

Can't We All Just Get Along!!

Hooray Hooray!! The first controversy of the year, that makes everyone grit their teeth and speculate on who will throw the first blow. Who is acting racist? Who is being biased or acquiring some sort of magnificent benefits? From the Senate to Finance who did us wrong? Please save the pointless questing. At Hiram we are inclined to indulge in pointless inferences instead of focusing on the matter at hand. If you (the reader) is trying to figure out the premise of this article, let's now add the microscope.

A few weeks ago, all ASO ventured on the amazing journey of accreditation of budgetary funds. Although it was a great journey for some, others experience the latter. Now removing the microscope we see the premise has now been outlined. Since these decisions have been made, we have seen attack come towards the Senate and Finance Committee. Most, of these attacks have been fueled by this very outlet of media; others have been enforced by attendance to ASO Executive Council. As well as your occasional ignorant comments (ie. Senate is racist, finance committee wants all the money, and my favorite THEY DON'T CARE). From this one is able to see that by these comments, that there is a problem that continues to persist on our campus.

Senate essentially is the body that governs us all; these individuals are "Elected" by the student body to fulfill our needs to the administration and off campus. Their jobs are not easy nor complex, and I promise senate last intention is for us to fail. Senate works diligently to ensure a fair level of means across the board for everyone. Granted sometimes they mess us, but cut them some slack no one is perfect (especially in the government). Nonetheless we all as Hiram students have a larger responsibility than the Senate. Senate is not above reproach or better than what we call the "Hiram way" I encourage you all to hold the Senators accountable for every act. Positively criticize action, and hold them to the upmost scrutiny in a RESPECTFUL manner. That being the case please stop, with the outlandish ignorant ill-informed criticism of Senate. We are all in college making such comments to racism, hatred and negative assumptions (in this situation) is childish and ultimately solves no problems.

None of us are for any dictatorship of Senate that is not the message at which I'm bestowing. Furthermore, any senator or officer position on Senate that feels as though they have "POWER", please step off of the high horse, and stick to the confines of the Senate constitution. In addition this very principle has plagued our campus to the point of disgust. In order to get the most of our college experience at Hiram we have to take advantage of every opportunity as it presents itself. One of the many things Hiram offers is a chance to establish leadership roles. I and many others have been able to benefit from these experiences. However, recently this very process has been threatened and tarnished due to politics and unawareness. In order to reestablish this sense of purity to our process and community we must unite to the main goal of raising Hiram to a higher bar. WE cannot sit back and point to finger, complain, and whine because things are not falling into place. WE as Hiram students are in control of our own successes within this realm. WE can make this year the best yet, WE can show everyone the meaning of this community's essence. But it takes everyone from Senate to Finance to the ASO that was just passed a week ago. WE all have to work collectively to ensure that we will not frustrate to this degree. Lastly, I challenge everyone, to put biases aside and be a "LEADER" void of excuses and determined to the successful establishment of Hiram College toward the forefront of education. WE are Hiram... Now let's SHOW IT, AND PROVE IT!

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