

HIRAM COLLEGE STUDENT SENATE
October 2nd, 2018 MINUTES

TONIGHT'S MINUTES:

Call to Order & Introductions

7:30pm

We had 5 Executive Board members, our Advisor, 6 guests, and 24 Senators present for the evening. Those Senators present were Bennett, Colton, Wirfel, Bessner, Lyon, Thornton, Bentkowski, Starpattern, Street, Louis, Andrzejewski, Gunther, Cook, Robb, Bhau, Rivard, Daniels, Kollman, Rodgerick, Harris, Hart, Ma, Hudson, Dualan

This Senators absent for the evening were: Lisser

Our guests for the evening were: Madison Linville, Michael Dietzen (filling in for Senator Lisser), Sylvia Erika-Blevins, Matthew Lee, Anthony Italiano, Mat Corfee

Presidential Reports

President Enoch hopes week six is treating you well. You've got this!

Hiram hosts a Haunted House each year in Quad and we are looking for volunteers to be actors and to be on the planning committee. VP Stevenson will be working with you. We are hosting the afterparty and this event can count as volunteer hours. This is held on October 28th 8-11PM. Reach out to the Senate Account if interested.

We briefly discussed the Run for Grace & Andy. Senators and visitors felt that there should be more student involvement. Senator Wirfel suggested that event planning for the Run for Grace and Andy be more open to the Student body in order to receive more input and student involvement.

Guest Speakers

Matthew Makenna, Jess Baker, Marc Freeman, & Garrett Munro visited to speak about technology on campus. At Hiram under the IT umbrella, there is Dray Computer Center, the Media Center, and Tech and Trek. Dray is in the basement of Teachout Price and is open 8AM-5PM weekdays. If there are problems, be sure to contact the Help Desk by phone at (330)569-5313, by chat on my.hiram, or by email.

Right now, students can print from iPads in the KC and Library, as they are public spaces. Use the PaperCut app to do so. The KC is a 24 hour printing facility, so this is always an option for students.

According to Tech and Trek surveys, the rating on positive feelings towards the iPad technology was 4.18/5. The top responses for peak learning experiences were productivity, collaboration, and experiential learning. The biggest barrier students have identified is being distracted in class. The Tech and Trek campaign's purpose is to promote mindfulness with technology and the ability to unplug.

Senator Bessner asked if experiential learning experiences were offered for faculty. *Appy Hours* are weekly iPad educational seminars for faculty to inform professors of capabilities of the new technology.

Senator Starpattern asked how professors are being held accountable for integrating technology into their teaching. Garrett responded by saying faculty are not mandated to use iPads and teaching style should be respected, but, students should be able to voice how best they learn. If your professor does not integrate technology into their classes and you would like to have more technology-based learning, speak to your professor.

Senator Bhau asked if having printers at the Dining Hall or in Residence Halls was a feasible goal. Matthew responded that funding would be the largest negative with that idea.

Jess said that when she was a student, there were printers in BC, Quad, East, and they were not well maintained. Hiram IT Services does not have the ability to watch over printers in the Dining Hall, nor does AVI. Therefore, management of a Dining Hall printer would be challenging. When they were in the Residence Halls, they were seldom used. However, Jess believes that printers could be put in Residence Halls again, if this is something students want. Jess also posited that printing is lessening as digital documents become more prevalent on campus.

Senator Bentkowski said that the Dining Hall was spoken as a location for the printer, because it is where many students start their day and many of his and Senator Street's constituents thought a printer in a centralized location could be helpful.

Senators should ask their constituents where good alternative locations for printers could be.

Other upgrades to campus technologies include WiFi, getting rid of Desktops, creating more collaborative learning spaces, the Field Station has received Apple TVs. Over time, more iPad printing capabilities will appear.

There were drop-in student sessions for iPad education in the Dining Hall last year, but few students attended. However, the resources are there. Tech and Trek is partnering with ARCH tutoring and with classes for increased application and usage of iPad technology.

Senator Bentkowski asked if there is still a \$30 printing budget, as Papercut hasn't been working. There is a \$30 per semester budget for traditional students, \$10 for CCP students. The glitch is being addressed.

To continue improvement with technology on campus, the team created the *Transformers Committee*, led by Garrett Munro. Senators may join and there is already a student on the committee. Senators Andrzejewski and Robb have volunteered to serve.

Old Business

Senator Lyon reported members of the Meal Plan Committee: Sen. Andrzejewski, Sen. Robb, Carlin Green, Michael Dietzen, and himself. He believes as more students enroll at the College, the price of the meal plan will go down, so this discussion may be more beneficial next year.

VOTE on approval of **MEAL PLAN COMMITTEE**
21-0-2 – APPROVED!

VOTE on reinstatement of **PSYCHOLOGY CLUB**
22-0-0 – APPROVED!

New Business

Dodgeball Club

Mat Corfee presented. He believes that this will be a strong community and his goal to create something for students to look forward to. He believes there would not be use for the full budget, so the club will request less than the Tier 8 \$200. Officers include Mat Corfee, Jeffrey Robb, Michael Dietzen, and James Elliot with Steph Simpson acting as the Advisor.

Senator Wirfel asked if it could be an intramural sport. He responded that it would be easier to manage funds and logistics as an organization, rather than an Intramural sport. Senator Robb said Dodgeball is more than a club—it is going to be a stress reliever for students and believes it will be a great way for students to bond.

A vote on club status will happen next week after the Constitution is distributed.

Computer Science Club

Anthony Italiano asked to reinstate the club. It has been a club on and off for 30 years. Dr. Ellen Walker is the advisor for ACM. He wants to expand the organization past the department through educational and recreational programs for students. There is a Programming Competition event at Kent State Oct. 19th - 21st that Hiram Students would like to compete at.

VOTE on **MEETING EXTENSION** to 8:35PM
17-1-4 — APPROVED.

Senator Starpattern asked what ACM plans to do at each meeting and how it will be made accessible to students who don't have background in Computer Science. The organization is geared towards technology in general. There will be events to teach students how to utilize different technologies.

Senator Robb asked what funding would be used for. Anthony said it would be used for events, food, and transportation.

VOTE on **REINSTATEMENT OF ACM** (with Constitutional Changes pending)
24-0-1 — APPROVED!

Senators Mention

Senator Wirfel asked if there is a way a master list could be created of club presidents so there can be more collaboration between organizations. VP Lang said they should be listed on the website. If there are specific details you would like, request these from VP Lang. Senator Bennett mentioned that the Activities webpage needs to be updated.

Senator Starpattern stated that residents have had issues with Physical Plant not completing work orders. Senator Bentkowski agreed. This issue is being addressed.

Senator Rodgerick brought up that some Students believe there are not enough vegetarian options at the Dining Hall.

Senator Bennett mentioned the sidewalk between the library and fire station needs to be replaced due to poor condition.

Notes from the Gallery

Anthony Italiano told Senators to contact Dray with broken cable boxes or related technological issues.

Adjournment

Abigail Stevenson, VP of Administration

8:34pm