Hiram College Student Senate
Meeting Minutes

Date: October 24, 2022
Time: 7:30pm
Location: East Hall Forum

Guest Speaker

Sherman Dean, Advising and Degree Works

- Mr. Dean is an academic advisor with the office of Advising now located in the library.
- Advising started today for seniors and advising is broken down by credit hours. You must meet with your advisor to obtain your alt-pin to submit your classes and registration.
- VP Flaherty asked about the Hiram Connect requirement. The CNXT course has no maximum seats. Connect courses are 1-credit hour courses to allow you to meet the requirements.
- Connect experiences are good to be documented in ePortfolios.
- Mr. Dean’s email is DeanSC@hiram.edu and Senators and students are encouraged to contact him at any time with questions.
- Degree Works had issues during the year with the server, but these issues should have been fixed based on information from the Registrar.
- Degree Works can be found at my.hiram.edu and everyone should be able to access this from a campus network.
- The home page shows information about your major, minors, academic standing, holds, advisors, and degree progress.
- The Degree in Bachelor of Arts section shows outstanding degree requirements and what is needed to graduate. It also shows specific requirements needed to graduate including cumulative GPA and Urgent Challenges curriculum.
- All students must take the core curriculum, but there is flexibility in the courses that students take to satisfy these course requirements.
- Degree Works also lists Hiram Connect requirements and specific courses and grades for all courses in a student’s chosen major. Elective courses that contribute to a student’s overall hours required to graduate are also shown. 120 hours are needed to graduate.
- There are two tabs – “Academic” and “What If.” The What If tab allows students to enter any potential major and as my requirements needed to complete that chosen degree. Most majors should be uploaded to Degree Works, but some newer majors are still in process of being uploaded. This tab can also be used for students to look at requirements needed for a new minor.
- All courses necessary for a chosen major or minor also lists the information about the course and when the course will be offered.
- Let your advisor know of any bugs with the software so these can be addressed.
- Senator Camdyn Miller noted that requirements for graduation in December were not accurate. Mr. Dean noted that juniors and seniors should stay in contact with advisors and the Degree Works program is not as accurate for juniors and seniors. Degree Works works best for freshmen and sophomores.
- Mr. Dean encourages students to keep documentation of communication with advisors and requirements in case there is a technical issue.
• Senator Palm asked where Degree Works could be accessed. Mr. Dean stated that Degree Works must be accessed on campus servers due to academic privacy when using a VPN.

• Advisor Steiner asked about class fulfillment bugs. Mr. Dean stated that most issues require advisors to make sure requirements are populating correctly, especially newer majors. Errors are more likely to state that a requirement is not fulfilled rather than fulfilled when indeed it is not.

Presidential Announcements

President Johns — 7:59 PM

• President Johns hoped everyone had a fun time at Homecoming.
• She noted that Senators should look to the Hiram Highlights for an upcoming Resume Review event with Career Development on November 8.
• President Johns also announced that there will be no meeting on October 31 at 8pm. Senators are encouraged to attend the Res Ed. Haunted House happening that evening. If you are interested in participating, contact Bri Burns, burnsbj@hiram.edu with any questions and information on how to participate.
• Over the weekend, Lyndsey and Ryan presented to the Board of Trustees and that report will be sent to Senators soon. If Senators have questions, feel free to email Lyndsey or Ryan.

Advisor Announcements

Advisor Steiner – 8:03PM

• Advisor Steiner noted that the Student Handbook would be finalized in the coming week and sent to campus.
• Should students have feedback about Homecoming week, please direct your feedback to Julie Hild in OCI or the Terrier Activities Board (TAB).
• The results from the recent campus bar survey will be shared with President Haney for review by the Cabinet.
• Advisor Steiner invited students to attend the Student Affairs and Senate Open House to celebrate National Chocolate Day. This will take place on Friday, October 28 from 12:00pm-2:00pm in the Dean of Student Suite in Bates Hall. There will be chocolate and a raffle for an air fryer!

Executive Board

Vice President Streator — 8:06 PM

• Hiram Christian Fellowship presented the constitution for establishing their club on campus.
  o “The purpose of our organization is to bring people closer to God and experience His love among members of Hiram Christian Fellowship and with Hiram students no matter their spiritual background. Our aim is to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with those who are curious about the Christian faith and grow as a community through studying and discussing God’s Word and engaging in prayer and fellowship”
• Hiram Christian Fellowship officers noted that The Net, the student organization for Christian students and students that are interested in Christianity, did not meet their religious needs.
• Hiram Christian Fellowship seeks to make more of a community for people who want to learn more about faith.
Hiram Christian Fellowship does not seek to force a specific religion and is open to all students.

Hiram Christian Fellowship officers noted that based on a campus-wide survey, approximately 15 students of all faiths were interested in joining the club.

Meetings will occur in the evenings once per week. There will be prayer and discussion around bible verses.

VP Streator ensured the club was open to all sexualities which club officers agreed with. Hiram Christian Fellowship also plans to do community service projects.

A Senator asked if the club would be open to members of different communities. Hiram Christian Fellowship officers encouraged all people to attend to have a discussion about fellowship.

Advisor Steiner asked what role they feel the advisor should play. Hiram Christian Fellowship officers felt their advisor should be very active in their club.

Hiram Christian Fellowship noted that they plan to use their Instagram page to advertise.

A Senator stated that Hiram Christian Fellowship officers differentiated themselves from the Net and will not be exclusive and that the club did have solid standing. A Senator dittoed.

A Senator stated concerns about students who had different religions being excluded from the club and expressed concerns about funding two clubs with similar missions.

A Senator noted that this club seemed exclusive and seems like they have not exhausted their sources with creating community in the faith-based clubs that already exist on campus.

A Senator asked what the possibility of the clubs working together would be. VP Flaherty noted that Rev. McCreight is very interested in expanding The Net.

A Senator noted that members not of the Christian faith would not feel awkward because they are not affiliated with that religion and would most likely not be interested in joining the club.

A Senator noted that they did not feel this would be a popular club on campus.

A Senator noted that the club did not seem to reach out to The Net to collaborate.

A Senator expressed concerns about the prior affiliation with CRU.

VP Flaherty asked if they are affiliated with CRU, Hiram Christian Fellowship officers noted they are separated from CRU but do meet with a leadership team affiliated with CRU each week.

VP Flaherty asked if they would want to work with The Net. Hiram Christian Fellowship officers preferred to stay separate.

Motion to vote to establish Senator Bolton motion, Senator Mongold seconded. Motion failed 2-11-1.

VP Flaherty will be in contact with Hiram Christian Fellowship officers about Senate’s recommendations and the timeline for bringing this club back to the Senate floor for another vote.

**New Senator Action Items**

- Senator Galecki noted that bringing in a staff member to review about the advising process would be beneficial for Senate.
- VP Streator reminded Senators that Mental Health Committee will be meeting on Friday at 4:15pm in the Library and is open to everyone.

Adjournment

Vice President Streator — 8:42PM