

HIRAM COLLEGE STUDENT SENATE
January 29th, 2018 MINUTES

Call to Order: 7:30pm

We had 4 Executive Board members, our Advisor, and 19 Senators present for the evening.

Vice President Stevenson was excused to due to Opera rehearsal.

Those Senators present were: Cook, Hart, Toich, Robb, Daniels, Bentkowski, Louis, Harris, Bessner, Lisser, Bhau, Hudson, Kinderknecht, Dualan, Dietzen, Kidd, Oswald, Rivard, and Street

Those Senators absent for the evening were: Andrezewski, Ma, Bennett, Rodgerick, Thornton

Our guests this evening were: Madison Linville

Presidential Announcements

VP of Finance Eddinger proposed a fifteen-minute meeting extension to accommodate our agenda.

VOTE: 5-9-1. Fails.

VP of Communication Lyon is recording the meeting.

President Enoch briefed Senate on the next day's closings due to extreme cold.

VP Eddinger proposed appointing Brady Gunther to APC.

VOTE: 12-0-3. Approved!

New Business

VP Eddinger introduced Michael Dietzen, Tristyn Kidd, Emily Toich, and Bill Oswald as appointees to the Senate seats of Social Sciences, Bowler Hall, Fine Arts and Humanities, and Commuter Student, respectively. A discussion was held as to the appointment process.

Michael Dietzen was called back in to state his case and stand for questioning.

VOTE: 14-0-1. Approved.

Tristyn Kidd was called back in to state her case and stand for questioning.

VOTE: 9-1-5. Fails.

Emily Toich was called back in to state her case and stand for questioning.

VOTE: 14-0-1. Approved!

Bill Oswald was called back in to state his case and stand for questioning.

VOTE: 14-0-1. Approved!

Tristyn Kidd was called back in to answer further questions.

VOTE: 13-0-2. Approved!

VP Lyon presented Student Senate constitutional changes from Article VII Election, Section 3 of the Student Senate Constitution.

VOTE: 19-0-0. Approved!

ARTICLE VII- ELECTIONS

Section 3. Election Timeline

- A. Elections for the President and Vice President of Administration of Student Senate shall begin no earlier than TWO (2) WEEKS before Spring Break, and no later than ONE (1) WEEK after Spring Break.

Reason: We want more time to train the next Executive Board. This past year, we only had the 3-week, and that is not conducive with trips that may happen in the 3-week.

VP Lyon presented proposed constitutional changes from *Article VII Election, Section 9* of the Student Senate Constitution. Discussion was regarding the number of Senators – one or two -- per academic school.

VOTE: 19-0-0. Approved!

This section will replace departmental senators as they currently stand now. This means that the Departmental positions of Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, and Fine Arts and Humanities will be replaced with School Senators.

*In this process, we go **from 6 senators representing academics to 5.***

Reasoning:

- 1. If we gave each school 2 senators, we would be at 10, and we might not honestly have enough room in the forum.
 - a. Our Senate is a good size now for constructive and effective discussions.*
 - b. Smaller would be better than bigger.*
 - c. By meeting with the School Director, senators should be able to understand the needs of the other majors and minors within their school.**
- 2. If we added one more spot, it would be for Undecided Majors, but, as soon as that senator declared their major, they would not be able to represent that position on Senate.*
- 3. Senators would be representing less students (1/5 versus 1/3)*

ARTICLE VII- ELECTIONS

Section 9. Ballot and Senator List

F. Five (5) Department Senators to represent the Five Schools on campus. These areas are the Scarborough School of Business & Communication; School of Arts, Humanities & Culture; School of Science & Technology; School of Health & Medical Humanities; and School of Education, Civic Leadership & Social Change. These are subject to change and are determined from the Schools of Academics.

- a. One to represent the constituency based upon declared major in the Scarborough School of Business and Communication. This Senator represents the following Majors and Minors: Accounting and Financial Management, Communication, Economics, Entrepreneurship, Management, Marketing, and Sports Management.
- b. One to represent the constituency based upon declared major in the School of Arts, Humanities and Culture. This Senator represents the following Majors and Minors: Art, Film, and Design; Asian Studies, Classical and Medieval Studies, Creative Writing, English, Ethics, French, Gender Studies, History, International Studies, Performing Arts: Music and Theatre, Philosophy, Photography, Spanish, and Writing.
- c. One to represent the constituency based upon declared major in the School of Education, Civic Leadership, and Social Change. This Senator represents the following Majors and Minors: Criminal Justice, Education, Educational Studies, Environmental Studies, Political Science, Public Leadership, Social Work Dual Degree, Sociology, and Teacher Licensure.

d. One to represent the constituency based upon declared major in the School of Health and Medical Humanities. This Senator represents the following Majors and Minors: Biomedical Humanities, Integrative Exercise Science, Nursing, Psychology, and Public Health.

e. One to represent the constituency based upon declared major in the School of Science and Technology. This Senator represents the following Majors and Minors: Applied Computer Science, Biochemistry, Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Engineering Dual Degree, Mathematics, Natural History, Neuroscience, and Physics.

VP Lyon presented Student Senate constitutional changes from *Article I Election, Section 3*.

VOTE: 19-0-0. Approved!

ARTICLE I- MEMBERSHIP

Section 5:

- “The elected members shall be: the President and Vice President of the Executive Board; one International Senator, two Commuter Senators, one or multiple Senators from each Hall (Article VII, Section 9C) (Booth, Henry, East, Centennial, Whitcomb, Bowler, and Miller), one Townhouse Senator, one Senator from each Academic School of the College (Scarborough School of Business & Communication; School of Arts, Humanities & Culture; School of Science & Technology; School of Health & Medical Humanities; and School of Education, Civic Leadership & Social Change), and one Senator from each graduating class year body, with the exception of the first-year class, which has two.

Executive Board Reports

VP Lyon introduced the premise of the 2019 Election Committee, and Senators Rivard, Kidd, and Cook, along with Madison Linville, volunteered to join. While *VP Lyon* cannot serve as committee chair, he is tasked with supervising it. The committee should have five members, who must be confirmed at next week’s meeting.

VP of Activities Lang and *VP Eddinger* briefed Student Senate on the recent President’s Roundtable held on Sunday, January 27. Senators asked for club vice presidents to be included in emails, too.

Senators Mention

Senator Hart raised concerns regarding the commuter parking lot communicated to her by a constituent. *VP Lyon* will continue to work on this issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 by VP Eddinger.