

Wittenberg University Student Senate Minutes

SENATE MEETING AGENDA

Student Senate

Wittenberg University

On Tuesday, **March 18th, 2025**, at 7:00 p.m., in the Offices of Student Senate, the Student Senate held a meeting with the following persons present:

Call to Order/Roll Call:

- a. Tardus: Simpson, Harper
- b. in Absentia: Pipinich, Burnside, Raymond, Binford

February 25th, 2024, Minutes: Approved by Pena, Seconded Bledsoe

Special Report:

• Crochet Club Presentation for approval

Officer Reports:

- Carroll, President---
 - o No Report.
- Peña, Vice President---
 - o Founder's has been requested on 25Live.
 - o We will be getting pizza and contacting Parkhurst for refreshments.
- Bledsoe, Treasurer---
 - o Update on finance committee:
 - i. 3 at-large student body members who need to be approved this week.
 - Five of 11 are currently on the committee.
 - a. Candidates: Colin Stover, Jennifer Hernandez, Oumar Assabir
 - b. CBS, Union Board, two senate representatives: Still assembling the group.
 - With AAPI as a dormant student organization, it will need to be amended in the constitution.

- Budget Hearing: at week 12 of classes, student org presidents will be required to submit their budgets. Allocation meetings will follow.
- Lowry, Secretary----
 - We are coming up on election season; per the constitution, I cannot be involved in the counting of ballots as I am running for reelection, Khi would be in charge of this due to graduation.
 - The Student Senate Secretary is to collect statements of candidacy, though. Do we think this violates the constitution, or does this power go to the President?
 - o Senate applications are due March 31^{st.}
 - i. Will be sent out by the end of the week.
 - o The general election will be on April 8th, from 9am to 9pm, virtually.
- Patton, Faculty Student Coordinator----
 - Thank you to those who attended this afternoon's faculty meeting! My minutes will be in the Teams folder shortly.
 - The next facility is **TUESDAY, APRIL 1** (in 2 weeks). Please be there or let me know ASAP if you are unavailable. Please email me (pattonc@wittenberg.edu) if you are unable to attend any of these meetings ASAP so I can find a replacement.
 - Committee Positions and Vacancies:
 - Educational Policies Committee (meets on Teams on Thursdays, 4:00-5:00)
 - There will be new courses in the computer science department: COMP 295, 297, and 340. COMP 305 is being modified to have the prerequisites COMP 295 or 297
 - RELI 210 and 320 are new courses being offered.
 - PUBH 250TA (Special Topics Designation) is going to cover "Inclusive Healthcare and Transgender Diversity."
 - The Program Review and Assessment Committee
 - Meeting in 2 weeks.
 - The Athletic Policy and Recreation Committee.
 - Harper and McCans serve.
 - Apart of the Facility Committee restructuring process.

- Diversity Advisory Committee
 - Peña and Livingston serve.
 - Concerns regarding newer executive orders and the campus' feelings of it
- Facilities and Environment Committee.
 - No Meetings yet.
- General Education Advisory Committee meets on Wednesdays, 1:50-2:50 (in science 243.).
 - Pena serves, but one more student would be appreciated.
- International and Field Studies committee: Meets one time a month on Tuesday or Thursday at 4.
 - Patton Serves. No Meetings.
- President Search Committee
 - The Presidential Search Profile is live! (Link here) and candidates are applying.
 - Our next meeting was successful over FIRE week.
 - I am meeting again with the committee this week on Thursday and Friday.
 - There was an update sent out regarding the last meeting on the Wittenberg website (Link here).

Board of Directors

- There was an updated email reminding the campus community about the Commit to Witt on March 20.
- Honors Convocation is April 4th!
 - Faculty of the Year Nominations are coming out soon, Student Senate is sponsoring this and will be the final vote!
- Pipinich, 2025 Class Representative----
 - o Working on class T-shirts.
 - o Commit to Witt still time to donate.
 - i. This is up for the philanthropy cord.
- Hehman, 2025 Class Representative---
 - o I sent out an email about cap and gown orders a few weeks ago.!

- Some students emailed me asking if they were eligible to walk and other random questions, so I directed them to the registrar.
- o Cap and gown orders are due by Tuesday, April 15th!
- Pantalone, Public Relations
 - o Send me your FIRE week pics!!
- Muhammad, Diversity--
 - o Sociology Club is going to Columbus to protest SB1 tomorrow.
- Livingston, Diversity--
 - o No Report.
- Archer, Student Organizations ---
 - o Crochet Club presented today.
 - o Holding out on Bowling/Flag Football Club till further notice
 - o Katie's last day in the office will be April 4th.
 - o Live Action Mario Cart April 11th tentatively outside of BPSC.
 - o Officer Transition Form going out April 21^{st.}
 - i. Collecting responses as seniors graduate—for Fall 2025 Semester.
 - Ski and Snowboarding Club is still preparing with their constitution and presentation.
 - o Running Club is hoping to present on April 1st.
 - o Reviewing Organization Registration Responses
 - i. Currently 5 Clubs have been suspended from 25live:
 - a. Pre-Law
 - b. Tiger Pep Band
 - c. Paranormal
 - d. Video Game Club
 - e. Golf
- Binford, Residence Hall Association----
 - No Report.
- Raymond, Witten'burbs

- o No Report.
- Simpson, Fraternity and Sorority Life ----
 - ^o Presidents Round Table will be next Monday.
 - ^o Greek Week is March 31st to April 4th.
- Anderson, Interfaith -----
 - ^o Crop Walk is April 12 at 9am
 - ^{i.} Our goal is 30 participants.
 - ii. The link to register is live! Register to walk (& get a free t-shirt) and/or donate.
 - iii. Share with any groups, clubs, Greek life that might be interested. https://events.crophungerwalk.org/crophungerwalks/event/springfieldoh
- McCans, Student Athletics Senator ---
 - o Next SAAC meeting is Monday.
 - o Student Athletic Stole is still being worked on
 - o D3 Week is being worked on.
- Harper, Class Representative 2026---
 - o No Report.
- Burnside, Class Representative 2026---
 - o No Report.
- Monroe, Class Representative 2027---
 - o No Report.
- Werner, Class Representative 2027---
 - o No Report.
- Clark, Class Representative 2028---
 - o No Report
- Schiff, Class Representative 2028---
 - o No Report.
- Garrett Scales, Advisor
 - o Commit to Witt is coming up soon.

- Ezry's will be out around campus, get involved to unlock money for these scholarships, this is on March 20th.
 - a. There are potentially gift cards.
- o Senior Send Off:
 - i. As an incentive, you have to complete the first destination survey to be able to get your drink ticket for Mother Stewarts.
- Barnes and Noble has a program called First Complete to get all of their books from the University Bookstore
 - i. The only benefit the university may be getting is students having their materials.
 - ii. This is year to year, and you would have to opt out.
 - iii. Gathered a no from the student senate, we are not interested in a presentation.
- o Always reach out if you have questions (<u>scalesj@wittenberg.edu</u>).

Committee Reports:

- I. Peña, Special Events---
 - a. We have clubs that would be willing to contribute trivia baskets.
- II. Bledsoe, Finance---
 - a. In the process of approving BABW requests from Dr. Bailey.
 - b. Another BABW request has come in we are waiting for the committee.
- III. Carroll, Student Life---
 - a. No Report.

<u>Open Forum</u>

- Trivia is March 25th at 7pm in Founders.
 - Parkhurst is going to provide refreshments (lemonade and water) and cookies.

- We will also be ordering Little Ceasar's pizza.
- Nearly Naked Mile will be April 26th at 10am, Student Alumni Association is also reaching out to other organizations to create teams.

Old Business:

• Student body at-large members of the finance committee: Colin Stover, Jennifer

Hernandez, Assabir Oumar

- Motion: Pena
- Second: Lowry
 - Approved

New Business:

- Crochet Club
 - Motion Passed, Approved
- Proposed amendments to the following points in the Student Senate Constitution
 - o **1.1**
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 - o **1.3**
 - o 2.3B
 - See changes here

Announcements:

<u>Adjournment:</u>

- a. Motion to adjourn: Pena.
- b. Second: Lowry
- c. Time: 7:46 PM