

HIRAM COLLEGE STUDENT SENATE
February 16th, 2021 Minutes

Call to Order

*We had our advisor, 5 executive board members, and 22 senators present for this evening's meeting. Those Senators were: Andrzejewski, Barnett, Bentkowski, Bernhardt, Bolton, Caricco, Conroy, Elliott, Galecki, George, Gunther, Hart, Henry, Johns, Keuroghlian-Eaton, Le-quay, Linville, Redfern, Saunders, Slutz, Thornton, & Wright.
Those Senators absent for the evening were: Nardo, & Toich.*

Presidential Announcements

President Robb asked that everyone continue to stay safe in this bad weather and take any precautions needed when traveling on campus.

Advisor Announcements

Dean Okuma shared an update regarding the house on the corner of Route 700. The College is unable to burn the house down as originally planned, instead it will be bulldozed over at some point.

She also thanked Senators for the feedback they shared with Dean Muyskens and Professor Swenson regarding advising last week. We will continue to work on the area of advising.

Lastly, she hoped everyone got the message about the two hour delay that took place today due to snow. You might have noticed that since times have changed the messaging was classes before 10 am not to meet in person. This means you needed to check your Moodle account and college email for instructions from faculty. This also meant if you had an online class at 8:30 it was still meeting.

Executive Board

President Robb asked for a vote to take the current discussion of the first Sustainability Checklist proposal off the table. This was done in order to reintroduce the new Checklist with edits suggested by Senators.

VOTE: 17-1-1.

Approved! The tabled discussion of the original Sustainable Event Checklist was voted down.

VP Dietzen then proposed the newly updated Sustainable Event Checklist for Senators to vote on the approval of. The Accessibility Checklist that was instituted into the club check request process last year was also included in this proposal to be formally voted on.

After the reading, Senators motioned to vote on the proposal.

VOTE: 18-1-0.

Approved! The Sustainable Event Checklist will now be implemented into club policy.

Committees

Constitutional Revision Committee will have their first meeting this Thursday, February 16th. If Senators have any edits or sections of the constitution they would like to be looked at, they can

send them to VP Cook or VP Dietzen. Senators can look to vote on the first set of revisions March 9th.

VP Smith shared an update on the Diversity Committee. The Committee has been auditing diversity among faculty and is looking for strategies to refine the recruitment process for faculty. This will allow the College to bring in more diverse applicants for positions. They are also drafting a proposal for this process that will be presented to administration. Diversity Committee meetings are open to all members of the College, any interested students can reach out to VP Smith or Senator Thornton for meeting times and the zoom link.

Senators Mention

Internet speed on campus has been exceptionally slow on campus recently. Senators were asking if there was any way this could be improved considering the large number of classes students are currently taking via zoom.

A Senator asked for more information on the email that was sent from Campus Safety last weekend regarding the suspicious person on campus. Senators also shared accounts of other events that had taken place over the weekend. Dean Okuma informed Senate that Campus Safety has increased their rounds on campus to keep students safe. If students have any more information on the situation they are encouraged to report it to Campus Safety.

President Robb adjourned the meeting at 8:16.