

HIRAM COLLEGE STUDENT SENATE  
**April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Minutes**

**Call to Order**

*We had our advisor, 5 executive board members, and 18 senators present for this evening's meeting. Those Senators were: Andrzejewski, Barnett, Bentkowski, Bernhardt, Bolton, Elliott, Galecki, George, Gunther, Hart, Johns, Nardo, Redfern, Saunders, Slutz, Thornton, Toich & Wright.*

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

**Presidential Announcements**

*President Robb* thanked Senators for all of the hard work they have put into Senate in the past year.

April 28<sup>th</sup> is Denim Day. This is a day dedicated to supporting survivors of sexual assault. Students are encouraged to participate in this day and use the hashtag #hcdenimday to show your support on campus.

**Advisor Announcements**

*Advisor Okuma* thanked all of the Senators for persevering through such a hard year and showing up every week to advocate on behalf of the student body.

**Executive Board**

*President Robb* then began discussing Senator Awards. There are three special awards given every year: Senator of the Year, Emerging Senator of the Year, and the Lyon Award which is dedicated to a hard working unsung hero in Senate each year and is dedicated to past member of Senate, Anthony Lyon.

This year two Emerging Senator awards were given out. These go to first or second year members of Student Senate. The two recipients were Kearan Barnett and James Elliott! The Executive Board was appreciative of both Senators and all of the hard work and participation that they have put into Senate in their first year as members.

The Senator of the Year award was given to senior Brett Bentkowski! Senator Bentkowski has been an active member of Senate for the past four years, especially in the past year advocating for causes he was passionate about and sharing his opinion when it mattered most.

The Lyon Award was awarded to VP of Finance, Michael Dietzen! VP Dietzen has been an active member of Student Senate and is always willing to jump on to any project within Senate when it is needed.

We then recognized all seniors in Student Senate this year. Seniors also shared final remarks and sentiments with the rest of the Senate body.

*VP Dietzen* shared an update on club spending in the past year. Overall, 40% of the allocated funds were spent in Fall 2020. Spring spending hit around 80% for overall spending of funds. Left over Activities Fees are being used towards funding for the Black Lives Mural, providing menstrual products in the all-gender and female dorm bathrooms, and investigating solutions to light pollution (i.e. covers, sensors etc.). He is also interested in receiving project ideas for the left over student activities funds.

*President Robb* shared many of the accomplishments Senate has made in the last year. Senators then engaged in a year-end reflection to share feedback on the last year in Senate.

President Robb, Vice President Niggemeyer, and Advisor Okuma signed the new Constitution for the 2021-2022 academic year into effect.

**President Robb adjourned the meeting at 8:45.**

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