. Officer Reports.

### A. President – Jeff Goodwin

- Congratulations to everyone for how the meeting has gone
- Terry Stuart was supposed to come, but she's sick, so she'll probably come at a later date.
- Still working on gathering committee info. Be patient. Handicap and sustainability guys stick around after the meeting
- E board had dinner at the Rochon's (every year this happens)
  - He is supportive
  - Jeff was asked to sit on Diversity Strategic Planning Committee
    - 5 years ago this happened, so we're going to do it now and do a 5 year plan
- Looking into Town Hall
  - Issues coming out of overcrowding might make for a good town hall (enrollment planning, and other boards that have power)

### B. Vice President of Communications – Will Mathewson

- Sched for Ithacan Advertisements has been made
- You guys can see that public forum can be central, and so we want to advertise it
  - On intercom, IC Link, and a poster
- Email from Ruthie about open house volunteers.
  - Saturdays (12:30-2 pm) open houses, beyond classrooms section that they want SGA to be a part of. 2-3 people.

### C. Vice President of Campus Affairs – Bree Bendix

- Going to be calling the health center to have a rep come in about H1N1
- Meeting with Brian Mac about H1N1/ Res Life issues

### D. Vice President of Academics – Dan Cassell

- Not much

- Still waiting for Oct 2d APC meeting
- Acc council meeting late Oct
- E. Vice President of Business and Finance – Brian Keefe
  - Been working on E Budget committee allocations
  - Event calendar to promote the return fund policy
    - All events on campus who we give money to, when they will happen, and when they will give us money back
- F. Student Trustee – Chris Lee
- G. Residence Hall Association – Julia Dunn
  - RHA has chosen Cole L and Jamie H to be liaison for SGA and RHA
  - Preparing for first conference at regional's
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- H. Approval of Officer Reports—Nate motioned (and got prize)—Morgan seconds

### VIII. Committee Reports.

#### A. Communication Committee

- Jimmy made a great mock up for Ithacan Insert
- Every year CommComm puts together packet of press coverage of Ithacan, and I got those
- Theoretically we're doing an outreach plan. Get me ideas. We want to figure out what our outreach program will look like, whether it's a survey or whatever. If you have ideas send those to me

#### B. Campus Life Committee

- 9:30 p.m. on Mondays= meetings
- Topics
  - Allergy labels on Lactose and Gluten foods
  - Sidewalks on 96 b
  - H1N1 awareness
  - Med outreach and research (with RHA)
  - Disability awareness/ like, helping campus get better

#### C. Budget Committee

- Allocations this past week (Sep 16<sup>th</sup>) 13 committees. All unused funds must be returned within 30 days.
  - IC Invisible Children. 214\$
  - To write love on our arms.
  - Sign Language. 878\$
  - Ed 2010: 978\$
  - Student Activities: 3417\$ --no gifts
  - Buzzsaw: 2604\$- no equipment
  - ACC: 239\$ (appealed, so this will change)
  - International: 0\$ because proposal was for second semester
  - Monti gospel singers: 497\$- no shirts
  - Internation business com- 123\$
  - Cunsultants. 301\$
  - Financial management. 29\$
  - Brothers for Brothers. 107\$ (tentative because they weren't there)

### IX. Open Agenda.

- Elizabeth: As the member of community service committee. Nov 6-7<sup>th</sup> Empty Bowls. Still 4 positions left. 7<sup>th</sup> 7:30-10 (2 positions). 6<sup>th</sup> 2-4 p.m. (2 positions)→ email Elizabeth by tonight please
  - Jimmy: Friday is Ithacapella concert. Please come. Premium Blend opens.
  - Kelly: Wants to propose a solution for the girls that came in.
    - Dining Halls
      - Campus Center closes at 7:30, which is mad early.
      - Can it be open later?
  - Dan: I know practices get out really late, and sports come down at the same time and eat a lot. Could we add more tables?
  - Andy: In general longer hours are just needed
  - Emily: the Pub too would like longer hours
  - Jeff: Learning Moment! Why don't we propose that the campus life committee look into it?
  - Morgan: Motions to move it to Campus Life. Kelly Seconds.
  
  - Christie: Throw out food in dining hall—can we give it to others/ get it for free?
  - Morgan: I believe that there is a club that deals with this?
  
  - Eve: With lounges, is there a way that students in lounges have to move?
  - Bree: I am pretty sure that they have to stay the entire year
  - Julie: They're offered as rooms, not as temp housing. They can choose to move
  - Will: We can always make a suggestion
  
  - Andy: Can we start on time?
  - Ruthie: Yeah we want to.
  
  - Nate/ Rachel—Motion/ second to close open agenda
- X. Awards
- XI. Adjournment. Jimmy/ Christie – motion/ second to end meeting
-