WITTENBERG STUDENT SENATE

SENATE MEETING AGENDA

On Tuesday, March 19th, 2019 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: Kraus, Unternaher, Brueck, Cole (unexcused)*

# Minutes approved by:

Special Order:

1. Officer Reports/Goals: (10 minutes)
   1. **Wallace, President –**
      1. Police Advisory meeting Thursday, March 21 at 4:30pm
         1. If your class officers cannot attend presidents need to go in their places
      2. Going to CBS meeting next Thursday
      3. Seniors: Pick up cap and gown
      4. Senate - Might be co-sponsoring consent week April 8-12th
         1. We will be co-sponsoring
      5. Working to plan movie night sponsored by Senate and Class Presidents
         1. We will vote on which one we want to do through the Groupme
   2. **Hurst, Vice President –**
      1. There’s a police meeting on Thursday of this week from 2:30-4 in the Li Room
         1. This is about the Everbridge safety app, if you would like to attend please do.
         2. This is the safety app that we looked at, at the beginning of the year, OU uses this app
   3. **Racanelli, Treasurer** –
      1. Orgs need to keep applying for budget hearings
         1. If they do not sign up they will not get an allocation
   4. **Kraus, Secretary** –
      1. New elections schedule:
         1. Applications go out tomorrow
         2. Applications due April 1st
         3. Meeting with candidates on April 1st
         4. Elections April 9th
         5. Transitions April 16th
         6. Swearing in of new senators April 23rd
   5. **Untenaher, FSC** –
      1. No report
   6. **Bradburn, 2019** –
      1. No report
   7. **Nydegger, Public Relations** –
      1. No report
   8. **Cleveland, Student Organizations**—
      1. No report
   9. **Gleeson, RHA** –
      1. Serving Donuts went well
   10. **Cole, Greek** –
       1. april 25th - dunk a delt
       2. march 27th - delt sig clothes drive
       3. around wittfest - lambda will be doing a bake sale
       4. April 6th, AXiD has their philanthropy event
   11. **Corsello, Green** –
       1. We are hoping to begin collecting surplus inventory data this Thursday
       2. Aiming to do blanket drive for Glen Helen's Raptor Baby Shower
       3. Academic building waste audits almost finished
       4. Green club potential clean up during Green Week for Earth Day
       5. Should (finally) have finalized Sustainability Survey by next week-once finished please send to your constituents!
   12. **Melaku, AIA** –
       1. We will celebrate international week from
       2. April 1- April 5. We will have different kind of events for each days. We are still talking about the events.
   13. **XXX, Witten’Burbs** –
   14. **Gregg, CBS**
       1. No Report
2. **Fisher, Interfaith**-
   1. meeting with PR, Dean Gil, Megan Mong (Common Ground Pres) and a few others to figure out a response to the New Zealand shooting
   2. posting on Wittenberg Interfaith Facebook page more leading up to Better Together Day
   3. Interfaith Encounter Day at University of Dayton this Saturday (flyer will be posted on groupme in case there is interest)
3. **Brueck, SAAC –**
   1. Due to the ongoing construction of hyper, the SAAC Tiger Awards Banquet has been moved to the CDR on Monday, April 29 from 8 pm-10pm
4. **Poska, GSDA –** 
   1. GSDA plans to participate in the tunnel of oppression event
5. **Dobrotka, 2020** –
6. No report
7. **Joseph, 2021** –
   1. No report
8. **Thombs, 2022** –
   1. No Report
9. **Gill , Advisor** –
10. Committee Reports: (5 minutes)
    1. **Hurst, Build a Better Wittenberg** –
       1. No report
    2. **Racanelli, Finance**-
       1. No report
    3. **Untenaher, Educational Policy** ­–
       1. No report
    4. **Nydegger, Public Relations** –
       1. Send flyers for orgs
    5. **Kraus, Elections**
11. No report
    1. **Corsello,** **Dining Services Committee –**
       1. No report
    2. **XXX, Diversity Coalition-**
12. Open Forum:
    1. Douglas Lehman: Presentation about OhioLink. Wanting to move forward with a plan to make textbooks less expensive for students (especially so that they don’t have to worry about food insecurity)
       1. Affordable Learning: add in link from presentation
       2. Inclusive access: first day model, every student in that class has access to the textbook on the first day, billed to you through student financial services after the drop date, there is an opt-out, six major textbook publishers are participating, this would help cover intro courses and lots of science courses (these tend to have the more expensive books), the discount ranges from 21%-85%, the access is also perpetual meaning you could have access forever.
       3. This can become a retention and recruitment piece as well
       4. Currently at Wittenberg nothing has happened with this yet, but the goal is to get a class up in the Fall, we just have to work through the bookstore
          1. If anybody from this group, junior, sophomore, freshman, we would like to gather a meeting and gage the interest for this program
    2. RHA: Treasurer and secretary came to talk about the connection of RHA and student senate
       1. We are trying to show that we are no longer a programming board and that we are a student organization trying to create leadership
       2. RHA is wanting to have more transparency and works through creating more of a connection through the Burbs senator and the RHA senator
       3. The Burbs center should be an RA for the Burbs
       4. We want to work with student senate to work on more safety programs
       5. Are there any ways that we can support or share what’s going on with student senate?
          1. We think that it is going well in the connection of the senator and PR, just continuing to be transparent helps
13. Old Business:
    1. TTT language
       1. We will take out the question mark
       2. It makes sense to have direct language
       3. Poska: I move to approve the TTT language in the Student Senate Constitution
       4. Fisher: Second
       5. Motion passes
    2. PR constitution changes
       1. These changes are very thorough
       2. Poska: we talked about the need for the public relations committee, are we positive we want to continue forward with creating a committee?
          1. Nydegger: The constitution lays it out to have PR persons from the different constituencies which creates more dialogue and an easier avenue for transparency
       3. Cleveland: We should change the committee person removal to 3/4ths of senate instead of just PR senator
       4. Wallace: We should take out some of the wording so that it is not quite as specific in certain areas because sometimes it gets cloudy
       5. We will make updates and bring back next week
    3. Economics club
       1. They need to have the language about the split duties, they may need to revise some of the wording but at this point in time they have to add language about the responsibilities that the executive positions hold
       2. The VP should hold more positions, VP could sign them up for the involvement fair and a few others
       3. Cori will sit down with them and we can vote next week
14. New Business:
    1. Wittenberg Banners
       1. We do not want to be funding this every year
       2. What is being done to try and curb the theft of banners?
    2. Blue light stickers
       1. Could we remove all of the other bubbles and make the yellow ones blue
       2. Cori offered to amend the map – the blue dots do not refer to the actual blue lights (those are labeled as yellow hexagons) \
       3. Map is too busy overall – for this purpose, blue light map should have blue dots to identify blue light locations
       4. Cam is also willing to make the necessary changes because he originally created the map with all of the dots
       5. Kat and Cam will collab for updates to come
    3. Constitution changes
       1. Rachel sent out *suggestions* not complete changes
          1. She would prefer that we refresh and have educated opinions for our meeting next week; would like to make changes before the next senate transitions
          2. Kat proposes a reread before next week
          3. Rachel proposes that Senate rereads and comes ready to discuss changes next week
             1. Read entire thing, and bring suggestions that you see fit and come ready to discuss
    4. Matthies House – capital fund request from Dr. Frandsen
       1. See renovation/improvement request from Dr. Frandsen
       2. Cori: we already improved renovations for Diversity House besides wall – is this separate?
          1. Yes, we did not approve the wall; they were going to come back with suggestions for us
       3. Rachel proposes walk through for student senate at 6:30 next week so we can further understand and discuss the potential changes
       4. Technically they are asking for $12,000, and the other funding would come from other areas
       5. Alex: who benefits from this? Do other pieces of campus need this funding more?
          1. It is a privilege for honors students to study here
          2. However; you are able to get ahold of the people in charge of the Honors program and get the code to do work in the Matthies house
       6. Cam: not enough of campus uses this (speaking as a Honors student) for this to be beneficial to a majority of students
       7. Cori: we do not have a 24 hour space for studying yet; so it would be beneficial to put money into something that is open to a broad range of students
       8. Kat: we are trying to brand the university to those we give tours to in an appealing way for Honors students
       9. Rachel C: some aspects of the house are unsafe (creaky stairs, etc)
          1. This house has not really been renovated yet (relatively new for students’ use)
          2. Some renovations are because of safety issues
       10. Olivia: wants to see that more money goes towards academia; this is a motion to improve academic life overall
       11. Charlotte: during the previous board meetings, Charlotte was with university communications – Witt has moved back to a more old-school scale of students
           1. 1-8, 8 being smartest (ivy league), 5-7 being current target, but more recently we have been targeting 1-3, but as previous statements have implied, we need to target those in the higher range to attract a more competitive academic environment
           2. Charlotte suggests we listen to proposal next week to be able to split the difference and give necessary renovations (specific to do x,y,z that we discuss as Senate) and also create more of a space for the overall student body to have a quality place to study late at night
       12. Alex: feels that safety is a legitimate concern, but feels that the requests are purely cosmetic
       13. Cori: worries that “simple renovations” are going to turn into huge necessary changes that are fundamentally wrong with the foundation of the house
       14. Jillian: one of the biggest groups we need to be more inclusive of is people with disabilities (lack of resources for those with physical impairments)
       15. Rachel C: a significant amount of people who already do qualify for the honors program do not use the honors house to begin with (maybe the reason why is because it needs renovated, but maybe the reason why is just that it is not as much of a need because students are too busy or have other places they prefer closer to home, etc)
       16. Cam: requests information about all of the items above before voting
       17. Rachel W: we have the proposal that was sent with the agenda today, and we have a representative coming next week to discuss this
15. Announcements:
    1. Mental Health Fair: April 11, 3-7
       1. Please put this on radar - We expect senate’s participation
    2. Elections – plz put in all of your groupme’s!!!
    3. Celebration of learning
    4. Kat’s senior recital – march 23rd please go support at 3pm this Saturday
    5. 24 hour pack for LNI next Saturday
    6. Shades of Pearls symposium – register on wittenberg’s page for lunch
    7. CBS general meeting next Thursday at 8pm
16. Adjournment:
    1. Jillian

Motion to adjourn:

Second: