

HIRAM COLLEGE STUDENT SENATE

September 11th, 2018 MINUTES

TONIGHT'S MINUTES:

Call to Order & Introductions

We had 5 Executive Board members, our Advisor, 2 guests, and 23 Senators present for the evening. Those Senators present were Bennett, Colton, Wirfel, Thornton, Lyon, Bentkowski, Lisser, Rodgerick, Starpattern, Street, Louis, Andrzejewski, Gunther, Cook, Robb, Bhau, Rivard, Daniels, Kollman, Hart, Ma, Hudson, Dualan, Harris.

This Senators absent for the evening were: Bessner (excused)

Our guests for the evening were: Danni McDonald (filling in for Bessner), Michael Dietzen

Presidential Announcements

Welcome back, Senators—new and returning!

The collegiate leadership conference, Propel Ohio, with Sherrod Brown, will be hosted at Cleveland State University on October 12th, 2018. Some of the pressing issues being addressed are childhood poverty, food insecurity, disparities in education, and homelessness. The application deadline is Friday, September 14th and the cost of attendance is free. This is a very good networking opportunity. Email the Executive Board if interested, and we can send you the application!

Speaker

We have a very diverse array of speakers come in to speak to Senate, ranging from President Varlotta to Sarah Dowd Dyer. We will invite speakers as we see fit to further our understanding of current issues on campus.

Executive Board Report

Administrative: Abigail Stevenson, VP of Administration

Please decorate the notebook you have been given for your assigned Senator. Try to decorate the notebook to the Senator's taste! If you are unsure of how to decorate your assigned Senator's notebook, contact the Executive Board and we are happy to help. The Senate Office has supplies.

At the next meeting, we will be taking photos and officially inducting all Senators. Please dress business casual. As Senator Bennett put it: "Teacher Clothes" are appropriate. Please arrive at 7PM at East Hall for headshots, if available.

Financial: Brandon Eddinger, VP of Finance

Funding You Board is established for the year, with 9 members on the Board. There have been allocations made thus far and the organization is continuing to supply needed funding to organizations. There was an overhaul of the guidelines, so club leaders, be sure to check those out!

Involvement: *Andrew Lang, VP of Activities*

If someone is interested in starting an organization, contact Andrew Lang!

Communication: *Katie Geric, VP of Communication*

If you are interested in running one of the Senate social media accounts, email a letter of intent to the Executive Board. We will contact you if you are selected. Office hours for the Executive Board were distributed. They will be posted electronically in the near future.

New Business

The senators completed All-About-Me sheets and then learned how to make a motion.

A constituent is a person you represent in the campus community. Student Senate meetings run from 7:30PM-8:30PM. If you would like to extend a meeting, make a motion to extend the meeting and specify the desired length of the extension.

The Senator Code of Ethics and Responsibility passed by 14-0-3. There will be a printed copy supplied at the next meeting for Senators to sign.

Senators Mention

Run for Grace & Andy: Colton, Brett, & Darien

Please spread awareness for the Run for Grace and Andy. The senators were asked to distribute fliers. Donations for raffles are needed, so Senators must solicit local businesses. A letter will be given to present to businesses to verify that generous donations are going to a legitimate and worthy cause. Students may be needed to help at the run, more details will be provided as we get closer to the date of the event.

Lighting on campus

Some Senators suggested that the lighting campus wide could be improved for safety reasons. Areas of concern include: in front of Booth/Centennial, Campus Green, and behind the Quad and KC. By the Townhouses, lighting was also found to be an issue, especially facing the woods. There are existing light fixtures, but students would like more to be added and existing fixtures to be fully functional. An infrastructure fee on student bill was propositioned to improve things such as lighting and roadways. The Executive Board and Dr. Okuma will look into this further.

Printer in the Dining Hall

It was suggested by Senator Street that a printer be placed in the Dining Hall so students don't have to travel across campus to print documents before classes. Concerns voiced include that the printer could be damaged in such a high traffic area and there is little space for a printer in the existing space. A grassroots movement could be started to make a printer available, as they are inexpensive. As a rebuttal, Senators stated that they would want a reliable printer, rather than a cheap option. This discussion was tabled for the next meeting.

Notes from the Gallery

This is the time that our Senate guests have a chance to speak up.

AP scores & Language Requirement

Michael Dietzen raised concern with our College's disapproval to accept an AP test with a score of 3, when this is the average score. Currently, we take mostly 4's and 5's. He also took issue with the lack of retention of language and wondered if the language requirement was a worthy addition to the Liberal Arts education. It was also suggested that high school language classes could be sufficient to fulfill the language requirement. He was referred to the APC with this issue.

A motion to extend the meeting was made by 10 minutes.
The meeting was extended with a vote of 16-0-5.

Adjournment *Abigail Stevenson, VP of Administration*

8:40pm