



STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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## **SHOULD “CHALKING” BE ALLOWED ON CAMPUS?** SGA Seeks Student Opinions in Regards to Potential Chalking Policy

ITHACA, New York – October 6, 2008 – The SGA announced plans last week to reach out to the student body for feedback in regards to “chalking” on campus. Currently, writing with chalk anywhere on campus is considered a form of vandalism according to the Ithaca College administration. The SGA asks this: should students be allowed to use chalk to promote events?

For the past few years, the SGA has received feedback from students that chalking could offer a more sustainable form of advertising than wasting paper to print hundreds of flyers. Additionally, some student organizations have suggested that there is a need for better, more creative ways to promote events on campus. As a result of this feedback, the SGA has spearheaded efforts to institute a chalking policy on a semester or year-long trial basis.

Last year, a chalking proposal originally written by Luke Elmers '10, VP of Communications, and approved by the SGA was submitted to the administration. This proposal was sent back to the SGA with an approval for a year-long trial under the condition that the policy be completely monitored and operated by the SGA. “Last year’s senate felt that a trial period operated solely by the SGA wasn’t really indicative of how successful the program might be,” said Elmers, “We felt that if the administration were really behind the implementation of a trial period, they would allow it to operate the way it was designed to – with multiple parties monitoring and regulating chalking.” As of last year, the SGA had not yet reached an agreement with the administration on the best way to implement this trial policy. However, they are revisiting the idea this fall.

“The SGA will continue to work as it has in the past to come to some type of agreement with the administration that suits both the SGA, the students at large, and administrative concerns,” says Cornell Woodson '09, Student Body President, “As long as chalking continues to be a concern of the student body, the SGA will continue to fight for it.”

The SGA is actively pursuing student opinions on this important topic. Students are encouraged to email [sga@ithaca.edu](mailto:sga@ithaca.edu), stop by the office in the Student Activities Center (3rd floor of Campus Center), or call 607-274-1414. Students are also invited to attend the SGA’s weekly meetings and speak to the SGA directly during “public forum” – one of the topics this week will be chalking.

The Student Government Association is the representative body of Ithaca College students which functions as a liaison between the student body and the administration. In addition, the SGA plans events and seeks new ways to improve the lives of students at Ithaca College. The SGA meets every Tuesday night in the Taughannock Falls Meeting Room on the third floor of Campus Center. Meetings begin at 8:15 p.m. and are open to the public. More information is available online at [www.ithaca.edu/sga](http://www.ithaca.edu/sga).

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