Hiram College Student Senate
Meeting Minutes

Date: September 25, 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 notified Senate that the lights were out on the back side of the townhouses. This was not brought up last meeting, but the issue has been brought up to ABM and has been fixed.
- Mick Steiner who is the Dean of Students has asked President Flaherty to mention that this is National Hazing and Prevention week. There will be a keynote speaker in the Ballroom of the second floor Kennedy Center, as well as a poster contest open for clubs and organizations.
- Heidi Vance, Director of Operations for AVI, brought up to President Flaherty that the grill in the dining hall had a long line last week. The grill is a limited size so please be patient with the dining hall employees when waiting for food at the grill station.
- President Flaherty informed Senate that the Diversity Committee met. They are looking into obtaining the proper signage that also includes braille for the gender-neutral bathroom on the second floor of the Kennedy Center.
- President Flaherty wanted to remind senators that the Sex Carnival will be happening on Thursday from 6-8PM. Senate will have a table informing students of the Aunt Flow project and dispenser locations.
- She also wanted to let senators know there will be a voter registration table from 4:30 to 6:30PM Friday (9/29) in the Dining Hall.
- President Flaherty informed senators that the senator shirt materials have been ordered and are being worked on.

Advisor Announcements  
Advisor West — 7:34PM

- Advisor West informed Senate that the pickle ball courts are open to be used. The next step is to purchase sets for each of the resident halls, so students have access to play.
- Advisor West also let Senate know that the Bistro has ordered a larger grill.

Guest Speaker  
Kelly Clary — 7:34PM

- Kelly Clary is a speaker part of Protect Choice Ohio. She informed Senate on the issues on the ballot this November. Issue 1 is different than Issue 1 back in August. This Issue 1 is to propose an Ohio constitutional amendment protecting women’s anatomical choices about reproductive decisions. Voting yes means lifting the current abortion ban, protection of women’s contraception, and protection of other reproductive decisions. Voting no for Issue 1 keeps the current abortion ban and does not amend the constitution. Issue 2 is about legalizing the use of recreational cannabis. Voting yes makes the recreational use of cannabis illegal for adults over the age of 21. Voting no keeps the recreational use of cannabis illegal.
• **Senator Galecki** mentioned that it has been switched from the last election.
• It is strongly recommended for students to register to vote if they are not already. People need to register by October 10th. If your voter registration is sent in by mail you may need to pick up the confirmation as soon as possible because the confirmation may be returned if not picked up.
• **President Flaherty** questioned what voting will look like with the new challenge around I.D.’s for out of state students. Students who register and are an Ohio resident can request an absentee ballot to be sent to Hiram College. If you would like to request an absentee ballot you need to do so by October 20th.
• If you are an out of state student and you register to vote in Ohio your divers license will be voided as proof of identification because your addresses do not match.

**Executive Board**

**Vice President Mongold — 7:47PM**

• **Vice President Mongold** brought up last week's mention of opening up a second position for the Senator of Health, Wellness, and Accessibility. There was a vote and it unanimously (16-0-0) passed.
• She wanted to notify campus early that for homecoming the East Hall lot will be closed during the weekend. Be on the lookout for an email from campus safety closer to the date.
• **Senator Galecki** informed Senate of how the Campus Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) meeting went. During this meeting last week discussions of feeling unsafe and questions of campus emergencies were addressed. The campus text alert is through an outside company and there is a character count limit, as well as a specified number of messages allowed to be sent out. They are looking at possible solutions to remedy that issue. They asked for feedback on how the communication of the issue was. If you are unsure of the status of a campus outage or other such emergencies, they ask students to watch their email because they can send out more detailed messages.

**Clubs and Student Organization Updates**

**Vice President Chatman — 7:56PM**

• **Vice President Chatman** notified senators of the Apple Cider Fest happening on Friday (9/29) from 6pm to 10PM at the James H. Burrow Biological Field Station. There will be shuttling for students who wish to go.
• **Senator Streator** stated that carpooling is encouraged for students who are driving separately because of the limited amount of parking.

**Committee Reports**

**Vice President Mongold — 7:57PM**

• **Vice President Mongold** asked senators to sign up for a committee if they have not already done so as well as send their availability.
• **Senator Galecki** let Senate know that the Academic Planning Committee will be having it’s meeting tomorrow (9/26).
• **Vice President Fritz** mentioned that clubs should turn in their budgets by Friday and that the first Funding You Board will be meeting Sunday (10/1) at 10 am on Zoom.

**Senator Action Item Updates**

**President Flaherty — 7:58PM**

• **President Flaherty** updated Senate on the bathroom signage. They have been ordered and it was brought up to potentially have gender neutral bathrooms on the first floor of academic buildings. **Senator Galecki** asked how this change might affect the Aunt Flow
President Flaherty doesn’t suspect an issue with their change over because they are in both gendered restrooms at the moment.

- Senator Calvey asked where the Aunt Flow dispensers were located. President Flaherty responded that they are in the Coleman Center, Kennedy Center, Library, and Dining Hall. Senator Calvey then asked why there weren’t any in Hinsdale and she was informed that the grant that was obtained didn’t cover dispensers to be placed in Hinsdale.

- Senator Kuhl inquired if the neutral gendered restrooms would be similar to the restrooms in the first floor Library.

- President Flaherty also gave an update on the potential of putting in non-slip tape on the stairwell of Booth and Centennial stairwell. It was brought up to ABM to see if they have any in hand. There is no information on a specific time it will be put in at the moment.

- Senator Sauter asked if it would be in all staircases. President Flaherty mentioned that the question can be brought up but at the moment it is the only one stairwell in question.

New Senator Action Items

- Senator Bentley informed senators that the washer in East Hall has been fixed.

Notes from the Gallery

Adjournment