

HIRAM COLLEGE STUDENT SENATE
February 2nd, 2021 Minutes

Call to Order & Roll Call

We had our advisor, 5 executive board members, and 19 senators present for this evening's meeting. Those Senators were: Barnett, Bentkowski, Bernhardt, Bolton, Caricco, Conroy, Elliott, Galecki, Gunther, Hart, Henry, Johns, Le-Quay, Nardo, Saunders, Slutz, Thornton, Toich, & Wright.

Those Senators absent for the evening were: George (excused), Keuroghlian-Eaton, Linville (excused), & Redfern

Presidential Announcements

President Robb spoke about an email sent by Senator Johns as a good example of a welcome back email to send to constituents. He will be following up with Senators next week to make sure emails have been sent.

The Career and Academic Development Office will be hosting multiple networking events for the five schools at the end of February and early March. Senators were encouraged to attend these events and make sure their constituents are aware of them.

Advisor Announcements

Advisor Okuma shared that she had a discussion with Pete Mahoney, the executive director of IT, regarding the conversation that took place in Senate about the number of emails that students receive daily. The Computer Center is looking at different ways on how to regulate the way emails are sent to campus to minimize the density of emails. IF you have suggestions, please email Dean Okuma or Mr. Mahoney.

Executive Board

VP Dietzen shared the Sustainable Event Checklist once again with Senate. One section was changed regarding whether the food at events is sustainably sourced or not. Discussion ensued regarding the approval of the checklist. Senators discussed the process in which the Checklist was being passed and if it followed the guidelines laid out by Senate when passing proposals.

A motion to table the discussion of this Checklist was raised.

VOTE: 15-0-1. Approved!

The Constitutional Revision Committee was proposed to be approved.

VOTE: 17-0-0. Approved!

Vice President Smith proposed the creation of the Election Committee. This committee is formed every year to preside over the elections of President and Vice President. The creation of this committee was voted on by Senate.

VOTE: 19-0-0. Approved!

Five members of Senate agreed to serve: Senators Andrejewski, Gunther, Barnett, Toich, and Slutz. President Robb and VP Smith will oversee the committee, as well. Senate then voted to approve these members of the Election Committee.

VOTE: 14-0-0. Approved!

All members were then sworn in as members of the 2021 Election Committee.

VP Smith discussed Senate's upcoming Black History Month Events. Senate is hosting a joint event with Black Student Union on February 11th from 7:30-8:45. The event will be promoting black mental and physical health in a discussion with two visiting Doctors. There will be raffles available at the event as well, one to promote physical health and the other to promote mental health. She also took feedback from Senate regarding a second potential event that will be hosted by Student Senate. This may include a coloring event, or a financial literacy event lead by Dean Okuma. Senators suggested also providing a digital version of the coloring pages in conjunction with the in person version.

VP Cook asked Senators to vote for February Senator of the Month. This senator will be announced at next week's Senate meeting.

Senators Mention

VP Cook shared that in regards to the discussion of the Sustainable Event Checklist and Accessibility Checklist, the Accessibility Checklist was not passed as a resolution through Senate and suggested that the Sustainability Checklist be implemented in the same fashion.

The Clocktower Café currently seems to not be accepting Terrier Cash. Several Senators expressed having issues with using Terrier Cash there. Senators also asked if there will be any signs posted with the name "Clocktower Café" in the area. Currently, the area is only advertised as a Market C.

Snowplows have been driving through the grass on campus leaving large mud piles, as well as tracks on the side of the road. Senators asked if there was a way to fix this and make campus a bit nicer to look at.

Senators mentioned a few ideas to relieve parking issues on campus. Senators asked if we could specify parking lots for certain residence halls to alleviate some issues. For example, the Quad Lot being specified for students who live in the Quad only or the East Lot being designated for students living in East.

A question was raised regarding if a day off of classes in February is required of professors to offer in their classes. If this has not been discussed in your course yet, students are encouraged to discuss the matter with their faculty member.

President Robb adjourned the meeting at 8:35.