

HIRAM COLLEGE STUDENT SENATE
November 17th, 2020 Minutes

Call to Order

Attendance was not taken at this meeting due to the absence of our Vice President of Communication.

Presidential Announcements

An Executive Order was passed waiving the event participation requirement for Senators. This requirement will be revisited in the spring semester depending on if we can host events safely due to COVID restrictions.

Semester reviews for Senators will beginning this week. Senators should receive an email to schedule a time.

President Robb also encouraged Senators to find something they are passionate about on campus and bring it to Senate so that we can continue to make a positive impact on campus. He also recognized Senator Emily Toich for her efforts to connect with constituents in Bowler Hall. He encouraged all Senators to build a more connected line of communication with their constituents.

Advisor Announcements

Advisor Okuma thanked everyone who filled out the BLM Mural survey that was sent out last week. An update on the mural will be sent out by college administration soon.

Executive Board

President Robb presented Isabella Galecki as a nominee for the Senator of Miller Hall position. Isabella is a first year Environmental Studies major and she is looking forward to working with Student Senate.

Discussion ensued regarding Isabella's nomination.

A vote was then held to appoint her to the Miller Hall position.

VOTE: 16-0-0. Passed!

Isabella Galecki was then sworn in as a Senator of Miller Hall.

VP Dietzen shared an update on the Funding You Board. Currently, club spending for the semester is at \$5,000 which is 33% of the current budget. He encouraged clubs to request funds for t-shirts or masks as a way to use their budgets without hosting large events. FYB is still looking for one Senate representative to serve on the board, anyone interested can reach out to dietzenm@hiram.edu.

An update on the college APC Committee was given. Recently, there has been discussion regarding the switch from an INTD credit to an Urgent Challenges credit and what this transition will look like. Several new courses have also been approved.

Discussion followed regarding getting more students from outside of Senate involved in representing the student body on College committee's such as APC or the Diversity Committee. It is important to have this student representation and more students may be interested in the opportunity if they knew it was available. There was also discussion of implementing a transition report for students who serve on these committees to share with incoming students as a type of guidebook to the position and its responsibilities.

Senators Mention

It was mentioned that students could have greatly benefited from a day off this semester as many are suffering from burnout.

Advisor Okuma recommended students bring this up with their faculty as they are the ones who decide days off during the semester.

Notes from the Gallery

Concern was raised regarding the housing refund that was allocated to townhouse students for three-week period. Some students feel that given what students pay to live in the townhouse community, the refund amount was not sufficient for the amount of time students are being asked to move off of campus for the three-week and winter break.

Advisor Okuma took this information and will contact the Business Office and Student Accounts.

Senate will be meeting during the three-week starting December 8th. This meeting will be the last of Senate's Diversity Lecture Series featuring Dean Dee West as our guest speaker.

President Robb Adjourned the meeting at 8:12.