Hiram College Student Senate
Meeting Minutes

Date: January 23, 2023  Time: 7:30pm  Location: East Hall Forum

Call to Order & Roll Call  Vice President Hussain — 7:30PM

Presidential Announcements  President Johns — 7:35PM
- President Johns announced and invited Senators to Lunch with the Mental Health Committee will take place tomorrow, 1/24 from 11:00am-1:00pm in the Dining Hall.
- She also updated students that Ellician will be providing IT services and have plans for a new mass communication plan with outages, network security, and will be the contact for Apogee.
- She also met with Dr. Sarah Mabey about the absentee policy in the 3-week. She encouraged students to share their syllabus with her so that a more uniform policy in the 3-week can be established.
- Last meeting Senator Travis brought up constituency lists. This information will be sent out to senators soon.

Advisor Announcements  Advisor Steiner — 7:37PM
- The Leadership Application Process is now available and Senators and constituents are encouraged to apply for a variety of paid leadership roles including Resident Assistant, Course Assistant, Orientation Leader, JAG Peer Mentor, Event Manager and more. Applications are due online by February 3, 2023.
- In a few days, an email co-authored by the Dean of Students Office and AVI will be sent to students regarding a pattern of improper use of the dining hall which impacts meal counts and staffing needs creating an equity issue for those who have paid for a meal plan. Students are now required to purchase a meal in order to enter the dining hall.
- He also mentioned concerns from student regarding the number of Hiram-owned homes that are for sale in the village. Hiram is continuing to devote resources to mission critical services for student and will no longer play a landlord role

Committee Reports  Vice President Streator — 7:40PM
- Village Council Update: Senator Palm talked about how the parking ban is not tabled. They also talked about apartments and trash at the Village Council meeting that occurred on January 10. Gail Pawliga, the state representative for Ohio’s 75th district also attended this meeting and introduced herself. President Haney mentioned future plans in motion: a grant for Gelbke and other potential ideas for that space. The permit for the campus bar was passed by the Village Council. The next step is to get approval from the state
- APC Update: Senator Travis talked about how there have been discussions regarding changing the attendance policy on the syllabus.

Executive Board  Vice President Streator — 7:50 PM
• Confirmation of new Senators: 3 new senators were sworn with a unanimous vote. These senators are Quinn Nutter, Amanda Murphey, and Camdyn Kane.

• Hiram Hockey Update: This club will now be under athletics rather than as a Senate driven club. By being under athletics, they are now able to mandate dues and do other things that they were not able to under Senate.

• Constitutional Revision Committee Confirmation: Senators Travis, Marin, Camberari, and Barnes are interested in joining this committee. The motion to vote this committee in passed on a 17-0-0 vote.

• Election Committee Conversation: The current section of the constitution discussing the election committee implies that Senators who plan to run for Senate next year cannot join this committee. In addition, other executive board members other than the VP of Communication cannot join this committee either. VP Streator asked senators what the best solution for this concern would be. The proposed changes to this section are the following:
  - Point B subsection A: “Any Hiram college student is eligible to serve on the spring committee so long as they are not running for President or Vice President of Administration.”
  - Addition of point C: “The election committee of the spring senator election will consist of the new 5 members of the Executive board and the outgoing Vice President of Communication.”

• This amendment will be voted on for confirmation at an upcoming Senate meeting.

**New Senator Action Items**

Vice President Streator – 8:01PM

- Senator Marin talked about how SDC has sent in their proposals. She also mentioned how she is currently working on creating an outreach program for first generation college students.
- Issues with the Colton doors will be communicated with President Haney tomorrow.

**Adjournment**

Vice President Streator — 8:03PM