WITTENBERG STUDENT SENATE

SENATE MEETING AGENDA

On Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at 7:00p.m., in the Offices of Student Senate, the Student Senate Executive Board held a Meeting with the following persons present:

1. Call to Order/Roll Call:
   1. *Tardus:*
   2. *in absentia:*

# Minutes approved by:

Special Order:

Introduction of Jade Jones

1. New Business:
   1. Dr. Mattison proposing new award
      1. Faculty Advising Award
      2. Sponsored by student senate and presented at Honor’s Convocation
      3. Student centered (allows students to nominate professors)
   2. Amend article 3 of the constitution
      1. Vacancies in office
      2. The class exec team after there is a vacancy after 10 weeks, they can hold an elections
      3. Senate positions like president, vp and secretary are appointed
      4. Can we combine those and have open positions appointed on class cabinets
      5. If president steps down in October and elections are in march the vp would take over until the elections (example)
      6. “If president is not capable of fulfilling his term follow the senate rule”
      7. Would have to appoint a vp if the president can no longer and vp has already taken over as vp
   3. Vote on Education Policy Committees
      1. Paazig moves to approve
      2. Second: White
2. Officer Reports/Goals: (10 minutes)
   1. **Thombs, President –**
      1. Welcome Back Remarks
      2. Safety concerns on campus
      3. Committee Meetings Start Next Week
   2. **White, Vice President –**
      1. Homecoming and W Day updates
      2. W Day activities
         1. Velcro wall, Mechanical Bull, Zip Line, Instant print photo system, etc
      3. Signup genius for W Day and Homecoming will be coming soon
   3. **Bell, Treasurer** –
      1. No report
   4. **Oliver, Secretary** –
      1. Freshmen elections coming soon
      2. Signup genius sent out
   5. **Paazig, FSC** –
      1. General updates
      2. Faculty meeting on September 14th
      3. Josie Paazig and Lea Blander for EPC
      4. Joe Kuzilwa for Committee on Facilities and Environment Committee
      5. Haley Eckhert for Program Review and Assessment Committee
      6. Mya Wolfe for Athletic Policy and Recreation Committee
      7. Sending out remaining committee names and who is interested
   6. **Adams, 2022** –
      1. Filled VP and Secretary positions of senior cabinet this summer
      2. Started working with alumni house to come up with ideas for senior gift
   7. **Golden, Public Relations** –
      1. Anything you want posted on senate Instagram, tag senate Instagram
   8. **Sheriff, Diversity --** 
      1. Meeting coming up soon
      2. New amendment in the works
   9. **Morrison, Student Organizations**—
      1. No report
   10. **Tarrance, RHA** –
       1. Hosted minute to win it during welcome week
       2. Planning a lot of events soon
   11. **Buck, Greek** –
       1. Planning more in-depth Greek week soon
   12. **Spencer, Green** –
       1. Sustainability task force will be starting up meetings next week
   13. **XXX, AIA** –
       1. Swearing in new AIA senator
   14. **Sharpensteen, Witten ’Burbs** –
       1. No report
   15. **Blander, CBS**
   16. Cookout was successful
3. **Kuzilwa, Interfaith**-
   1. No report
4. **Wolfe, SAAC –**
   1. First meeting held 8/30
   2. Discussed tiger cup and tentative fall schedule
   3. Need further details on homecoming tailgate
5. **XXX, GSDA –**
6. **Eckhert, 2023** –
   1. No report
7. **Bruce, 2024** –
   1. Excited for the year with cabinet
8. **XXX, 2025** –
10. **Gill, Advisor** –
    1. Updates
       1. Jade Jones, Candace Santell, Dan McDermitt all recently added to the Wittenberg community
       2. Jon Duraj and CJ Carthell (check spelling) have both been promoted
       3. Hiring associate position for McClain Center
       4. Joi Garret Scales has been promoted
       5. Hiring multiple positions
       6. Megan Smith, new coordinator for compass
       7. Hopefully hire a graduate student for a new counseling position
    2. Follow COVID protocols
       1. Don’t leave campus as much
       2. No off-campus visitors
       3. Wear masks
    3. Welcoming incoming class of around 400 students
    4. Faculty court is getting painted, and roofs replaced
    5. Involvement fair on Thursday!
    6. Sharing senate office with union board this year
       1. Getting the group together to evaluate the office and see what is needed for the space
11. Committee Reports: (5 minutes)
    1. **Paazig, Educational Policy** –
       1. No report
    2. **Adams & White, Events**-
       1. No report
    3. **Bell, Finance** –
       1. No report
    4. **Golden & Oliver, Outreach and Public Relations**–
       1. No report
    5. **Thombs, Student Life**
       1. No report
12. Campaigns Reports
    1. **Truth Talk Thursday**
       1. No report
13. Open Forum:
    1. Athletic facility
       1. New rules in the weight room
       2. Rumors of non-athletes not allowed in steamer and strength center (not true)
       3. Varsity athlete rules update
       4. Non athletes are allowed in while teams are training but only certain racks are allowed for use
       5. Points brought up from saac
          1. Non athletes shouldn’t be allowed in steemer when teams are practicing
          2. A lot of people have said that the strength center is a dedicated space for athletes
          3. Rules have been set in place for the athletes and non-athletes safety
          4. When non-athletes are training while teams are training the focus is taken off them and that could cause issues
          5. Athletes should follow the rules (compared to classroom rules)
       6. Can students be allowed in steemer on track while teams are on the field if someone puts the net down
          1. Only a few authorized people can put the nets down
       7. Brought up from a tour guide perspective we promote that the facilities are open to all students compared to non-athletes
          1. Facilities and rules are in place for safety of athletes and non-athletes
       8. The rules do create order, but the main issue is the rules for the athletes versus the non-athletes
          1. The rules make non-athletes feel out of place
          2. If you’re not an athlete, why do you have to follow the rules for the athletes
       9. Communication is an issue
          1. Need more transparency about when non athletes can be in the center
          2. Some students feel uncomfortable around Mark (some female athletes feel uncomfortable around Mark, favors male athlete over female and is aggressive)
       10. Communicating when the teams are in so non-athletes can go to the strength center and use it but not get in the way of the teams
       11. Make sure there is realistic available times for non-athletes to use the weight room
       12. The strength center was open, but the fitness center was used because students felt uncomfortable going into the strength center
       13. During orientation we showed the new students how they can use the strength center
       14. Having students who are non-athletes feel as comfortable in the strength center as athletes
       15. Don’t want non-athletes to come and just watch the athletes lift and practice
       16. Practice time for a lot of athletes is an outlet for some athletes so having people come and watch or can interrupt the practice
       17. In past, non-athletes and athletes were allowed to be in the strength center together and it helps motivate students
       18. Non-athletes have not had positive interactions with Mark
           1. Had to change outfit
           2. Ignored when told they were former athletes
           3. Felt Mark hovered while they were lifting
           4. Someone had put the weights away and it was in the right rack but Mark has singled them out to “If you want to be in the strength center learn my rules”
           5. Disrespectful to non-athletes
       19. Students should be given some of the same respect since we’re all adults
       20. A way to relieve an athlete and non-athlete tension is to remove the terms “athlete” and “non-athlete” use more inclusive words like team and non-teams
       21. The athletes feel that they were throw into the rules rather than eased in and it feels like a lot at one time to have all these rules thrown at them
       22. Maybe have a meeting with different representatives to be able to come to a compromise
       23. Equal opportunities for all students
       24. Athletes feel like they’re being at the whim of the non-athletes and vis versus
           1. If we can find a way to comprise
       25. Multiple students have had issues with Mark with him being disrespectful
       26. Multiple students have asked what the reasoning for certain rules and the answer has been “this is my place you’re going to follow my rules”
           1. Wants a reason for why these rules are intact
       27. Corey would try to gain respect before laying the rules down, he would try to get to know the student not just the sport
       28. A switch flips when you walk into the strength center because students feel they are being overly watched while being in there
       29. Students would like to not be yelled at for something as redundant as flipping weights, wearing headphones, and changing shirts
       30. Hearing the stories that students are going through feels like not a Wittenberg way
       31. Remember that saac is a small percentage of the student athletes on campus
       32. Jon recommends if students have experiences send them to Emmanuel
           1. We have two experiences going on, rules and culture in the space, and athletes versus non-athletes’ problem
           2. Student life committee meeting is a space to for inclusivity and for everyone to get their word in while also having representation
           3. Talks to students, get feedback and give to the student life committee
       33. Signup genius for facilities (Mya will talk to Deb)
       34. Maybe rules can be taken off the wall and sent to coaches to spread amongst athletes
    2. Blue Light Safety
       1. Sees both sides, it is a resource on campus that isn’t being utilized as much as they hope it would
          1. On the other side it is hard for students to accept change and seeing the blue lights go away feels like safety isn’t a concern
       2. Not everyone on campus has access to phones and taking away blue lights can make those students feel they don’t have safety on campus
       3. Get more information on why this is happening
       4. As a tour guide when potential students see campus, when parents feel safe for their students when they see the blue lights
          1. Take in a pro and con as to why this is happening
       5. How accessible is the app?
          1. Seems like it could be not accessible to some students
       6. App has reports suspicious activity, walk with me and other features
          1. What happens if someone drops a phone, or it gets stolen
          2. The app does work when not on wifi
       7. Digital version of the blue light should be an option
          1. Having both the blue light and the app
       8. See if the blue light works for our campus or the app (get stats)
          1. Start fading out what doesn’t work
       9. Ras had a meeting with executive members and there is a police advisory committee that students would like to be a part of
       10. Asking Rob if there is an update on if we could get more lights
           1. Make sure students feel safe when walking
           2. See if we can get more lights in the burbs
              1. Lots of dark areas and alleyways
       11. See where the cameras are on campus
           1. Could causes issues too
       12. Email sent out to parents about blue lights right after it was brought up in senate
       13. Blue lights were a class gift
       14. If student senate wants to contribute to the funds of these projects, we can talk about that in the future
    3. Is there a way we can find out about the commuter lounge?
       1. More furniture is being ordered, graphics will be added around fall break and cubbies/lockers may be added to the space
       2. More formal open house after fall break
    4. Student senate used to have a transportation system for international students, can we bring it back?
       1. Had one in the past but it was no longer being used
       2. Can bring this up in the student life meeting next week
          1. Lots of options to be talked about
14. Old Business:
    1. Swearing in of new senators
15. Announcements:
    1. Involvement Fair Thursday 5-9!
    2. Jewish Holidays coming up
       1. Rosh Hashanah - September 7th
       2. Yom Kippur – September 16th
16. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn: Sharpensteen

Second: Sheriff