

HIRAM COLLEGE STUDENT SENATE

March 19th, 2019 MINUTES

Call to Order: 7:30pm

We had 5 Executive Board members present, our Advisor, and 16 Senators present for the evening. Those Senators present were: Andrzejewski, Bennett, Bentkowski, Bessner, Bhau, Colton, Cook, Dietzen, Dualan, Harris, Hart, Hudson, Lisser, Oswald, Robb, and Toich

Those Senators absent for the evening were: Kidd, Louis, Ma, Street, and Thornton, Our guest this evening was: Madison Linville

Presidential Announcements

President Enoch informed Student Senate that the College will conduct a test of campus emergency tornado drill systems on Friday at 9:50am. If you don't receive an emergency alert on your cell phone, please update your phone number on WEB4Students.

Executive Board Reports

VP of Administration Stevenson updated those present on our plans for Sugar Day. From 10:15am-12:15pm on March 26, Senators will fill out cards in the Student Leadership Center for the residents of Brooks Home, north of campus on Route 700. Afterwards, they will construct new board games for children using loose board game pieces from the collection box in the Student Life office. The next Sit-In With Senate shall be run by Sierra Daniels, Sam Hudson, Dominic Dualan, Emily Toich, Bill Oswald, Olivia Rivard, and Shanjinzi Ma. If you're interested in helping with the Senate Leadership Awards, please see *VP Stevenson*.

VP of Communication Lyon released the Senator election packets for the 2019-2020 academic year, which are due to the Student Senate office or to senate@hiram.edu no later than 5:00pm on Thursday, April 18.

VP of Finance Eddinger announced that ~26.6% of all funds allocated to clubs for the spring semester have been spent, and for this reason and others, he and *VP of Activities Lang* are working on a new funding system, to be finished by the next President's Roundtable on Sunday, March 24 (now March 31) at 3:00pm in the Student Leadership Center.

New Business

Senators Andrzejewski, Bhau, and Dietzen presented the proceeds from the latest Sit-In with Senate, held on February 14 in the dining hall. Principle student concerns included the cost-per-meal of the unlimited meal plan versus the food block plans (the former is significantly more expensive than the latter according to the groups' estimates), the second sidewalk connecting the Coleman and Kennedy Centers that has yet to be paved (and is a place of prospective student initial impressions), and the potentially unsanitary and deteriorating state of the exercise equipment in the campus gym. The group provided pictures and asked what could be done to help fix some of these issues.

SAAC volunteered to take the gym concerns to the staff there. More discussion was held – upkeep of the exercise equipment falls on the Coleman Center staff, but also on the student users. *VP Eddinger* explained that an inspector examines the equipment each week, and that the staff are aware of the issues.

Secondary student concerns consisted of the dining hall's hours, mixed reviews on housekeeping, and wi-fi "dead spots" in the dining hall, which seem to be more incidental across campus than in the actually Dining Hall itself. Discussion was held regarding the operating hours and state of the dining hall. The Senators were asked for specific hours that students want, and the concerns were forwarded on to the Dining Committee for consultation with Caleb. *Senator Cook and VP Lyon* reminded Senators to reach out to the dining hall staff if you have dietary restrictions, as they are happy to oblige.

Senator Andrzejewski briefed Student Senate on the last Academic Planning Committee (APC) meeting, where the Criminal Justice major was just approved with some elements awaiting finalization, which will contain three tracks dealing with crime, law, or justice through a combination of sociology and political science courses. Developing the New Liberal Arts is a consistent topic at the Committee's meetings every other Tuesday.

Senators Mention

Senator Toich raised concerns over the status of the emergency signal poles located around campus, some of which appear to be out of commission. The Executive Board is investigating this issue.

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