Call to Order & Roll Call

Vice President Hussain — 7:30PM

Guest Speaker

Chris Szell, Hiram Village Council President

- President Szell has served as a Village Councilperson since January 2018 and President since January 2022. He is also a Hiram College alum.
- Part of President Szell’s responsibilities includes reviewing finances. They have smaller discussions regarding issues such as parking permits within the village, salary raises, and billing.
- All village council meetings are public but does not necessarily mean that public are given a voice. Typically, the floor does open to the public near the end of the meeting.
- Senator Bernhardt asked if State Route 700 is considered a Hiram Village street. President Szell did not know that answer to this.
- VP Flaherty asked if students have to now buy 2 parking passes. President Szell said that this is correct, one pass would be for the Hiram student lots and one pass would be to park on the Hiram Village streets.
- Senator Bernhardt asked if students have to pay full price for the permit if they are only here for the school year. President Szell did not know the answer to this.
- A guest asked if the permit allows overnight parking. President Szell said that the legislation would be effective 24 hours a day, 7 days a week which contradicts with the overnight parking ban.
- A guest asked if the parking permit is resolving any financial issues. President Szell said that he does not know the answer to this question but the money would probably go to the general fund.
- VP Streator asked if attempts have been made in Hiram to obtain funds from other businesses. President Szell said that there have been limited attempts but they were unsuccessful.
- Senator Travis asked how this legislation would work for visitors. President Szell said that this would be done through a paid parking pass for the day.
- Senator Galecki asked how this legislation will affect Hiram Village residents. President Szell said that his “guess” would be that it does not really affect them.
- A guest asked how this legislation will impact the relationship between students and the village police. President Szell said that he would be happy to set up discussions with the Hiram police.
- President Szell said that students need to adjust to a “behavioral switch” for the new legislation. Students have enjoyed free parking for a long time and creating a permitted parking spot that students can only park in one spot will be an adjustment for them.

A guest asked if the Hiram Village population had been increasing or decreasing over the years. President Szell said that he does not know the answer to this.
Guest Speaker

Neil Robertson - President of SDC

- Sustainable Development Committee Update: SDC will be focusing on social justice more this year. Their 3 main goals are to create an on-campus thrift store, to register Hiram’s campus as an arboretum, and collect specific waste items around campus.
- The thrift store: They are currently in the process of working with BSU to create a fashion show to kick off the thrift store. They would like to open this store to the community in the future. They are looking to make it a pop-up shop in the KC at the moment. They would also like to make the HAPPI place more accessible by making it open 24/7. The career closet will be a place that has professional clothing on hand for students to use for interviews and other professional events. The transition closet is an area where students can dress in a judgment free zone and environment. The tentative name of the store is “Jags Rags” but they are open to feedback. They are looking to meet with marketing to get some funding for the store. Donations are being provided from faculty, staff and students for the thrift store.
- Senator Bolton suggested a clothing drive sponsored by SDC.
- Senator Palm asked about plus size inclusivity. Since all clothing is donation based, it is not guaranteed but they will try their best to do so.

Executive Board

Vice President Streator — 8:39 PM

- Overbooked (potential book club): Overbooked is a club for students who gets together to discuss books. Their advisor will be Janet Vogel. They are looking to become a club so that they can get funding to purchase books.
- They then discussed the Executive Board structure of the club, President, Vice President and Officer of Funds.
- They also plan on making sure there are “trigger warnings” associated with each book so that students are aware of what is going to be read. They want to start introducing different types of genres to make the club more educational and create a better campus community.
- Senator Palm asked how other students can suggest other books. Books are added to the Google Document and the book with the most votes will be read.
- Dean West talked about the connection between mental health and reading.
- The motion passed 13-0-0 unanimous vote.

Adjournment

Vice President Streator — 8:51 PM