Hiram College Student Senate
Meeting Minutes

Date: February 27, 2023
Time: 7:30pm
Location: East Hall Forum

Call to Order & Roll Call

Vice President Hussain — 7:30PM
President Johns — 7:31PM

Presidential Announcements

- The executive board has released a “concern form” that students can fill out with concerns about campus services or suggestions for programs. This form can be found in our email signature or Instagram bio.
- Internet issue: this happened due to a power outage, causing the data center to fail hence, the unreliable Wi-Fi. The IT team is still meeting daily to fix the outages.
- Dr. YG’s supporting SA survivors roundtable discussion continues tomorrow (2/18) at 7:00pm in the Kennedy Center Brown Fall Room.

Advisor Announcements

Advisor Steiner — 7:32PM

- Advisor Steiner encouraged students to apply for Omicron Delta Kappa. Last call for applications will be Monday, March 13 at 5:00 pm.
- Hiram is celebrating its 173rd birthday this week on Wednesday, March 1st in the private dining hall rooms.
- From 11 am - 1pm, information about the FAFSA will be hosted tomorrow in the dining hall (private room 3).
- National Survey of Student Engagement – First year students and seniors should check their email. Completing the survey will add $5 Terrier Cash to each student’s ID card and the winning class gets a pool party.

Executive Board

Vice President Streator — 7:34 PM

- Sustainability Development Committee Update: Neil Robertson, the chair of SDC, thanked Senate for their assistance with their initiatives. A management plan is being created for the thrift store and they are currently discussing what to do with the earnings made from the thrift store. So far, they thought of using this money as financial hardship for students or a community-based donation center by deciding who to donate this funding to through a vote. The thrift store will open up in a few phases (starting with clothing and moving on to internships). Timeline regarding this initiative is still TBD. The location of this store is the basement of the Kennedy Center.
- Regarding the Arboretum SDC is currently in the process of registering Hiram as an official Arboretum, a botanical garden devoted to trees. The goal is that students can learn how to take care of trees and landscape design. They plan to start labeling trees on Earth Day and will ask students to help design these labels. Next steps include budgeting and creating educational events about this initiative.
- OSGS Recap: Last Saturday, the Senator Palm and the Executive Board attended the Ohio Student Government Conference.
Some of our Senate’s strong areas included: Addressing mental health, student representation at the Board of Trustees, and having a very productive student government.

Some of the things they learned was that Hiram is above other schools regarding student affairs, the importance of cooperation, and that it is important to get ideas from other colleges.

Areas of improvement included creating more relationships with the community, pushing for civic engagement, and creating more community funding sources.

**Clubs and Student Organization Updates**

- **VP Flaherty** talked about Philanthropy Week sponsored by the Office of Development and Alumni Relations and encouraged senators to participate. Emails with more information will be sent soon.
- Presidents Round Table will happen on Friday, March 17th.

**Adjournment**