Hiram College Student Senate
Meeting Minutes

Date: December 5, 2022        Time: 7:30pm        Location: East Hall Forum

Call to Order & Roll Call

Presidential Announcements  

President Johns — 7:30PM

- President Johns called for interest in the Akron Student Government Summit for all senators. Please let her know if you are interested as soon as possible. The event takes place on February 17.
- She also asked the Mental Health Committee to send their availability for a meeting to Senator Travis as soon as possible.
- She also gave a registration update. The problem regarding prerequisites during registration was identified and the Registrar and faculty will be working on it.
- She also thanked senators who attended the Village Council Meeting. The next meeting is on December 13th at 7:00pm for the second reading of the proposed legislation related to street parking, parking fines, and village road closures.
- She also thanked everyone for their work this semester and highlighted Senator Travis, Senator Mongold, Senator Palm, Senator Barnes, and Senator Galecki for their hard work.

Advisor Announcements  

Advisor Steiner — 7:36PM

- Advisor Steiner mentioned that AmeriCorps is back on campus and will be focusing on issues such as food insecurity and access to other resources. Please contact Advisor Steiner for additional information and applications are due by the end of this week.
- He also talked about Omicron Delta Kappa’s return to campus. This national honor society recognizes students in the top 35% of their class. There will be a membership induction towards the end of the Spring semester.

Executive Board  

Vice President Streator — 7:41 PM

- Women’s Lacrosse Club: This club is for students who have a common interest in lacrosse. The advisor is Abigail Stevenson. They will be obtaining old equipment from the Men’s Lacrosse team and most members also have old equipment. There are currently around 9 people interested in this organization. They currently do not have communication with other schools but are looking into playing games with other schools. They hope to start playing games with other schools around April. They will be using a club t-shirt as the uniform. They do not yet have a definite space for practices yet. The budget for the club is not definite as it is dependent on the amount of people in the club and the number of competitions entered.
  - The motion passed unanimous 12-0-0.

Committee Reports  

Vice President Streator — 7:51PM

- A Mental Health Committee update was given by Senator Mongold: “In our meeting on December 2nd we had guest speaker Chris McCreight come in. He discussed the initial
mental health report, as well as the classroom covenant that has been implemented in some classes this three-week. The committee talked about the overall feedback of this covenant. Many students are skeptical about it. We also thought about implementing a mental health evaluation that students will take when they take their classroom evaluation. This would function as a way to see how mentally demanding a class is, or if a professor was accommodating to mental health issues. We are working on the specifics of this evaluation.”

**New Senator Action Items**

- **Senator Mongold** mentioned how the workload for the 3-week is very difficult to handle as missing one class is dropping students a letter grade within certain courses. Many senators dittoed.
  - Senators also discussed the mental health covenant created by the Mental Health Committee and the concerns they have with some components of it.
  - Potential solutions: bringing back ZOOM; making more accommodations for students; recording class/lectures for students.
  - We will revisit this issue again in the 12-week.

- **Senator Blackmore** mentioned complaints he heard about mold in showers (specifically B/C) and that ABM has not completed some work orders. This information will be passed on to ResEd immediately.

**Adjournment**

Vice President Streator — 8:18PM