Hiram College Student Senate
Meeting Minutes

Date: December 11, 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** informed senators that the weight room will be closed till January 9th for renovations. If there are any questions you can reach out to coaches or Jim Schweickert.
- **President Flaherty** also reminded that to stay on campus you have to fill out a form by December 15th at 4:30PM. The resident halls close on December 20th at 7PM after finals.
- She informed senate that there have been two new Aunt Flow dispensers. She wanted to get others opinion on where to place them. Senators shared that they would think it would be better to have one in all gendered restroom on the first floor and the women’s second floor restroom in Hinsdale.

Advisor Announcements

Advisor Kush — 7:32PM

- **Advisor Kush** had no announcements.

Guest Speaker

Jared Drummer, Tria Charnas, Lynne Dwyer – 7:33PM

- The guest tonight were President of the Alumni Executive Board Jared Drummer, Vice President of the Alumni Executive Board Tria Charnas, and Executive Director of Alumni Relations Lynne Dwyer. Jared Drummer is a 2008 graduate from Hiram. Tria Charnas is a graduate from 2010. When explaining what the Alumni Executive Board does, they serve as a liaison between the Alumni Relations and Development Office and the Alumni. The board serves two-year terms and can run for three terms. There are 36 positions but at the moment there are 28 filled. They have committees and one specifically for student engagement that decides how money can be used to help benefit the college and the students, communicate what students are doing to alumni, and fundraising efforts. President Flaherty is the student representative on the Student Engagement Committee. Lynne Dwyer has been the Executive Director of Alumni Relations for almost two years. She expressed how beneficial it was to add a student representative on the student engagement committee. With her job she opens lines of communication and bridges the gaps of what is happening at the college to the past and present Hiram students.
- **Senator Galecki** wondered how students are able to create connections with alumni when some of the events are after students leave. Lynne Dwyer is working on ways to create more networking events during the year. There is the Sugar Day all campus networking event, and for students who remain on campus during the summer Alumni Weekend is June 14th through the 16th. Jared Drummer also said it can be difficult to create these opportunities because the alumni may not have available space for them to stay especially at a large scale.
- **Senator Cotterman** suggested to invite alumni to more campus events. Lynne Dwyer mentioned she wants to do more alumni panels as well as reach out to alumni to show support to athletic teams when they travel.
• President Flaherty questioned what kind of contact alumni prefer. Tria Charnas informed that alumni like face-to-face connections most of the time.
• Jared Drummer suggested that students should stay connected right away. Lynne Dwyer mentioned that if graduates don’t hear from the Alumni Relations and Development Office that you may need to contact them and update your contact. If you don’t hear from them, it may be possible that you have been lost. Tria Charnas said that involvement is what students make of it. There are events happening in major cities across the country so you may stay involved and able to go to at least one event a year to keep up with with the college.

Executive Board  
Vice President Mongold — 8:02PM  
• Vice President Mongold updated about things brought up in her semestraly meetings. What was discussed was thoughts on senate, potential event ideas, and concerns brought up to senate. Common themes were a competitive event, and more Senate presence at athletic events.
• She reminded senators that there will be no meeting next week, December 18th.

Clubs and Student Organization Updates  
Vice President Chatman – 8:04PM  
• Vice President Chatman informed on some events happening this week. December 14th is Senate’s Holiday trivia night, and December 16th there will be a Boba Movie Night presented by the I.F. Club.
• She also updated on President’s Round Table. Carly Workman and Mick Steiner attended to inform clubs about philanthropy week and Title IX. She also has been working with clubs about listed club rooms and assigning some rooms to clubs. If your club would like a club room, please reach out to Julie Hild.

Committee Reports  
Vice President Mongold — 8:09PM  
• Senator Shannon gave an update for the sustainable development committee. H.P.P. Program will be working with the the thrift store to help advertise and market for it. The thrift store would also accept donations other than just clothes. Things like appliances and furniture would be accepted. H.P.P. plans on doing a pilot test once a location for the thrift store is decided on.
• Senator Galecki updated on the S.A.F.E Committee. They plan on doing a poster campaign about Title IX. They had been directed to talk to the executive board to potentially work with the committee about a seminar on toxic relationships. They have been directed to reach out to Jeff Swenson about creating a three-week course surrounding the transition into the post college world for college athletes.
• Senator Travis updates on the last Academic Planning Committee. It was discussed to assign a course credit to the connect experience. The issue brought up with this is that students would be paying the college for a connect experience even if it is off campus. The current draft is making any non-credit baring classes to have a credit attached. If you have any questions or concerns email Senator Galecki, Senator Travis, or Jeff Swenson.
• Senator Travis also updated on the Mental Health Committee. They attended the Feather Fellows meeting. They updated what the covenant is and what its intent is. They plan on trying to ask teachers to implement the covenant in the spring twelve week and try and pilot it again.
• President Flaherty asked Senator Travis asked if all the non-credit barring classes would be assigned a credit or only the connect requirement. Senator Travis responded that all non-credit barring classes would be assigned a credit. Advisor Kush added that it came about because connect is the only graduation requirement that has no credit for it.

Senator Action Item Updates

President Flaherty — 8:15PM

• President Flaherty updated on the all gendered restroom signage. President Flaherty and Vice President Mongold had a meeting with marketing about having temporary signage purchased. They have talked about other potential options.

• President Flaherty also updated on the salt. To see if there's a pet friendly salt ABM will have to talk with the current provider on options or see if they can outsource to a different provider. This change would be seen next year if it can be done. It was suggested to avoid state route 82 and 700 because it is salted by the village and is unknown it is pet friendly.

• She updated that there are four Maggie’s nights planned for the spring, but the dates are unknown at this time.

• Senator Travis

New Senator Action Items

Vice President Mongold – 8:25PM

• Vice President Palm brought up a concern that was later determined to not be a Senate issue.

Notes from the Gallery

Guests — 8:30PM

Adjournment

Vice President Mongold — 8:30PM