Hiram College Student Senate
Meeting Minutes

Date: October 16, 2023          Time: 7:30pm          Location: East Hall Forum

Call to Order & Roll Call  

Vice President Palm — 7:30PM

Presidential Announcements  

President Flaherty — 7:30PM

- President Flaherty reminded senators of the Pumpkin Paint and Sip at 6:30 to 9PM on the Booth and Centennial Lawn and Lobby. This event will be co-sponsored by T.A.B. There will also be s’mores and hot apple cider.
- Senate also has set up a discussion regarding the conflict in Israel and Palestine. Professor James Thompson will be leading the discussion going into the history of the conflict, and current part of the conflict. That will be on Wednesday starting at 6PM.
- President Flaherty then proposed swearing in the new senator of Health, Wellness, and Accessibility. Senators voted for the appointment of the new senator. President Flaherty then swore in Senator Picoult as the new senator of Health, Wellness, and Accessibility.

Advisor Announcements  

Advisor West — 7:35PM

- Advisor West gave some updates on the bar. She informed senators of it being open in the near future. If students would like to help decorate contact, her at WestDE@hiram.edu.
- Advisor West also asked senators of places or things that could be updated or renovated. Senators mentioned things such as window blinds, water bottle filling stations in all halls, new windows and lights, weight room equipment, shaping trees on campus and, sidewalks. If you have any suggestions of updates on campus, you can email her at WestDE@hiram.edu.

Executive Board  

Vice President Mongold — 7:40PM

- Vice President Mongold reminded senators that this weekend is homecoming. She also informed senators of meetings happening this week such as Board of Trustees and more. There will be alumni as well as Trustees on campus.
- She mentioned that this weekend is the Homecoming football game and there will be people tailgating as well as the Tailgate Tent in the East Hall lot.
- Vice President Mongold also reiterated the Discussion on Israel and Palestine on Wednesday.

Clubs and Student Organization Updates  

Vice President Chatman – 7:41PM

- Vice President Chatman informed senators of the Garden club doing a walk through town.
- She also informed that the Integrated Exercise Science Club Scavenger Haunt.
- She also reminded senators of the Art Exhibition by Professor Christopher Ryan on Thursday from 4:30 to 7PM.

Committee Reports  

Vice President Mongold — 7:43PM
• Senator Travis and Senator Galecki informed senate of the Academic Planning Committee’s meeting. At the meeting they plan to move experiential learnings to be covered in the majors. This means capstones will be able to be applied to experiential learning. The Study Abroad trips are also planning to be moved to apply to the Urgent Challenges Seminar team taught classes (UCS 300).

• S.A.F.E. Committee plan on education about toxic relationships. They also plan on giving another talk at Sex Toy Bingo. It was also brought up that they are looking into working on Title IX to make it clearer the resources provided as well. The next meeting they’ll be trying to come up with ideas and solutions to implement this, and that meeting will be Thursday October 26th at 6:30PM in the Library.

• Vice President Palm informed senators of the recent news from the village council meeting last Tuesday. The paid street parking that was proposed last year and that was tabled was voted to take it off the table and it was passed. The costs and what it will look like will be determined by the Village Finance Committee. It is currently unknown if it will be a pay by hour with an app, a set number of permits, how much the permit would cost, and potentially lining spaces. Vice President Mongold mentioned that you can bring up concerns to council and Interim President and Advisor West. You can find how to contact the village council members from the village website.

Senator Action Item Updates

President Flaherty — 8:03PM

• President Flaherty mentioned that the lights in the elevator in Coleman have been fixed as well as handicap buttons.

New Senator Action Items

Vice President Mongold – 8:04PM

• Senator Cotterman mentioned that one of woman’s shower on the third floor is leaky.
• Senator Galecki wanted to remind returning students that the finals schedule has changed so be mindful of times students may have finals.
• Senator Turke asked for clarification on why faculty and staff members had to pay for a flu shot during the flu shot clinic for students. Senator Bentley said it may be because for students it gets automatically put on the bill and since they don’t have an automatic billing so they have to pay out of pocket.
• Senator Calvey mentioned how a student may try and organize a talk addressing islamophobia and fear of other religious groups. The student has brought it up to professor Chima and might want to address potential feelings based on religious conflicts of students of specifically for Muslim and Jewish students.
• President Flaherty asked for senators to spread the work about the Discussion on Israel and Palestine.
• President Flaherty also mentioned that the last day to request an absentee ballot is October 20th. Senator Galecki asked clarification on if its just to request or that it has to be post marked on the 20th.

Notes from the Gallery

Guests — 8:10PM

Adjournment

Vice President Mongold — 8:10PM