

HIRAM COLLEGE STUDENT SENATE

March 12th, 2019 MINUTES

Call to Order: 7:30pm

We had 5 Executive Board members present, our Advisor, and 22 Senators present for the evening.

Those Senators present were: Andrzejewski, Bennett, Bentkowski, Bessner, Bhau, Colton, Cook, Daniels, Dietzen, Dualan, Harris, Hart, Hudson, Lisser, Louis, Ma, Oswald, Rivard, Robb, Street, Thornton, and Toich

Our guests this evening were: Madison Linville, Sophie McCurdy, Katrayla Musgraves, and David Schilling

Presidential Announcements

Presidential Enoch thanked everyone who attended and hosted the 2019 Senate Election Forum that started at 7:00 that evening. Opting-out of a meal block plan if you live in the townhouses is now the standard for next year, and she emphasized Student Senate's hand in the dialogue that brought about this change. *Senators Harris and Kidd* confirmed that the townhouse application does allow for students to opt out of buying one these meal plans.

Executive Board Reports

VP of Activities Lang introduced Katrayla Musgraves, Project Director for the Hiram Student Nursing Association, to propose that her club, also known as HSNA, be reinstated on campus. The remaining club officers are as follows: Melissa Vilasenor-Reyes as President, Lana Dahman as Vice President, Lauren Katz as Secretary, and David Schilling as Treasurer, with Professor Jenny Wood as advisor. Their activities are to include assisting healthcare providers and the nursing program here at Hiram. More specifically, they would like to host a "Donate and Create" event on Sugar Day, where students would donate two items to participate in making blankets to be donated to Haven of Rest. As for membership, all Hiram students are eligible; however, to be considered an "active member" of the national association, students have the choice to pay dues to the national Student Nursing Association, which HSNA will see \$5 of. The proposed club has 14 members so far, 14 of which are deemed "active." Discussion was held as to the nature of the club's officer positions.

VOTE: 21-0-0. Approved!

VP of Administration Stevenson announced that Student Senate will partake in a second project on Sugar Day brought to the Executive Board by *Senator Hart*, who volunteers at Brooks Home. From 10:00am-12:00pm on Sugar Day (March 26), Senators who choose to participate will, as of now, gather in the Student Leadership Center to make 4-8 cards, such that each of the 38 residents receives two cards throughout 2019. Senate's other endeavor, board game creation, will take place that afternoon. All loose board game pieces should be dropped off in the Student Life Office by Sugar Day.

Senator Cook updated Senate on the election forum earlier that night. The electronic ballot for President and Vice President of Administration opens at 1:00am Wednesday morning (March 13) and closes at 5:00pm on Tuesday, March 19. Check your emails for a link from the Senate account and Shelley Gordon.

VP of Communication Lyon released the final Royal Flush Senate promotional flyer.

ARTICLE III – Meetings

Section 1:

- Add: **The meetings shall end at 8:45PM.**
- Full Senate meetings must not be held during official recesses in the academic calendar, unless approved by Student Senate at least one week **prior to such a meeting with a simple majority of present Senators.**

- Change to: “prior at a full senate meeting with a majority vote”

Section 2:

- A special meeting is any meeting of Student Senate that does not abide by the rules time restrictions.
 - A. Any Senator who is unable to attend a Senate meeting must let the Vice President of Communication know six (6) hours in advance or as soon as possible for emergencies and before the Senate meeting is held.
 - iii. Academic affairs,
 - C. Any Student Senate member who accrues more than two verified unexcused absences per semester must receive a warning, and the senator’s 3rd (third) absence will require that Senator to be replaced by appointment.
 - D. Any Student Senate member who accrues more than three (3) excused absences per semester must receive a warning, and the senator’s 4th (fourth) absence will require that Senator to be replaced by appointment.

VP Stevenson presented proposed constitutional changes from *Article III Meetings, Sections 1 and 2* of the Student Senate Constitution.

Vote: 21-0-0. Approved!

ARTICLE IV- STRUCTURE OF THE STUDENT SENATE

PART A. EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 3. Limitations

B. Executive Board members may not fill other College Governance Committee positions concurrent with their Executive Board tenure, with the exception of CESC

Section 4. Succession of Executive Board Positions

a. The position vacated by the Acting President shall be filled by a nomination the Vice President of Administration from the Executive Board. Then, the original Vice President of Administration’s position shall be filled by a member appointed by the Executive Board. This nomination must be confirmed by a 2/3 majority vote of the Student Senate.

PART C. INTRA-SENATE COMMITTEES

Section 3. Organization

C. The Vice President of Administration will be responsible for keeping up to date rosters of who chairs each committee, who sits on each committee, and the minutes of each committee.

VP Stevenson presented and explained proposed constitutional changes from *Article IV Structure of the Student Senate, Sections 3 and 4 and Part C Section 3* of the Student Senate Constitution.

Vote: 21-0-0. Approved!

This section was added due to concern from senators who realized that there was a hole in the VP of Activities and Finance positions. There was no protocol in place for if one of the positions’ members wished to re-apply for the same position.

ARTICLE I- MEMBERSHIP

Section 6:

- A. One week before the above appointments take place, any student who is being considered for positions of Vice President of Finance, Vice President of Activities, or Vice President of Communication, must submit to the Student Senate Executive Board, one week prior to nomination approval vote, a summary of qualifications outlining how they are best suited to complete the duties of the position to the Student Senate.
- B. The Vice President of Activities will be appointed by the President and Vice President of the Student Senate of the term concurrent with the new position. Consideration will be taken from the Director of OCI, the Senate Advisor, and the previous Vice President of Activities. In the case that the previous Vice President of Activities wishes to run for the position again, they do not get to give input or be involved in the discussion.
- C. The Vice President of Finance will be appointed by their predecessor The Vice President of Finance will be appointed by the following process:
 - The current VP of Finance will take applications from the current members of the Funding You Board only.
 - If no members apply then the process will be open to the student body.
 - Applications will be reviewed and the applicants will be interviewed by the VP of Finance and the Director of OCI. Invitations to sit in on the interviews will be offered to the Senate Advisor and Senate executive board members.
 - Results of the interviews will be shared with the FYB and they will be asked for their input regarding the candidates (This will exclude any FYB member who applied for the position). The FYB will give their preferred VP of Finance recommendation.
 - The final decision is then given by the VP of Finance, Senate Advisor, and Director of OCI with considerations from the FYB members and Student Senate President and Vice President for the next term. and Senate Advisor
 - The appointed VP of Finance will be voted in by the Student Senate, as stated under letter D.
 - If for any reason, the Student Senate does not approve the appointed candidate through their vote, the FYB reserves the right to hold a vote to veto that decision. The veto must pass by a majority vote.
 - If the veto does not occur, then the current VP of Finance and Director of OCI must appoint another candidate from the applicant pool.
 - In the case that the current VP of Finance wishes to return to their seat, the Senate advisor and director of OCI must receive an application at the same time that other applications are being accepted from other interested members of the Funding You Board, and the VP of Finance will be excluded from the conversations and decision.

VP Stevenson presented and explained proposed constitutional changes from *Article I Membership, Section 6* of the Student Senate Constitution. *VP Lyon* clarified that the succession process for his current position is already within the Constitution and resembles that of the Vice President of Activities. Discussion was held for the final proposed constitutional change of the present Student Senate.

Vote: 21-0-0. Approved!

Senators Mention

Senators expressed concern in regard to a continued series of phishing attempts operating through Hiram email accounts. *VP Lang* and *VP Lyon* explained how the Dray Computer Center has sent out emails addressing the issue, and how the College's network firewall was upgraded over spring break amongst other changes that have been made.

Senator Bhau brought up how the dining hall's current operating hours don't always work for all students, especially those coming from sports practice in the evenings. The Executive Board has forward this concern onto the Dining Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 by VP Stevenson.