



Wittenberg University Student Senate Minutes

Outline Below:

SENATE MEETING AGENDA

On Tuesday, **February 6th** at 7:00 p.m., in the Offices of Student Senate, the Student Senate held a Meeting with the following persons present:

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call:
 - a. *Tardus*:
 - b. *in Absentia*: Lightner, Hunt, Hummel, Pipinich

Minutes approved by:

- II. Special Order:
 - a. Lesotho Nutrition Initiative (LNI) Presentation
 - i. Provides meals containing nutritional supplements to children in Lesotho who have been diagnosed as suffering from severe/chronic malnutrition and stunting—also known as wasting. The meals LNI provides are proven not only to halt malnutrition, but to also reverse the long-term effects.
 - ii. Using nonprofit funds (separate from funds provided by Student Senate), LNI hosts packs at various partner sites, including Wittenberg.
 1. Using funds provided by Student Senate, LNI would order club t-shirts and host movie nights, among other social activities.
 - iii. This organization would benefit all of campus by allowing them to have a substantial impact in improving the lives of the less fortunate and learning the ins and outs of nonprofit management through hands-on education.
 - iv. LNI is already a functioning organization that engages the student body. It has sent officers to SOAR in the past and would love to be officially recognized as a student org.
 - v. Who are the current executive members? (Kuzilwa)
 1. Danny Bean - President
 2. Emma Do – Vice President
 3. Rachel Vargo - Treasurer

4. Emily Randell – Secretary
 5. Dr. Scott Rosenberg – Faculty Advisor
 - b. Swearing in of new officers.
 - i. Antwan Terrell – Faculty-Student Coordinator
 - ii. Claire Patton – Interfaith Senator
- III. Officer Reports/Goals: (10 minutes)
- a. **Gardner, President** —
 - i. Transition documents:
 1. Everyone should have a transition document with the following:
 - a. The 3-5 most important responsibilities for your position.
 - b. Any helpful advisors or offices for your position.
 - c. This week, please add 3-5 things that you wish you would have known / had access to at the beginning of your term.
 - ii. Tiger-up Tuesday on 2/20 in the evening before the Student Senate meeting that night.
 1. Any ideas for this?
 - a. There are stickers of Ezry standing in front of the kissing bridge.
 - b. Residence Life is also doing a Tiger-Up Tuesday this day to promote Spring Break.
 - iii. Total Solar Eclipse event in April.
 1. April 8th
 2. This is a total solar eclipse which hasn't happened since 1806. There are eclipse glasses for everyone on campus.
 3. Dr. Poter is leading the committee that is planning this event.
 - a. Reach out to Dr. Porter to see how Student Senate can get involved in this event. (Gardner)
 4. Sponsoring t-shirts?
 - iv. Chief Hutchins and the Police Advisory Committee
 1. He would like to set an agenda of topics to discuss before the meeting.
 2. Identifying individuals who would want to serve on this committee:
 - a. Gardner
 - b. Stern
 - c. Dicks
 - d. Lowry
 3. This committee would meet twice per semester rather than monthly.
 - a. Would it be better for the Chief to attend a Senate meeting at least twice per semester.
 - b. **Dewey, Vice President** —
 - i. No report.

- c. **Kuzilwa, Treasurer** —
 - i. No report.
- d. **XXX, Secretary** —
 - i. Applications opened 2/1 electronically.
 - 1. Direct questions to gardnerk24@wittenberg.edu
 - ii. Vacant positions
 - 1. Secretary
 - 2. AAPIIC
 - iii. Reports should be in NO later than Monday at 10:00pm prior to Student Senate meeting.
 - 1. If you do not have a report, please send “no report.”
- e. **Terrell, FSC** —
 - i. Change of the creative writing minor of 21 to 20 credits Approved.
 - ii. Creation of Accounting Minor --- Approved.
 - iii. Revision of finance major: --- Approved.
 - 1. Make three of following courses permanent:
 - a. Econ 225 Money and Banking
 - b. BUSN 355 Student Managed Investment Fund
 - c. ECON 321 Non-Profit Economics
 - 2. Adjust:
 - a. Drop ECON 301 Financial Institutions as an elective.
 - b. Add ECON 225 Money and Banking as an elective.
 - c. Add BUSN 355 Student Managed Investment Fund as an elective.
 - iv. Course Revisions: — approved.
 - 1. HSS 301 Ethical and Social Issues in Sport to Ethics in Sport Management
 - 2. 401 Sport Management Policy to Sport Management Leadership and Policy
 - v. New course (attachment 5)—approved.
 - 1. ENGL 407 Writer’s Studio
 - 2. ECON 225 Money & Banking
 - 3. ECON 321 Nonprofit Economics
 - 4. BUSN 355 Student Managed Investment Fund
 - 5. 235 Psychology of Sport and Exercise
 - 6. 320 Legal aspects of Sport
 - 7. 390 Sport Finance and Sales
 - 8. PHIL210 Biomedical Ethics
 - vi. 6. Humanities, and equity minor – approved.
 - 1. HHUM 401 Practicum in Health Humanities and Equity
 - 2. HIST 209 History of Medicine and Health Care in the United States
- f. **Stern, 2024** —
 - i. Countdown to Commencement will take place on February 15th from 11-4 pm in Giel Lounge.

1. This is when seniors order their cap and gown and other important graduation activities.
 2. We need 1 senior to volunteer for each 1 hr shift on this date:
 - ii. An email to vote on class identifications (flower, song, etc.) will be sent out later this week. It is currently being crafted by Senator Stern.
- g. **Peña, Public Relations** —
- i. No report.
- h. **Lightner, Diversity** —
- i. No report.
- i. **Browning, Student Organizations** —
- i. I'm working with the Witches of Witt and Wrestling club, LNI has completed their information and will be presenting today (Tuesday).
 - ii. For org of the month the criteria is:
 1. Event held that month (service holds more weight)
 - a. Must have been open to all of campus.
 2. Held consistent meetings (at least biweekly)
 3. Q&A about this topic:
 - a. How is Senate supposed to know when these organizations are having events/meetings? (Lowry)
 - b. Is it a concern of Student Senate selecting the winner of this award due to the membership of Student Senators also being in other organizations (who may receive this award) as well as the fact that Student Senate provides funding for all student organizations? (Dewey)
 - c. If Student Involvement wants to recognize a Student Organization of the Month, they should either do so themselves or come to Student Senate to present precisely what they are seeking sponsored. (Gill)
 - i. "Student Senate is supposed to be neutral when making decisions." (Simms)
- j. **Raymond, RHA** —
- i. No report.
- k. **Hunt, Greek** —
- i. No report.
- l. **Weis, Green** —
- i. No report.
- m. **XXX, AAPIIC** —
- i. No report.
- n. **Hummel, Witten'Burbs** —
- i. No report.
- o. **Dicks, CBS** —
- i. From February 13-16, CBS will be holding 3 events. Bowling, a trip to the Escape Room (open to those under CBS Membership) and handing out roses on Valentine's Day.

- ii. This Wednesday (2/7) at 7:30pm, Step Afrika will be performing. Although not sponsored by CBS, I highly recommend everyone to go!
- p. **Patton, Interfaith** —
 - i. Cru has open meetings to anyone on campus on Wednesdays at 8 in Blair 101.
 - ii. Women’s Bible studies are at 6 and 7:30 on Mondays in the Blair Tower Lounge.
 - iii. Weaver Chapel Association meets on Mondays at 7:30 in the Chapel Activity Room.
 - iv. Chapel Service time is currently Monday from 7-7:30. After Spring Break, it will be 4:30 on Sundays. All are encouraged to attend.
 - v. Multicultural service times will be February 18, March 24, and April 21 at 3:30. Led by Rev. Charmaine.
 - vi. Soul Food Bible Study will be February 11, March 17, and April 7 at 3:30. Led by Rev. Charmaine.
 - vii. Crop Walk will be Sunday, April 14 on Wittenberg’s Campus and in the community. All are welcome to participate.
- q. **Neutzling, SAAC** —
 - i. Home games:
 1. Feb. 7th: Women’s basketball vs Hiram at 5pm
 2. Feb 7th: Men’s basketball vs. Hiram at 7pm (code red game)
 3. Feb. 10th: Women’s basketball v. Wooster at 2pm (senior day)
 4. Feb. 10th: Men’s volleyball vs. Aurora at 3pm
 - ii. SAAC is putting on a Trivia Night on 2/16/2024 at 7 pm.
- r. **Specht, GSDA** —
 - i. Meet with Student Senate and Katie Simms earlier today to discuss the Drag Brunch idea.
 1. Date: April 20th (same day as WittFest)
 2. Location:
 - a. Primary location outside, with rain location in CDR
 - i. During normal CDR hours?
 1. Potential issues in needing to provide a separate dining area for people who are not interested in participating in the Drag Brunch.
 - ii. Special tables for additional interaction?
 - iii. Follow up in CDR, trying to collab with Parkhurst for more people/discounts. (Gill)
 - b. Alumni room for overflow seating.
 - c. Fishbowl room for the Drag Queens.
 3. Expenses:
 - a. Queens, Food/Food vouchers (\$8.50 each), Drinks

- b. Will be seeking \$2,000 from Senate (confirmation needed and will table allocation vote until next meeting)
 - c. \$3,000 will come from the Student Involvement co-sponsoring grant.
 - d. \$1,000 will come from GSDA.
 - 4. Food at the event:
 - a. Mocktails will be available for free.
 - i. Individuals of age will have the option of purchasing alcohol for these mocktails at their own expense.
 - b. Simple/custom food?
 - 5. Decorations:
 - a. Backdrop
 - i. This could then be used for other organizational events.
 - b. Some sort of streamers or something similar for Queens to walk through.
 - 6. Queens:
 - a. Meet and greet with specific Queens to help generate hype.
 - b. Tipping may be expected of the students.
 - i. Let the Queens know that tipping may not be possible and that they can negotiate their event fee.
 - c. Springfield Queens, Illusions (Dayton), or Columbus Queens (more expensive).
 - i. May help with engagement and attendance if there are more famous Queens at the event.
 - 7. Marketing:
 - a. Let people know ahead of time that tipping is not only encouraged but is expected. (Cash or Venmo)
 - i. Video to bring awareness of expectations.
 - ii. Email announcement with the video/info attached?
 - iii. Promotional video with the Queens themselves?
 - b. Announcement of the Student Senate elections by the Drag Queens themselves?
 - i. Possible concerns around this if the event takes place in April due to needing time to transition new officers.
- s. **Pipinich, 2025** —
 - i. No report.
- t. **Harper, 2026** —
 - i. No report.
- u. **Lowry, 2027** —

- i. Reached out to Mike Lindeman, initial email garnered a response: waiting for a follow-up about additional questions.
 - v. **Gill, Advisor** —
 - i. Step Afrika is tomorrow in the HWA.
 - ii. Snow Day is next Friday: 2/16/2024.
 - iii. Honors Convocation nomination form was sent out earlier today, GSDA has proposed the following change to be included in the award nominations.
 - 1. Alma Veritas - Any junior gender-nonconforming/nonbinary individual with at least a 3.0 GPA is eligible for this award. The second sentence remains the exact same, as applied to Alma Lux/Mater.
 - a. Why Veritas was chosen: "Veritas" directly translates to 'truth,' a staple virtue crafted by the Roman church for all humans to embody. Derived from the biblical verse of John 8:32, "And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free," it motivates our student body to be comfortable in their own skin, and ultimately own their truth. Any student who is able to publicly stand as a gender-nonconforming or nonbinary individual is automatically living out their truth (a true identity).

IV. Committee Reports: (5 minutes)

- a. **Dewey, Special Events** —
 - i. No report.
- b. **Kuzilwa, Finance** —
 - i. Approved funding for three clubs:
 - i. Club Rugby - \$2895 to be used to cover 8 individual insurance policies and 16 team jerseys.
 - ii. Pre-Law Society - \$425 for LSAT event
 - iii. Gaming Club - \$800 to be used for a Virtual Reality consol, games, and controllers.
 - ii. Total semester funds available left is: \$8,965.
- c. **Gardner, Student Life** —
 - i. No report.

V. Open Forum:

- a. Painting hands on the walls.
 - i. This will likely be done in April, on the North wall in the Senate room.
- b. Parking issues
 - i. With The Steamer hosting more events this year, students who have purchased parking passes have been unable to park in the designated Tower and Firestine parking lots due to visitors taking all the available

spaces. This has resulted in students parking in unauthorized locations such as faculty spaces, etc.

1. This has also resulted in a lot of guests driving the wrong direction on the one-way road directly adjacent to Blaire Hall and the Chapel. This is likely due to the fact that the one-way sign is currently covered by a bunch of shrubs and needs to be trimmed so people can see the sign.

VI. Old Business:

- a. Athletic Building Taskforce
 - i. Gardner
 - ii. Stern
 - iii. Browning
 - iv. Lowry

VII. New Business:

- a. Approval of LNI as a student organization:
 - i. Is there a concern with the proposed advisor of the student organization also requiring students of their classes to attend events of the organization? (Harper)
 1. On paper, the events this organization hosts will look like they will have significantly higher attendance rates due to the requirement of students attending and should not more funding have based on this factor.
 2. This LNI packing requirement can be justified due to similar out-of-class service requirements that other professors host.
 3. There is a conflict if students are on the board of the 501(c)3 who also serve on the executive board of the organization.
 - a. The students that serve on the executive board of the organization would have to sign a covenant saying they would use the allocated funds appropriately.
 4. Whatever funds that are coming from Wittenberg need to go towards events and experiences that benefit all students on campus, rather than hosting events throughout the city.
 5. The covenant needs to be discussed with the officers of the student organization. This topic will be tabled until the next meeting.
 - ii. Is there a concern with the proposed advisor of the student organization also requiring students of their classes to attend events of the organization? (Harper)
- b. Vacation of the Witten'Burbs position.
 - i. Motion: Dewey
 - ii. Seconded by: Peña
 - iii. Motion passes?: Yes

VIII. Announcements:

- a. Congratulations to Senator Harper on his volleyball performance this past Saturday.
- b. Reminder that Step Afrika is at 7:30 in the HWA tomorrow.
- c. Committees will be meeting next week.

IX. Adjournment:

- a. Motion to adjourn: Gardner at 7:55 pm
- b. Second: Peña