

HIRAM COLLEGE STUDENT SENATE  
**October 9th, 2018 MINUTES**

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**CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS**

7:30PM

*We had 4 Executive Board members, our Advisor, 4 guests, and 17 Senators present for the evening. Those Senators present were Colton, Bennett, Kollman, Robb, Hart, Bessner, Louis, Hudson, Bentkowski, Ma, Harris, Rodgerick, Bhau, Lisser, Lyon, Dualan, Thornton*

*This Senators absent for the evening were: Cook, Street, Wirfel, Starpattern, Andrzejewski, Gunther, Rivard and Daniels*

*Our guests for the evening were: Mat Corfee (Sitting in for Cook), Kaitlyn Morse, Caroline Watson, Danni McDonald*

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**PRESIDENTIAL REPORTS**

President Enoch wished everyone a happy week seven and good luck on finals. She addressed the gravel in the parking lot and said it's going to be fixed before winter. Residence Hall maintenance complaints are being addressed. President Enoch mentioned that issues reported should be as detailed as possible to make sure that problems can be addressed properly. She also mentioned that VP Geric had a death in her family, hence her absence. President Enoch said that she and Senator Bentkowski are meeting with Martha Schettler to address Senate's amount of involvement with the Run for Grace and Andy.

The **Transformers Committee** has started, with Senator Andrzejewski and Robb as representatives.

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**EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORTS**

VP Stevenson asked for volunteers for our next Sit-in with Senate. Senators Bentkowski, Kollman, and Lyon volunteered for the next one. Colton asked if those living in townhouses are available to do Sit-in with Senate. Senators may choose their place for the Sit-in, but if they choose the Dining Hall, they will be paid for.

VP of Finance Eddinger mentioned 3 changes to FYB guidelines. Those guidelines regarded air-fair, ticket pricing, and club advisors P-Card use. For more information, contact FundingYouBoard @hiram.edu

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**OLD BUSINESS**

**Dodgeball Club Vote — New**

Jeffrey Robb and Mat Corfee left the room so senate could vote. Senator Lyon gave motion to discuss, Senator Bentkowski seconded the motion. There was no discussion.

VOTE – 16-1-0 – APPROVED!

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**NEW BUSINESS**

**Integrated Exercise Science Club Proposal — Re-instate**

Kaitlyn Morse and Caroline Watson came up to talk about the club. The club is designed to ready majors for grad school and life after college. She wants to be more involved on campus, such as with the Run for Grace and Andy, the Garrettsville YMCA kid program, and having speakers to talk about nutrition and equipment, especially with faculty. She also mentioned activities for campus, like water olympics and animal yoga. Fundraising was mentioned. Senator Lyon asked about how faculty would be assessed by staff. Kaitlyn responded that they could be assessed on blood pressure and fitness and rewarded for good health rather than punished for poor. Senator Bennett mentioned that runs are expensive, for future thought. Senator Lyon gave motion to discuss, and Senator Bessner seconded.

VOTE – 16-0-0 – APPROVED!

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### **Sit-in with Senate Presentation** by *Senators Robb, Lisser, & Cook*

Senators Lisser and Robb presented. Senator Robb mentioned that they were in the Dining Hall for about 2 hours and had about 10 students show. They sat behind the swipe access, next to the herb garden window. Senator Lisser mentioned that calling out to wandering students was helpful. VP Stevenson asked if students seemed to know that the event was happening, and Senator Lisser said no. Senator Lisser suggested more emails, and VP Stevenson agreed with the addition of posters.

About 4 prevalent issues were brought up:

1. **Mental health on campus.** Students (mostly first-years) said that they wanted more mental health opportunities on campus. Students were also concerned with the suicidal ideation policies.

Advisor Liz Okuma mentioned that students **are only asked to leave if they have a plan to hurt themselves or another**. Students must have a suicidal plan to be asked to leave campus. Dr. Okuma mentioned that we have a number of options for students who want help. Schools are recommended to have one counselor per 1,000 students. We currently have **Dr. Kevin** permanently, **a counseling intern** who will be staying a year and a half, and **another intern** is coming soon. Students can make appointments by contacting the Health Center. We also have **Reverend McCreight** who is available by email or in his office hours that he sends to campus. If an emergency occurs during the night, it is the most beneficial route to call outside help and have the student helped as soon as possible.

She also mentioned that students sometimes leave themselves. Almost all students come back to campus after they are sent away for mental health reasons. Safety and truth are the priority.

2. **Having more guest swipes**
3. **Increased vegetable options** at the salad bar.
4. Especially with commuter students, there were complaints that **events on campus were not being advertised well.**

Senator Kollman asked for elaboration. Senator Lyon responded that commuter students learn about some events about one week in advance, and they want more time. He mentioned convocation as an example. Advisor Okuma said convocation will always be on move-in day from now on and shouldn't be a problem anymore. Senator Hart mentioned that the email at the beginning of the month advertising events has helped. Senator Lyon agreed, but wanted to see lectures and other more public events listed on those lists as well.

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### **Future Speakers & Reaching Out**

VP Stevenson asked what **speakers** the senators want.

- ❖ Dr. Kevin (due to ongoing mental health concerns)
- ❖ Ed Frato-Sweeney (in place of Dr. Kevin or for election reasons)
- ❖ Rudy Brayditch (to address maintenance on campus)
- ❖ The School Chairs (to address their positions and aspirations)
- ❖ Sarah Dowd Dyer (to address advertising and events) were brought forth.

Senator Lyon said that a **light** by Colton is flickering. VP Stevenson told senators to contact the Executive Board ASAP when they see lights out on campus. VP Eddinger mentioned that the light by the Tennis Court still turns off when you walk under it. Senator Louis stressed that the Quad still needs better lighting.

Senator Bennett brought up **potholes**, especially behind the Quad. Advisor Okuma said that the problem behind the Quad is actually water drainage. The holes can be filled, but water carries the pavement away. Therefore, our administration is looking for solutions. Senator Bennett also mentioned the drive by the physical plant, as it is full of pot holes. Advisor Okuma worries that this particular street may be a village street, but she will look into it. Senator Harris said that there is a hole by the entrance to the Townhouses towards the Dining Hall.

Colton wants **swipe access** to all Residence Halls for every student. He is working on finding a solution or compromise with this.

Senator Hudson asked if there were plans to fix the **ramps behind the KC**. VP Eddinger also mentioned that they never get salted. Advisor Okuma said that there are plans to make steps and landings in that area. She also mentioned that because other areas of campus are priority for snow removal, there is often not enough resources to salt that area. Senator Hudson asked if the snow removal group could prioritize behind the KC, as tours now go through that area and she does not want to see more families fall.

VP Stevenson asked how people were doing in regards to **reaching out to constituents**. Senator Bennett mentioned that she sent out an email and had one response. Senator Robb and Bennett agreed that the emailing process is difficult because they have to enter all names by hand. Senator Robb suggested that the “Class of XXXX” senators have access to the “Class of XXXX” emails. VP Stevenson said that the Executive Board will look into this.

Senator Louis also had no responses to her emails. She wants a way to let students know where she lives. VP Stevenson said that a **poster** can be made with senators names and emails, and room numbers, if desired. President Enoch asked if the senator posters from last year made a difference, and Senator Bennet answered no. Senator Harris suggested that multiple emails helps make a difference.

Senator Lyon said that Outlook Groups doesn’t work very well because students have to accept an invitation, and then, they have to always open the emails or it will go to their clutter. VP Eddinger suggested that it is better to type everyone’s name into one email and then just use it over and over again without making a group because this will avoid clutter.

Senator Lyon also asked if senators could **add notes to the weekly emails** from the Senate account. VP Stevenson said that the Executive Board will discuss this.

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## Senators Mention

Senator Harris mentioned the want for **picnic benches around the townhouses** to encourage community. Townhouse residents don’t have a “hang out space” like the KC has for commuters. Dr. Okuma mentioned that she should talk to Residential Education and proposed the idea of an area like the one in front of BC for the townhouses.

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**Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Vice President Stevenson at 8:14PM.**