

# HIRAM COLLEGE STUDENT SENATE

## September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018 MINUTES

*\*\*\*All sections are paraphrased and approved for the convenience of our readers\*\*\**

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### TUESDAY'S AGENDA:

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**Group Photo**-Thank you to Sammy Adams for taking group pictures and headshots of all of our Senators!

#### **Call to Order & Introductions**

7:40PM in East Hall Forum

*We had 5 Executive Board members, our Advisor, 1 guest, and 23 Senators present for the evening. Those Senators present were Bennett, Colton, Wirfel, Bessner, Lyon, Bentkowski, Lisser, Rodgerick, Starpattern, Street, Louis, Andrzejewski, Gunther, Cook, Robb, Bhau, Rivard, Daniels, Kollman, Harris, Hart, Ma., Dualan*

*This Senators absent for the evening were: Thornton (excused), Hudson (excused) Our guests for the evening were: Michael Dietzen (filling in for Thornton)*

#### **New Business**

Newly elected Senators were sworn in, giving us a full Senate!

*Rock Climbing Club: Andrew Lang, VP of Activities*

Rock Climbing Club would like to be reinstated. They are already planning events. Rock Climbing club was established in 2013, but has since become inactive. It was a very successful club when it was fully established. Excursions go to local rock climbing venues, such as Kendall Cliffs. Money spent on transportation and passes for membership. There would be infrequent activities because the funding through FYB wouldn't be active until the Spring semester.

Rock Climbing Club would be registered as a tier 8 organization until next year, and the money would be split between semesters. Sarah Dowd Dyer has offered to pay for part of the costs as the club establishes itself. There was a very solid interest list, an advisor willing to help, and four Officers. The Constitution for the organization is the same one that was used in past years. If there is solid interest, but the budget will not allow for members to rock climb for free, this will be considered later. Rock Climbing Club won club of the year in the past. The organization was reinstated with a vote of 18-0-0.

#### **Presidential Reports**

Concerns raised about AP scores and foreign language topics were reported to the Academic Planning Committee. Two students represent the Student Body on APC, Senator Alex Andrzejewski and Senator Cleo Starpattern. Topics are discussed through email and then discussed in meetings. APC members will provide reports throughout the year as meetings occur.

Lighting on campus was addressed and we continue to move forward with our next steps to improve lighting. Rudy Braydich and Dan Fynes were contacted about this situation. We will keep you updated. Please reach out to your Constituents and get feedback to determine areas where lighting is an issue.

#### **Executive Board Reports**

*Administrative: Abigail Stevenson, VP of Administration*

Senators swapped notebooks that they decorated for one another. These serve as a reminder to focus, stay mindful, bring positivity, and be constructive. The Senators were encouraged to use these notebooks however they see fit and avoid using iPads during meetings, if possible.

Sit In with Senate Setups took place. Every month, senators will sit in the Dining Hall to talk about any changes Students would like to see. We may do this in the Kennedy Center, as well, if the program is a success in the Dining Hall. It was discussed that this program may take place in the Hinsdale Arch in the future. Dress with an air of professionalism. Senators Street, Robb, Lisser, and Cook will start next week on Friday. Michael Dietzen and Senator Wirfel will make a sign.

Next week, Dr. Nick Hirsch and Dr. Ella Kirk will be in to talk about Academic Redesign. Prepare questions or topics and send them to Senate email account, or talk to a member of the Executive Board.

*Communication: Katie Geric, VP of Communication*

The Social Media Committee is filled and members are now running the Student Senate social media accounts.

### **Old Business**

Senators voted on the final draft of the Senator Code of Ethics and Responsibility and the motion to approve it passed with a vote of 21-0-2.

### **Senators Mention**

*Printer in the Dining Hall: Senator Street*

Discussion continued regarding putting a printer in the Dining Hall. Students cannot currently print with iPads with the current technology we have on most printers. It was suggested that a WiFi printer be used to solve this issue. Some senators and constituents have offered to help keep the printer in service. There were several concerns of technical malfunctions and cost of maintenance. This wouldn't benefit Townhouse residents or commuters without meal plans. Some Senators suggested that the need for a printer in this location could be the result of time management issues. It could become a crutch, rather than a luxury.

Executive Board is in the process of talking to Dray Computer Center and will report back.

*Run for Grace and Andy: Colton*

The letter verifying that donations are for the Run is still needed. This needs to get to the Run for Grace and Andy Committee, as soon as possible.

*Commuter lot: Senator Kollman*

Some commuters are worried there is not enough gravel in the commuter lot. We will forward this issue on to appropriate parties.

*Constituent lists: Senator Louis*

Senator Louis inquired when the Constituent lists would be distributed. As soon as they are compiled, they will be sent out to Senators via email.

*Announcing Senators: Senator Cook*

Senator Cook suggested an announcement be sent out naming Senators so students know who to contact with issues. This will be done in the coming week.

**Adjournment** Abigail Stevenson, VP of Administration

8:20pm

Respectfully submitted by Katie Geric, VP for Communications