

HIRAM COLLEGE STUDENT SENATE
April 20th, 2021 Minutes

Call to Order

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

Those Senators absent for the evening were: Carrico, Conroy, Henry, Keuroghlian-Eaton, Linville

Guests for the evening were: Carlene Kopp, Mellreanna Ferguson, Rachna Prasad, and Tim Schick.

Presidential Announcements

Earlier today, Derek Chauvin was found to be guilty in the court of law. This was not justice, but instead a step towards accountability. We still have steps to take from here and as students of Hiram, we acknowledge this and will continue to work towards justice.

Thursday is Earth Day. Senate and Environmental Action Crew will be hosting an Earth Day Fair from 10:30-1:30 on Thursday in the Kennedy Center. Students are encouraged to attend!

The Senators of the Month for April were Trey Saunders and Ashonti Wright. Congratulations to them!

Executive Board

Professor Tim Shick introduced the Investment Club for a revival. There is an officer team of students together already for the club as well. The Investment Club originated from the investment course offered by Professor Shick and is picking up where the old investment club ended, using the same funds they had left to the College.

VOTE: 16-0-0.

Investment Club was reinstated!

Relay for Life was also present in Senate for a club revival. Officers Mellreanna Ferguson, Rachna Prasad, and Carlene Kopp presented the club. The goal of the club is to raise funds for Relay for Life and cancer research and awareness. The club also hopes to work with the American Cancer Society as well.

VOTE: 18-0-0.

Relay for Life was revived as a club!

President-elect Cook and Vice President-Elect Saunders shared their nominees for the Vice President Confirmations.

First was the Vice President of Activities nominee, Emily Toich. Emily is currently the Senator of Bowler Hall and served as the Vice President of Activities for the 2019-2020 school year. She took the year off due to changing her major and wanting to focus on that, but is excited to return to the position.

Senate then held discussion before voting to approve Emily Toich as the nominee for Vice President of Activities.

VOTE: 15-0-1. Approved!

Emily Toich was named the new Vice President of Activities for the 2021-2022 academic year.

Allison Slutz was then presented as the nominee for the Vice President of Communication position. Allison currently serves as the Senator of the Junior Class and has past experience working in a secretarial position and in social media. Senator Slutz will be graduating in December 2021, and a transition will take place at this time for a new Vice President of Communication to take over in the spring semester.

Senate then held discussion before voting to approve Allison Slutz as the Vice President of Communication.

VOTE: 15-0-1! Approved!

Allison Slutz was named the new Vice President of Communication for the 2021-2022 academic year.

Lyndsey Johns was nominated for the Vice President of Finance position. Lyndsey is a sophomore and the current Senator of the Scarborough School of Business and Communication and is an Accounting and Marketing major.

Senate then held discussion before voting to approve Lyndsey Johns as the Vice President of Finance.

VOTE: 16-0-0!

Lyndsey Johns was named the new Vice President of Finance for the 2021-2022 academic year.

Senator applications are open until Friday, April 23rd. Senators were encouraged to reapply and encourage their constituents to apply for positions as well.

Senators Mention

A Senator encouraged other Senators to inform constituents, specifically those out of state or who live a distance from Hiram, that you must receive both doses of your vaccine in the same location.

Another Senator shared support for the College to require vaccines for students to return to campus next year.

A Senator shared support for the Wellness Days that were added to the three-week term. This was a big help to support students mental health in the three-week term.

The last meeting of this Senate term will take place next Tuesday. We will receive feedback from Senators, sign off on the updated Senate constitution, and hand out the annual Senator awards!

President Robb adjourned the meeting at 8:45.
