

HIRAM COLLEGE STUDENT SENATE
October 13th, 2020 Minutes

Call to Order

We had our advisor, 5 executive board members, and 20 senators present for this evening's meeting. Those Senators were: Andrzejewski, Barnett, Bentkowski, Bolton, Conroy, Elliott, George, Gunther, Hart, Henry, Johns, Le-Quay, Nardo, Redfern, Saunders, Slutz, Thornton, & Toich.

Those Senators absent for the evening were: Conroy, Diaz de Padilla (excused), Keuroghlian-Eaton (excused), and Linville.

Presidential Announcements

President Robb thanked Senators for their feedback last week regarding the Senator of Satellite Housing position. Given that students will be moving out of the Hiram Inn in November, an Executive Order to remove the Satellite Housing Senator position has been issued. Instead, Senators Saunders and Slutz will serve as liaisons for students living in Satellite Housing until the end of November.

Next week, from 5-7:30 the Garfield Center for Public Leadership is hosting a seminar entitled "Contextualizing COVID: The Economic and Security Implications of the Pandemic." Several Senators and Executive Board members are required to attend the seminar and may not be able to start the Senate meeting at exactly 7:30. Thus, the October 20th Senate meeting will take place from 8:00 – 8:45 to allow for all members to attend.

Advisor Announcements

Advisor Okuma reported out on discussion with Rudy Braydich, the previous ABM director at Hiram, now the manager for all accounts in Ohio. He also provided an update on the previous Senate Minutes from September 29th, to clarify the conversation brought up with members of the Sustainable Development Committee. Mr. Braydich indicated what he said was "We we're talking about dumpsters and how many we had and that our waste program due to having the dumpster count we have is larger than most. Dumpsters on your campus are placed for ease of access." This was from a class that met with people on-campus in March 2019. In addition, he mentions that peer to peer education would go a long way in regards to recycling and trash. Dr. Okuma also mentioned she has spoken with ABM, they have read the Sustainable Development Proposal and are ready to meet regarding the proposal

Students should have received an email from Residential Education with important updates regarding housing in the upcoming three-week session. Residential Senators were asked to please remind their constituents to read this.

Guest Speaker

Dr. Michelle Nario-Redmond shared a presentation on Hiram's results from the HEDS Diversity and Equity Campus Climate Survey given to students, faculty, and staff in February of this year. The HEDS Survey aims to learn about perceptions of the institution climate, look at how the institution supports diversity and equity and benchmark our survey with other like schools. Dr. Nario-Redmond discussed the different results of the survey, how diversity is perceived on

campus, and what steps we can take with this data. Student Senate plans to continue to work with Dr. Nario-Redmond to release this data to students in the best and most accessible way possible.

Executive Board

VP Cook announced that the October Senator of the Month is Alex Andrzejewski, Senator of Fourth Years and Beyond!

VP's Dietzen and Smith shared the changes that were made to the proposed location of the Black Lives mural that was presented last week. The new locations are under the Hinsdale Arch and the back side of the Coleman Center that is visible from the Kennedy Center. Mock ups of designs for both of these areas are being created by the artist for this project and will be shared with Senate as soon as they are done. She is also very flexible with the idea of having student artists working on the mural as well. Once all logistics are finalized, the hope is to then garner student interest for creating the murals.

A motion was raised to approve the proposal for a campus Black Lives Matter Mural.
VOTE: 17-0-0. Passed!

Senators Mention

Community service opportunities are being explored for students to participate in. However, many of the college's community service partners are not allowing volunteers currently due to COVID-19 restrictions.

President Robb adjourned the meeting at 8:46.