



Wittenberg University Student Senate Minutes

Outline Below:

SENATE MEETING AGENDA

On Tuesday, **February 20th** 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*: Dicks
 - b. *in Absentia*: Kuzilwa, Lightner, Neutzling, Weis, Specht, Gill

Minutes approved by:

- II. Officer Reports/Goals: (10 minutes)
 - a) **Gardner, President** —
 - i. Student Involvement Volleyball Tournament
 1. March 19th & Marh 26th from 7-9pm in Pam Smith Arena (this was the only available time in the HWA gym)
 - a. These are during a committee meeting / general body meeting.
 - b. We will have a paper meeting for all committees on the 19th and will be playing beginning at 8:00pm on the 26th.
 - c. If you are not planning to play, **it is expected that you will be in attendance to support!**
 - i. Who is interested in playing?
 1. Harper
 2. Hunt
 3. Stern
 4. Terrell
 - d. If we do not get a large enough team, Student Senate will operate as originally planned.
 - e. Have a table at this event to help promote Student Senate?
 - ii. Total Solar Eclipse (4.8.2024)

1. Dr. Porter is working with Professor Gypsy Schindler in art for screen-printing a student-designed logo onto shirts.
 2. Planning meeting later this week!
 - iii. Police Advisory Board
 1. Meeting on Tuesday at 8:00am (2/20) with Chief Hutchins.
 - a. Having a student lead staff to help direct parking for the event.
 - iv. Facilities Meeting
 1. Met with Facilities regarding a fire-pit installation in the summer.
 - a. Waiting to hear back on quotes/estimates.
 2. Working with ground crews to trim around “one-way” signs near Bill Edwards
 - a. Possibly even painting “one-way” onto the road.
 - v. Transition documents
 1. Please make sure that there is a transition document uploaded into the team’s drive.
 - a. There are 3 documents currently uploaded, please get these uploaded to ensure that transitions are smooth.
 - vi. Attendance/Communication
 1. Senators are granted ONE excused absence per semester. Events that are scheduled well in advance (more than two weeks’ notice) are included.
 2. Varsity sporting events and class are excused absences.
 3. Absences can be excused by the Student Senate President.
 - a. Communicate when there will be an absence **in advance.**
- b) **Dewey, Vice President —**
- i. On March 12th at 5:30pm at Hollenbeck, we will be having the University photographer come to take headshot photos of the Student Senators. Please make sure you’re here so you can get a nice headshot and we can put these on the website.
 1. People who need nametags:
 - a. Browning
 - b. Stern
 - c. Terrell
 - d. Patton
 - e. Compton*
- c) **Kuzilwa, Treasurer —**
- i. Budget hearings will begin in March.
 - ii. 5 organizations met with the finance committee:
 1. Chemistry club
 2. Tri Beta
 3. Hockey club
 4. Prelaw society
 5. Union Board

- d) **XXX, Secretary** —
 - i. Statement of candidacy for ‘Burbs Position! (*SEC attachment 1*)
 - ii. Secretary and AAPIIC are still vacant.
 - iii. Please send reports to gardnerk24@wittenberg.edu
 - 1. Subject line “last name, position”
 - 2. Reports should be sent in by Monday nights at 10:00pm
 - iv. 2024-2025 Student Senate Applications are due March 25th
 - 1. If you are planning to be a part of Senate next year, please make sure to re-apply.
 - v. Elections will take place April 2nd from 9:00am to 9:00pm
 - 1. Will be done electronically, with QR codes located throughout campus!
 - 2. We will be tabling at some point during this day, so prepare for that.
- e) **Terrell, FSC** —
 - i. Academic Advisor of the Year.
 - ii. Program Review and Assessment Committee (PRAC) needs 2 student appointments.
 - 1. Meets from 2-3 pm on the following Fridays:
 - a. February 23rd
 - b. March 15th
 - c. April 5th
 - d. April 12th
 - e. April 19th
 - f. April 26th
 - g. May 3rd
- f) **Stern, 2024** —
 - i. Encourage philanthropy cord [Special Projects | Class of 2024: Senior Class Giving \(wittenberg.edu\)](#)
 - ii. Commit to Witt - Encourage families!
 - iii. Repost Instagram stuff regarding senior events (I know it is annoying, but PLEASE)
 - 1. Especially on the Student Senate Instagram.
 - iv. Cap and gown <https://www.herffjones.com/college/>
 - v. Class Favorites voting <https://forms.gle/4rzZQjbT1cjBEief9>
- g) **Peña, Public Relations** —
 - i. No report.
- h) **Lightner, Diversity** —
 - i.
- i) **Browning, Student Organizations** —
 - i. Jade has met with Wrestling club, still waiting for more information.
 - ii. Witches of Witt has not responded to three emails.
 - 1. Going to reach out one more time.

- iii. LNI has signed their covenant and is on record with the business office and as such can be reported on during Old Business.
- j) **Raymond, RHA** —
 - i. No report.
- k) **Hunt, Greek** —
 - i. President's Roundtable was last night.
 - 1. The next roundtable will take place on March 18th.
 - 2. Received a list of all membership and new member dues for all chapters to be made publicly accessible on the website.
 - ii. Asked Panhel about student life/culture on campus and what should be worth resolving. Will send an email to IFC and Panhel regarding this.
- l) **Weis, Green** —
 - i. No report.
- m) **XXX, AAPIIC** —
 - i.
- n) **XXX, Witten'Burbs** —
 - i.
- o) **Dicks, CBS** —
 - i. Last week, CBS had two outings. The escape room and bowling. The overall attendance was well and was a great way for members to connect as peers and build fellowship.
 - ii. A general body meeting will be held this week Thursday (2-22-24) where the upcoming 2024-25 elections will be discussed.
- p) **Patton, Interfaith** —
 - i. The weekly chapel services after Spring break will take place at 4:30 on Sundays.
 - ii. The WCA will continue meeting at 7:30 pm on Mondays in the activity room.
- q) **Neutzling, SAAC** —
 - i. 2/20 @ 6pm men's basketball vs OWU
 - ii. 2/20 @ 8pm women's basketball vs Kenyon (congrats to women's basketball for winning conference camps)
 - iii. 2/24 @ 12pm women's lax opening games vs Muskingum
 - iv. Further information about away games/meets can be found at:
 - 1. <https://www.wittenbergtigers.com/landing/index>
- r) **Specht, GSDA** —
 - i. March 11th – 15th Safe Sex Week
 - 1. 15th: "Get Lucky" Bingo in Founders
 - a. Currently in the process of finding sex toys so if anyone has suggestions, send them my way.
 - 2. 25th: "Red, White, and Royal Blue" movie screening and discussion in Blair 101 at 6pm
 - ii. April 1st-5th Consent Week

1. Looking to collab with Student Involvement to bring back the Teal Tuesday Shirts
 2. April 8th: “Boys Don’t Cry” movie screening and discussion in Blair 101 at 6pm.
 3. April 20th Drag brunch (still working on details)
 4. May 8th Lavendar Graduation
 - a. Link should be coming out soon.
- iii. Tiger Fund / Budget Hearing is coming up Thursday at 6pm
1. Looking to set up a time wither this week or after FIRE Week / Spring Break to talk more about the Drag Brunch
 - a. If the people who are helping with that could stay behind after Senate for a couple minutes, that would be great.
- s) **Pipinich, 2025** —
- i. No report.
- t) **Harper, 2026** —
- i. No report.
- u) **Lowry, 2027** —
- i. Taco ‘Bout It event for Parkhurst
 1. Working on opening expo and Bravo during lunch and dinner (staffing dependent).
 2. Looking at healthier options in Post 95 and a way to shorten the wait.
 - a. Introducing an app starting next semester for ordering ahead
 3. Changing hours (longer) for Science Center Market (ideally looking to keep open until 6 pm).
 4. Working with the school to introduce places off campus to use meal plans.
 5. All student’s meal plans will lead to the introduction of a C-Store in Post 95
 6. Students made many suggestions, and Parkhurst will be holding another forum in a few weeks.
 - a. Parkhurst wants to know why Founder’s is not working... rebrand?
 7. Any comments or questions can go to Leah Bahan-Harris (Parkhurst general manager) at 937-305-8188.
 - a. She is open to coming and presenting to Senate at some point to get all of our opinions.
 - ii. Idea re: laundry
 1. Introducing a section during orientation for parents and students about proper laundry ‘techniques’ to facilitate some change in the machine issues.
- v) **Gill, Advisor** —
- i.

III. Committee Reports: (5 minutes)

a. **Dewey, Special Events** —

- i. There are currently 4 applicants for Student Senate next year, if you plan to run for the same/different position next year, please fill out this form.

b. **Kuzilwa, Finance** —

- i.

c. **Gardner, Student Life** —

- i. Issues with Yik Yak throughout campus
 - i. We do not have the ability to ban Yik Yak but can take a united front against it!
- ii. Still waiting for responses regarding mail room issues.

IV. Open Forum:

- a. The freshmen class has been talking about having a self-care event near the reading days. (Lowry)
 - i. Having each of the class cabinets contribute finances to make this event happen.
 - ii. Having different stations spread out throughout campus, each location sponsored by a different class, but everyone can come and go to the different locations as they so choose.
- b. Leaderships Awards nominations will close on March 1st, and the event in which the winners will be announced will take place on April 7th. (Hunt)
- c. Meal plan requirements for upperclassmen
 - i. Reasoning behind this change presented by Rob Young.
 1. Institutions of similar sizes have implemented meal plan policies to foster community among students by offering centralized dining areas.
 2. More students on the meal plan should push Parkhurst to expand their meal options/quality.
 3. The 30 and 50 meal plan options will include a grocery function to allow students to purchase groceries directly using their bonus dollars.
 - a. The 30-swipe meal plan includes \$400 in bonus dollars, a correction from a miscommunication in the initial email stating it would come with \$300 bonus dollars.
 4. This change will result in an increase in the meal plan swipe equivalents offered in Post 95.
 - ii. Concerns from students have been raised about space constraints in the CDR during peak hours, as well as supply issues in the Science Center. If this procedure is going to go through, how is the institution on combating these areas of concern that are already present? (Dewey)

1. Students will need to be more creative in using Post 95, such as purchasing chicken tenders or other meat items from the space and taking these items back to 'Burbs residencies to be used in larger dishes. (Young)
- iii. Concerns have been raised about how this decision removes the ability of choice from the students and forces them to spend additional money. (Dewey)
- iv. There is a current dissatisfaction with the quality of food being served in the CDR; and if there are going to be increases in the price of meal plans, the quality of food should increase as well. (Raymond)
 1. The cost analysis of this new policy shows that the price of a meal using the meal swipe is somewhere in the range of \$19-\$20 per swipe, while the price to eat in the CDR for a single time is \$9. Why are we charging students over double the price of a single meal in the CDR when they are purchasing the bundle option? (Dicks)
 - a. To order food from Chipotle and have it delivered to campus is about \$16, which is still cheaper and is better quality than the food in the CDR. (Dicks)
 2. There have been significant improvements in gluten-free, vegetarian, and food supplement options in the CDR lately. (Gardner)
- v. Currently, only having two locations accept meal plan swipes significantly reduces convenience of using these plans. (Lowry)
 1. The University is working with local restaurants and vendors to see if we can make meal swipe equivalencies for eating at local restaurants and such. (Young)
- vi. Rates increases are fairly consistent from a year-to-year basis:
 1. Housing rates:
 - a. '22-'23 = \$2,880 per semester (2-person dorm)
 - b. '23-'24 = \$2,938 per semester (2-person dorm)
 - i. From '22-'23 to '23-'24 there was a 2.01% increase.
 - c. '24-'25 = \$3,026 per semester (2-person dorm)
 - i. From '23-'24 to '24-'25 there was a 3% increase.
 2. Board rates:
 - a. '22-'23 = \$2,760 per semester (Carte Blanche option)
 - b. '23-'24 = \$2,843 per semester (Carte Blanche option)
 - i. From '22-'23 to '23-'24 there was a 3.01% increase.
 - c. '24-'25 = \$2,985 per semester (Carte Blanche option)
 - i. From '23-'24 to '24-'25 there was a 5% increase.

V. Old Business:

- a. Athletics taskforce update.

- i. Talked with Jonathan Levin and the two strength coaches in the back room.
- ii. During this conversation, there was a realization that the front weight room at the HWA has not been updated or serviced in the past 3 years (for reference, standard equipment safety procedures recommended servicing equipment every 3-6 months).
 - 1. As a result, a majority of the allocated money from Student Senate will likely be used in replacing the items in this space, as well as adding some items that are currently exclusive only to the back weight room.
- iii. Throughout this meeting there was a continued emphasis on all students being able to use the back weight room and the coaches will make space for students to use the space.
 - 1. What can Student Senate do to promote this to the student body?
 - a. Instagram post notifying students?
 - b. Having posters on the front doors of the HWA explaining this?
 - b. Drag brunch Taskforce update.
 - c. Approval of LNI as a student organization with updated form.
 - i. Motion to approve LNI as a student organization: Dewey
 - ii. Seconded: Peña
 - iii. Motion passes

VI. New Business:

- a. Christopher Compton – Witten’Burbs Senator
 - i. Throughout my time on Wittenberg's campus, I have spent three years living in the “Wittenburbs.” The ‘Burbs’ play a crucial role in campus life and the primary aim of ‘Burbs Senator’ is to foster a clean and welcoming environment. In my time as a Ministry Associate Intern with the Christian Church in Ohio, I assumed responsibility for reporting lodging issues to my supervisors and collaborating with a dedicated team to promptly address and resolve them. My time working with the Christian Church in Ohio was primarily spent organizing and conducting summer programs with an estimated 100-200 people residing on the campgrounds each week. I am committed to improving the quality of housing and voicing the concerns of students to the Police Advisory Committee, Office of Residence Life, and the Student Senate. My vision as the 'Burbs' Senator is to tackle the everyday challenges affecting our community, fostering a clean and respectful environment where all residents on campus thrive. I am committed to implementing measures that address issues such as pet waste disposal, reducing litter, and maintaining the cleanliness of our neighborhood. I kindly request your thoughtful consideration and am eager to help transform the 'Burbs' into a welcoming environment for all students at Wittenberg.

1. Motion to approve Chris Compton as 'Burbs Senator: Dewey
2. Seconded: Peña
3. Motion passes: Yes

VII. Announcements:

- a. Shuttle service for the rest of Spring 2024:
 - i. March 17th
 - ii. March 24th
 - iii. April 14th
- b. Have a good FIRE Week and Spring Break!

VIII. Adjournment:

- a. Motion to adjourn: Stern - 8:10 pm
- b. Second: Peña