

HIRAM COLLEGE STUDENT SENATE
December 7th, 2021 MINUTES

Call to Order:

We had 5 Executive Board members present, our Advisor, and 20 Senators present for the evening.

Those Senators present were: Aston, Barnett, Bernhardt, Blackmore, Blue, Bolton, Cambareri, Flaherty, Galecki, George, Miller, Murphey, Nutter, Pittman, Redfern, Streator, Travis, Ware, Williams, and Yang

Absent: Elliot (unexcused), Ferguson (unexcused), Maddox (unexcused), and Polly (unexcused)

Guest: Judy Muyskens and Sarah Mabey

Guest Speakers

Dean Muyskens and Dr. Mabey came to talk to senate about the student perspectives of academic affinity as the faculty has been reviewing its handbook. Academic affinity is defined as “the building of community among students around common academic interests or shared professional goals.”

Senators prepared answers to the questions below. Many stated clubs as a place to connect with students with similar academic interests.

1. At what point after arriving at Hiram, did you begin to find other students with the same academic or professional interests as you?
2. Have you found an affinity group among students in your major or minor academic program? If yes, explain how that happened. If not, what would help you form connections with other students in your academic program?
3. In your opinion, describe the best ways that students could find other students with the same academic aspirations, a common sense of purpose, or shared professional goals.
4. How much do you value interacting with other students who share similar professional goals, academic interests, and sense of purpose? Why? Do you have examples of when/where this happens at Hiram?
5. How important is it to you to have opportunities to interact with students who have very different academic interests and professional aspirations? Do you have examples of when/where this happens at Hiram?
6. If time, do you have questions for us?

Advisor Announcements

Advisor Okuma reminded senators of the academic support options for the three week. This included the ability to request a 1-on-1 tutor by emailing Adam Santavy in academic development

Presidential Announcements

President Saunders reminded senators of their semester requirements. He also encouraged senators to finish the semester strong and reach out to resources if needed.

Executive Board Announcements

Funding You Board/Spending Updates

VP Johns gave the report that at the final FYB meeting, \$688.00 was allocated to 4 different clubs for the remaining fall semester. FYB allocated a total of \$12,100.50 following the Fall Allocation and all FYB meetings which puts us at a 95% allocation for the semester.

The meeting was adjourned by VP Hussain at 8:27pm.