

HIRAM COLLEGE STUDENT SENATE

February 19th, 2019 MINUTES

Call to Order: 7:30pm

We had 5 Executive Board members present, our Advisor, and 19 Senators present for the evening. Those Senators present were: Andrzejewski, Bennett, Bentkowski, Bessner, Colton, Daniels, Dietzen, Harris, Hart, Hudson, Lisser, Louis, Ma, Oswald, Rivard, Robb, Street, Thornton, and Toich

*Those Senators absent for the evening were: Bhau, Cook (excused), Dualan, and Rodgerick
Our guests this evening were: Lauren Caldwell, Jessica Caspio, Ally Green, Madison Linville, Cassandra Streets, and Amber Ricketts*

Presidential Announcements

President Enoch notified Senators of the phishing scam that occurred today, and advised not to open the links enclosed, and to change your password, even if you didn't give the webpage information. Also, our very own Reverend McCreight will be installed at the Hiram College Christian Church on Sunday at 3:00pm.

Executive Board Reports

Vice President of Activities Lang introduced the officer board of Active Minds, which is seeking renewal as a club on campus. Victoria Falluco and Hayley Scherer are to serve as Co-Presidents, Caitlin Longacre as Vice President, Amber Davis as Secretary, Chad Denman as Treasurer, Zoë Sajen as CEO, and Josh Cohn as Sergeant-at-Arms, with Professor Nario-Redmond and Dr. Kevin Feisthamel serving as advisors. They intend to focus their energies on mental health issues, whereas Psychology Club covers the academic major itself, and spoke of future club events. Their club interest list contains 26 students. Discussion was held as to the functions of the seven officer positions, as well as to their feasibility given the dual presence of Psychology Club.

VP of Administration Stevenson clarified that to abstain from voting is to indicate that a Senator lacks enough information to vote (signifying the need for more questions), that the Senator would rather avoid choosing sides, or that the issue at hand doesn't apply to the constituency of said Senator.

VOTE: 7-8-2. Fails.

VP Lang explained that the officers may choose to return next week for further discussion and a second vote to renew Active Minds.

VP of Communication Lyon announced the postponement of the Star Senator/Senator of the Month program that's appeared on the agenda recently. He hopes to kick the initiative in the Fall, provided that he is in a Senate position to do so. All Presidential and Vice Presidential Election packets are due to the Senate office or to senate@hiram.edu no later than 5:00pm on this Friday, February 22.

Senator Robb updated Student Senate on the activities of the Meal Plan Committee, which he chairs. On Friday, February 15, the committee met with Dean Okuma, Chief Financial Officer Nancy Rubin, and dining hall officials to discuss dining on campus. The committee would like to change direction and address food choices and would like to be named the "Dining Committee" as such. They are working with the Dining Hall to create a list of options that can be provided if no other food during a single meal can satisfy the needs of a student as well as some other ideas. For more information, contact Senator Jeffery Robb.

Old Business

All items in blue are added. All items in red are deleted. Un-highlighted text is original text.

ARTICLE II- POWERS AND DUTIES

Section 1:

- Hiram College Student Senate has the power to:
 - A. Interpret and communicate student interests to administration, faculty, and staff.
 - B. Sit on and report from the College Governance Committees, as defined in Article IV, Section 4, Part B.
 - C. Report upon information gathered from faculty, staff, and administration to Student Senate and students of the College.

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Section 4:

- C. To attend 85% of all meetings To attend (as defined in Article III, Section 3) meetings (as defined in Article III, Section 1) , unless the senators' excuses are deemed valid by the Executive Board
- D. To assist with at least two Senate events which include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Campus Day, Sugar Day, Involvement Fair, Hiram Halloween, Beach Party, or the Variety Show, etc.

VP Stevenson presented proposed constitutional changes from *Article II Powers and Duties, Sections 1 and 4* of the Student Senate Constitution.

VOTE: 17-0-0. Approved!

VP Stevenson presented proposed constitutional changes from *Article III Meetings, Section 1-2* of the Student Senate Constitution. Discussion was held regarding attendance policies. After a review by the Executive Board, Student Senate will vote on these proposed changes at the next meeting.

ARTICLE IV- STRUCTURE OF THE STUDENT SENATE

PART A. EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. Responsibilities

K. To communicate to the Advisor your favorite color, should you have read the above.

Section 2. Powers and Duties

A. Overall Executive Board Duties

a. Executive Orders

- i. Has the purpose of fulfilling holes in the Constitution temporarily.
- ii. Must be approved by the entire Executive Board and the Student Senate advisor.
- iii. A review of the order should be taken to Senate to see if it should be added as a Constitutional Amendment.

C. The Vice President of Administration

g. To send the next full Senate meeting's agenda to the Executive Board, Senators, and Advisor at least 24 (twenty-four) hours before the meeting.

h. To keep a roster of the committees, who sits on them, who the chair is, as well as store the minutes of the committees. As well as check in on committee progress.

I. To keep a roster of the senators' roles and duties and to follow up with them on their progress each semester.

J. To meet with at least 90% of senators individually per semester.

D. The Vice President of Communication

h. To oversee the Election committees, but not serve on them if they are running for office.

E. The Vice President of Finance

b. To serve as chair of the Funding You Board for the Student Senate.

ii To collect and review mid-year progress reports from all official student organizations funded by the Student Senate

f. To electronically provide monthly Student Senate financial status reports to Student Senate and the Student Body

h. To allocate remaining funding to various outlets to be determined with the Vice President of the College and Dean of Students.

F. The Vice President of Activities

a. To serve as the chairperson of the Student Organization Activities Committee (S.O.A.C.).

b. To ensure that the S.O.A.C. will adhere to the constitution established for itself

c. To provide oversight, along with S.O.A.C. for all student organizations and clubs on campus that are official through S.O.A.C.

h. To have semesterly "Presidents Round Table" meetings in collaboration with Office of Campus Involvement and Vice President of Finance.

VP Stevenson presented proposed constitutional changes from *Article IV Structure of the Student Senate, Part A and Section 2* of the Student Senate Constitution. Executive Orders will exist on a case-by-case basis from Executive Board to Executive Board.

VOTE: 17-0-0. Approved!

Senators Mention

Senator Hudson voiced her concern regarding a new policy requiring townhouse students to purchase one of three block meal plans beginning in the Fall. *Senator Harris* clarified that she sent this information out to her constituents (townhouse residents) the week before, after receiving word from Mr. Frato-Sweeney. Discussion was held and prospective future townhouse residents voiced their own opinions in regard to the fairness of the decision, as well as their perceived non-need for townhouse block plans.

Senator Bennett proposed a meeting extension of 15 minutes.

VOTE: 14-1-3. Approved!

Further discussion was held with *Senate guests* as to the benefits of independent living in the townhouses, as well as the distinction between the meal plan and block plans. The Executive Board and *Senator Harris* will consider inviting Mr. Frato-Sweeney to speak before Student Senate on this matter.

The meeting was adjourned at ~8:45 by VP Stevenson.