

HIRAM COLLEGE STUDENT SENATE
January 15th, 2018 MINUTES

Call to Order & Pass the Gavel: 7:30pm

We had 5 Executive Board members, our Advisor, and 15 Senators present for the evening.

Those Senators present were: Andrzeweksi, Bennett, Bentkowski, Bessner, Bhau, Cook, Kinderknecht, Hart, Harris, Hudson, Lisser, Louis, Rivard, Rodgerick, and Street

Those Senators absent for the evening were: Daniels, Dualan, Thornton

Our guests this evening were: Michael Dietzen

Presidential Announcements

President Enoch: Welcome back everyone! To give you an update on Gelbke, the extra materials laying around the studio space have been marked for removal.

Advisor Announcements

Advisor Okuma: Welcome back to campus! It's always lonely here without the students.

Executive Board Reports

VP of Administration Stevenson: Katie Geric resigned as Vice President of Communication at the end of the three-week, and we [the Executive Board] choose to nominate Senator Lyon to take the position. Thank you to all of those who applied.

VOTE: 15-0-0. Approved!

Anthony Lyon is the new VP of Communication.

The Executive Board would like to propose changing the meeting time next week to discuss constitutional changes from 6:00-6:45 in the dining hall. Students without meal plans will be covered.

Many of the senators could not attend the meeting for the full time due to conflicts. Therefore, Advisor Okuma proposed that the meeting be unofficial and held from 5:30 to 6:50. Students could still attend MC Lyte's performance afterwards, avoid their conflicts, and give opinions on the Constitution edits draft before it is sent to campus.

New Business

Senate has had some Senators leave: Brady Gunther from Henry Hall, Charlie Wirfel from Fine Arts and Humanities, Cleo Starpattern from Bowler Hall and Jake Kollman from the commuter spot. Now that Vice President Lyon was confirmed, the Social Sciences seat is now open, too.

Sen. Street asked if senators could know why others stepped down.

VP of Administration Stevenson replied that they generally stepped down to focus more on school. Cleo also vacated their seat on APC, so we need someone to fill that too.

VP Stevenson encouraged senators to encourage their friends to join Senate. The positions will be about three months long.

Senators asked for clarification on APC. Advisor Okuma described it: APC is the Academic Planning Committee, responsible for academic decisions on campus, like the rolling out of the new Criminal Justice major.

Sen. Andrzejewski added that they meet every other Tuesday at 4:15.

Election Committee Interest

If the constitutional changes are approved, Senate will need to establish our Election Committee this month. This would run the elections for President and Vice President of Administration. Members running for either of these positions will not be allowed to participate in the committee.

Senators Mention

Sen. Andrzejewski mentioned that the Transformers Committee is looking for a student to fill *Sen. Robb's* seat, as he took another position on campus.

Sen. Harris mentioned that there was a cat by the Townhouses during the 3-week that constituents brought to her attention. It was hit and then left for several days before a student removed it.

Other senators have heard that students are concerned in general about how fast people drive around the corner. *Sen. Rivard* suggested a speed limit sign.

Sen. Bentkowski mentioned that many clubs approved last semester have seemed inactive and questioned what Senate should do to address this.

VP of Activities *Lang* answered that Senators could mention it to the clubs if they are a part of it, but, otherwise, he will step in and check on each of them.

Sen. Bennett asked if Vice Presidents of clubs could be included in the Presidents Round Table email. VP *Lang* said yes.

Sen. Bentkowski pointed out that the club list on the website still seems out-of-date. *Sen. Rivard* agreed.

VP *Lang* said that he will revisit this with OCI.

Sen. Street mentioned that the swim team is not accurately represented on the school's social media pages. VP *Stevenson* mentioned that she will work to correct this, as she is one of the students who works on the page. She apologized.

President *Enoch* also mentioned that College Relations pulls things from the Terrier website and other emails sent to campus.

There were no Notes from the Gallery.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 by VP Stevenson.