



STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

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SGA INTRODUCES “THE CHOPPING BLOCK”

Event Aimed to Reach Students and Facilitate Open Communication

ITHACA, New York – October 15, 2008 – Today, the Executive Board of the Ithaca College Student Government Association announced that they will be hosting a new event called “The Chopping Block: Your Chance to Put the SGA in the Hot Seat”. The event, to take place Thursday, October 23rd from 7:00-8:00pm in IC Square, will function as an “open mic” question and answer session where students can voice concerns about the issues facing Ithaca College. The SGA Executive Board will be there to answer questions directly and engage their peers in discussion on the issues at hand.

This event was created to respond to concerns over what SGA does, how they work, and how students can participate in the activities of the SGA. “As a student organization that relies almost entirely on student feedback, this seemed like a natural way to encourage students to speak directly with us about what issues matter to them the most,” says Luke Elmers, VP of Communications, “One of our primary goals as an executive board is to reach out to students in new and innovative ways, and we feel that The Chopping Block is a perfect example of how we can do that.”

“This is a great opportunity for IC students to come out and voice their concerns to the SGA in a more informal and inviting setting,” adds Jeff Goodwin, Student Director of the Alumni Board and SGA Executive Board member, “We’re optimistic that events like The Chopping Block will help guide the SGA in our pursuit of voicing students’ concerns.”

Recent concerns raised over issues such as chalking have fueled an even greater interest in the involvements of the SGA, and the Executive Board hopes students will take advantage of this opportunity to speak out. The SGA is encouraging students to submit questions beforehand via email at sga@ithaca.edu. This will help guide the conversation for the hour-long Q&A session and will enable students who cannot be in attendance to participate. The Chopping Block is a part of the SGA’s ongoing efforts to involve the student body in every aspect of its decision making, and any questions or comments can be directed to Luke Elmers, VP of Communications, at lelmers1@ithaca.edu

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.

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