

HIRAM COLLEGE STUDENT SENATE

December 11th, 2018 MINUTES

Call to Order & Introductions by Vice President Stevenson at 7:30PM.

We had 4 Executive Board members, our Advisor, 5 guests, and 21 Senators present for the evening. Those Senators present were Andrzejewski (excused, late), Robb, Cook, Bessner, Bennett, Hudson, Colton, Louis, Daniels, Harris, Hart, Lisser, Rivard, Wirfel, Gunther, Bentkowski, Street, Lyon, Rodrick, Bhau, and Thornton

Those Senators absent for the evening were: Kollman (excused), Ma (excused), Starpattern, and Dualan

Our guests for the evening were: Madison Linville, Michael Dietzen, Graham Rubin, Callie Levan, and Christopher Vinci,

Presidential Announcements

President Enoch wished everyone a happy end of the semester and said that the Executive Board will be reaching out soon with the date of our first meeting of 2019.

Executive Board Reports & Business

VP of Administration Stevenson referred senators to the announcements which said that OSGS is Feb. 9th from 9AM-3PM at Akron. Email a four-sentence request to attend by Jan. 19th to the Senate account and CC Andrew Lang and herself on it. It also mentioned that Community Service forms for this semester are due Dec. 18th.

Then, the senators signed thank-you cards for the various departments of campus.

At this time, an extension for 10 minutes was called for.

Sen. Bentkowski asked the reason for the extension. VP Stevenson replied that it is for Advisor Okuma to ask senators questions for the Master Plan of the college.

VOTE: 18-0-2 (Approved.)

VP of Activities Lang announced that *Turning Point U.S.A.* changed the name of their club to *Middle Ground* to better reflect the beliefs of the club and attract a broader audience.

New Club Vote: Hillel

A vote was called to discuss Hillel becoming a club. There was no discussion.

VOTE: 20-0-0 (Approved.) **Hillel is now officially a club on campus!**

New Club Vote: Skating Club

A vote was called to discuss Skating Club becoming a club. There was no discussion.

VOTE: 20-0-0 (Approved.) **Skating Club is now officially a club on campus!**

VP of Finance Eddinger then spoke about club budgets. He had two things to talk about. First, last Thursday, all funding requests were stopped in preparation for the FYB meeting regarding next semesters funding. He mentioned how much money was allocated for in the fall, how much students spent, and how much was left over. Second, he mentioned that the FYB met last Sunday and it went very well. FYB allocated for every club that sent in allocations. The amount allocated was a safe number to put clubs in a good financial state for next year. The two new clubs from tonight's meeting will be allocated money for next semester.

Advisor Activity & Announcement

Advisor Liz Okuma had an activity set up regarding the Master Plan for Hiram College. She set up a map and the Executive Board gave four stickers to each of the senators. The stickers were to be placed on the map to express different thoughts about locations. Comments taken are to be used to make further plans for the college.

Red Dot = We need to get rid of it.

Green Dot = We need to keep it!

Yellow Dot = This place has potential, but isn't perfect yet.

Blue Dot = Bring something in to the college that isn't already here from the outside community.

After the dots were placed, Advisor Okuma asked for comments on the dots' placement. She wrote comments on the map itself.

Discussion went as follows:

Townhouses (No dots): The appliances need updates but aren't a giant concern. The thoughts were that the dots were more needed on other places on campus. Sen. Colton said he uses the townhouses mostly for sleeping, while campus has everything else.

Gelbke (Yellow): Sen. Wirfel mentioned that the studio space is filled with storage from Physical Plant and that the studio spaces don't have controlled lighting because it's motion activated. Sen. Andrzejewski mentioned that it doesn't seem inviting due to its seclusion and aesthetic. Sen. Bessner mentioned that we could now look into more options for digital media with the new major.

Dining Hall (Green): Sen. Lyon mentioned that it has a nice layout and is a comfortable building. A garden would be nice in the dining hall, as well as an outdoor patio.

Top of Hill at Abandoned House (Blue): It could be turned into a building similar to the writing house due to its convenient location, being as it is very centralized. A second Bistro or other food option would be great there. A sign to show off the entrance to Hiram would work well there. Advisor Okuma mentioned that the school does not own that property currently.

Buckingham Place (Blue): It could be used as an entrance building or showcase of campus due to its location.

The Hill (Yellow & Green): Senators felt that the renovations are going well, and that, if renovations continue, the residence halls will be a complete green dot soon.

Writing House (Green & Yellow): Sen. Harris said that it's a nice building with good intentions. Sen. Rivard mentioned that it is not wheel chair accessible while being one of the only locations to get writing help.

Behind Miller Hall (Blue): VP Eddinger suggested parking behind Miller Hall.

Health Center (Yellow): Senators felt that it needed an upgrade from the décor of the 60's. There is also little to no WiFi. Some senators felt that it was too far off central campus for it to be well used in case of injuries or mental health help. However, Advisor Okuma mentioned that it would be poor practice to allow students entering the building to be observed by other members of the college, too. Many schools have their health centers off campus.

Performing Arts (Yellow): Sen. Hart mentioned that it needs better heating and a bigger performing space. The doors also have huge cracks, although they are mostly fixed now. The fire alarm was also having issues for about a month.

Music Building (Yellow): It is a beautiful building but needs upgrades to attract students for music. It would be nice to see a sign or sculpture or something to advertise what the building is.

Hinsdale (Green): Sen. Wirfel asked for a gender neutral bathroom in the building, specifically on the 2nd floor. Sen. Bhau mentioned that the furniture needs modernized and updated to be more of a welcoming study space. The heat also needs to be more consistent. A downstairs directory of the classrooms and offices would be helpful on each side.

Colton (Yellow, Red, and Blue): Many senators agreed that the building is creepy and very old. It needs structural and décor improvements. Senators also said that it needs consistent heat, as it stores chemicals and specimen for year-long projects. Perhaps a back-up generator could fix this? Sen. Hudson said that there is mold in the basement. Is there a way to keep the building for its history while improving it? Senators mentioned that it is central to campus, especially on tours, so it should be a statement of our science program. Sen. Bennett stressed that the Greenhouse is awesome and should be utilized more.

Gerstacker (Green): It's a nice building with good furniture, great labs, and a nice study place.

Library (Green): Fully accessible, except that the elevator is broken right now and many students want this fixed ASAP. More outlets were asked for in the study rooms. It has a lot of study spaces, but some are nasty and need cleaned better. More rooms with white boards would be nice.

Closed Bar (Blue): – Sen. Bennett mentioned that something needs to be put there that will last because she has watched many stores close down there. It needs to be a more essential business. It would be nice to have more food places or a few other small businesses.

Koritansky (Green): It's a nice building.

St. Rt. 700 (Blue): Potential for stores.

Field Station (Green & Yellow): Sen. Cook wishes for more events for students of all majors, as well as more options to get there.

Bates Hall (Yellow): The downstairs offices could use updates, as the tiles are cracked. The dressing rooms in the auditorium are also full of trash bags and old food.

The Archway behind the Library (Yellow & Red): This area could be prettier for people walking by. The steps are cracked and it needs more plants because it could be a gorgeous spot on campus. The red was because the fountain is broken.

Quad (Red): Senators agree that it needs to come down. However, there was always a strong community and culture there. It should be torn down for a new residence hall, education or professional center, or both.

Kennedy Center (Green & Yellow): People like it there. VP Eddinger suggested that there should be more of a student activities center there.

Field House (Green & Red): Sen. Bennett said that it doesn't need more renovations. Sen. Thornton suggested that the pool needs renovations. Sen. Hart wants the dance studio to have swipe access. Sen. Hudson and Street suggested card access to the locker rooms, too, as well as ventilation. Some senators suggested that it would be nice to see separate exercise rooms for athletics and general campus.

Senators Mention

Sen. Wirfel asks for people to submit suggestions for diversity committee.

Sen. Louis has a mental health related performance on Monday at 4:15PM that she invited senators to attend.

Adjournment by Vice President Stevenson at 8:45PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrew Lang. Edited by Abigail Stevenson and Anthony Lyon.