



Wittenberg University

Student Senate Minutes

SENATE MEETING AGENDA

On Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 7:07p.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*: Kessler
- b. *in Absentia*: Patton, Garrett Scales, Pantalone

3/31 Minutes Approved

Officer Reports:

- 🕒 Lowry, President
 - ☐ Please start paying attention to your emails there are strategic planning listening sessions and senior events coming up in the next few weeks.
 - ☐ Board of Directors meeting
 - ☐ The link for applications was sent out as a reminder yesterday at 3PM
 - These will be due TONIGHT
- 🕒 We still do not have applications for Secretary, Faculty Student Coordinator, and both Diversity Senators.

🕒 Please ask your friends if they are interested in applying (i may take an application that comes in tomorrow maybe 🤪)

- Elections are 4/21 (NEXT TUESDAY)
- Installments will be on our last general body meeting 4/28

☐ Met with Archer last night 4/13 to discuss potential changes to the student organizational structure.

☐ Met with members of the Student Life Committee on Friday 3/27

☐ Please create a transition document including a timeline of events, structure, committees served on, and goals of the position.

- These are due to me tonight, 4/14.
- I am missing documents from: Weik, Monroe, Green, Helton, Pantalone, Patton, Haislip, Werner, Kessler, Stanley

☐ Haislip—Update on Budget Hearing date.

☐ Congratulations to all of our winners at Honors Convocation, I am so intensely proud of you all!

🕒 Werner, Vice President

☐ Thank you all so much for attending the event last week! I had a great time and was pretty happy with the turnout!

☐ Congrats to everyone who got recognized at Honors Convocation!

☐ Upcoming Events:

- Consent Week by Womyn's Center

🕒 Wednesday 4/15: Consent Tea (Hollenbeck Atrium, 8-11 AM)

🕒 Thursday 4/16: Consent Trivia (Founders, 7-8 pm)

🕒 Friday 4/17: Consent Fries (CDR Lunch)

- Tea With the Feminists (4/15, Ness Auditorium, 4-6 pm)

- Greek Life Outdoor Hangout (4/15, Alumni Way, 6-8 pm)

- Celebrate Service Spring 2026 (4/16, Alumni Way, 5-7 pm)

- Pride @ Prejudice starts on Thursday and runs through Sunday
- 3v3 Sand Volleyball Tournament (4/19, Sand Volleyball Court, 12-4)
- AC in buildings- when is it going to be turned on
- Choose date for W-Day: September 12

🕒 Haislip, Treasurer

- Senate Budget Remaining: \$1,213.21
 - Spent \$9,446.54
 - Allocated \$10,664.75
- Class allocations remaining: \$466 per class
- Senior class allocation remaining: \$5000
- Tiger Fund - \$17,838.32
- BABW Fund - \$7,155.35
- Tiger Fund Request- Golf
- Budget Hearing Date emailed out by Thursday to Presidents and Treasurers to be sent in virtually by the following Thursday. If you are on the finance committee, you HAVE to attend the budget hearing to review the submissions on Monday April 27th from 1-3pm. If you cannot attend, you need to find a replace that knows what is going on by NEXT THURSDAY. If this time seriously does not work for the majority, please reach out and we can find a time. Food MAY be provided. Funding will no longer be a specific amount, but it will be a percentage so that it is flexible with current the changing business office.

🕒 Butts, Secretary

- No Report

🕒 Patton, Faculty Student Coordinator

- I will not be here today because of the Leventhal Lecture.

- Confirming the Students Available for Faculty meetings this semester. April 28 is the last time our 2025/2026 Senators will attend Faculty meetings. Hopefully, the next faculty-student senator will appoint the next 6 students to serve in this role once they are named so we can keep up our stellar attendance!

🕒 **Spring Faculty Meeting Student Representatives:**

- Claire Patton (Faculty-Student Coordinator)
- Katie Lowry (President)
- Peyton Archer
- Moose Harper
- Myla Stanley
- Sydney Werner
 - Alternate: Hailey Mulvihill

🕒 My minutes are on Teams after the meeting in the faculty meetings folder.

Reminder, the last Faculty meeting is April 28th!

- Faculty Meeting Dates for the semester to add to your schedule:
 - April 28
- Dates to ensure you have on your calendar:
 - Board of Directors May Meeting: May 7-8
 - Baccalaureate: May 15 (for graduating students)
 - Commencement: May 16

🕒 **Thank you to everyone who attended our Honors Convocation and voted for our outstanding faculty advisor! Dr. Collier was extremely grateful for the honor. He said that “Passing along those student comments is really meaningful to me and something I’ll never forget.”**

🕒 This weekend, I sent out emails thanking all the faculty for their dedication to students.

- Their comments in response were extremely positive!

- Dr. Goodman: “Thank you, Student Senate, for sending these comments along. You know how much they mean to faculty—and in this case, to me.”
- Dr. Waggoner: “Thank you, Student Senate. This means so much to me, especially in my final semester of teaching at Wittenberg. It has been a pleasure and an honor to work with so many generous and authentic students over the last 31 years! I will cherish the memories, and I look forward to maintaining friendships with students/alumni going forward. Lucky me!”
- Dr. Philips: “Thank you so much for this. It has made my day. Please thank your fellow senators as well.”
- Dr. Bode: “I appreciate the students and the student senate thinking about me and the other professors here at Witt.”
- Dr. Raffensperger: “Thank you, and thanks to Student Senate, for your kind message. It was a great way to start my day.”
- Professor Hill: “Thanks so much for taking the time to type up these kind words and to pass them along. I appreciate it.”
- Dr. Brannan: “Thanks so much for sharing what students have said- it makes me feel good that students are comfortable and feel heard; I strive to make myself available.”
- Dr. Hoofnagle: “Thanks for sending these comments along! You all are what makes my job worthwhile!”

□ This is a good reminder to thank the hard-working folks on campus, including the staff and other faculty members, for helping support us as students! It is easy to be negative in our feedback, but there is a lot of good to celebrate.

🕒 Confirming Students to Committees: Thanks to Katie for sending out the email to the student body!

□ EPC (Educational Policies Committee)

- Meets on Thursdays at 4:00. Dr. Hsu is the chair.

- ⌚ EPC moves to revise the major of neurology:
 - In the process of revising Marine Science courses
- GEAC (General Education Advisory Committee)
 - **We will need new members for next semester! The meetings will be at 3:00 on Tuesdays in the Science Center 241.**
 - ⌚ Appointed Student: Gabriela Gonzalez
 - ⌚ Appointed Student:
 - GEAC is approving individual CCC proposals and new LO courses.
 - LO-10 norming meeting this afternoon. I will report back next week.
- DAC (Diversity Advisory Committee). 2 (one of whom represents the McClain Center and is selected by the student organizations in the McClain Center)
 - Atalya N Mason-Pentheny and Senaa Muhammad
- PRAC
 - Meeting on Wednesdays, 4-5 on Teams.
 - Claire Patton and *appointed student*
 - ⌚ Meetings have finished for the semester.
- International and Field Studies
 - Meetings have finished for the semester.
- ⌚ I am encouraging students to participate in the Wittenberg Series Lectures. They are great opportunities to engage with great scholars from around the world!
 - <https://www.wittenberg.edu/about-wittenberg/art/wittenberg-series>
 - **The Leventhal Lecture is coming up at 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 14, 2026 (now!).**
 - Jeff Hobbs, New York Times Bestselling Author, will present on “Race, Class, and Identity in American Universities: How Students Experience School – And One Another”
- ⌚ Other events to support:

- Wednesday, 4/15: Tea with the Feminists. “Heightened Scrutiny” Screening in Ness (Hollenbeck) at 4:00 with food and conversation between Drs. Rhine and Wright.
 - Support the THDN final performances of Pride@Prejudice on the weekend of 4/18.
 - April 16, 6:00 P.M. (Gaier Room, Clark County Public Library, Main Branch) - "St Patrick: Irish Apostle and Antislavery Advocate? Separating the Man from the Myth" with Erin T. Dailey
 - Saturday, 4/18-May: The Art Senior End-of-year exhibition will have a showing in the gallery from 4-6:00. All members of the community (Wittenberg and Springfield) are encouraged to attend the Margaret Ermarth Public Humanities lecture.
- 🕒 Harper, Senior Class Representative
 - Donate and go to senior salute refer to Burnside report
 - 🕒 Burnside, Senior Class Representative
 - Senior Salute, April 16th @4pm – this Thursday! @ Myers Hall Steps. We will be taking our senior class photo, passing out philanthropy cords, passing out commencement wristbands, and announcing our honorary class members!
 - Tentative plan is to use our senior class budget to buy t-shirts & food vouchers for senior send-off!
 - 🕒 Pantalone, Public Relations
 - IF you’d like, please repost the applications closing post on your story
 - If you have a headshot and you are listed, please send it to me (with website – can be a sports headshot, a photo of your face, etc.)
 - Hana Kessler
 - Sophie Eilert
 - Emma Weik

- Atalya Mason-Pentheny
- Senaabil Muhammad

🕒 Mason-Pentheny, Diversity

- No Report

🕒 Muhammad, Diversity

- No Report

🕒 Archer, Student Organizations

- Met with Katie to discuss changes for Student Organization Manual

- Proposed ideas for changes:

- All organizations must at minimum have a President and Treasurer, suggested to have a Vice President. With an additional 4 regular standing members. Organizations must display some sort of advertisement for joining at least once per semester through the Office of Student Involvement.
- Organizations must be separate from existing organizations on Wittenberg University's campus through the Office of Student Involvement including Greek Organizations
- In order to be considered a registered student organization during the Fall Semester, you must participate in Student Senate Finance Committee Budget Hearings during the Spring Semester, to be allocated for the coming academic year. If the organization does not participate they must reconcile their status with the Student Senate Executive Board during the Fall Semester.
- If an organization has disbanded, they will be inactive for four years, unless they have specified otherwise through the Office of Student Involvement.

- Mulvihill, Fraternity and Sorority Life

- On Wednesday, April 15th 6-8pm Panhel and IFC are hosting an outdoor event with yard games, dirty sodas, and a raffle
 - 1 Speaker, 1 set of Airpods, 1 Lego set, 1 Owala
- There are several philanthropy events happening this week for our Greek organizations:
 - The Hagen Center service event on Alumni Way with tables by many of the sororities and Panhel is from 5-7pm on April 16th
 - Alpha Delta Pi is hosting their Pie-a-Pi event on Thursday from 5-7pm at 1019 N. Fountain Ave
 - Sigma Kappa is hosting their Sig Kap and Cheese event on Friday from 5-7pm at 840 N. Fountain Ave
 - Next week: Field Day Frenxi with Alpha Xi Delta, April 21st @5pm
- Greek 101 is this Thursday, April 16th at 7:30pm in Shouplin 105. All new members of Greek organizations must attend
- The last President Round Table meeting is this Friday, April 17th at 2:00pm in the LI room. I will upload the minutes afterwards.

🕒 Green, Interfaith Senator

- No Report

🕒 Helton, Student Athletics Senator

- Home Games This Week

- Wednesday the 15th

- 🕒 Softball against Capital at 3pm & 5pm

- 🕒 Women's Lacrosse against Denison at 6pm

- Saturday the 18th

- 🕒 Men's & Women's Tennis against John Carroll at 12:30pm

- 🕒 Women's Lacrosse against John Carroll at 1pm

- 🕒 Softball against DePauw at 1pm & 3pm

- Sunday the 19th
 - 🕒 Men's & Women's Tennis against Oberlin at 12:30pm
- ☐ Congrats to Men's Volleyball for winning Conference!!
 - They will play Wentworth April 16th at Juniata College for the first-round Match of the Tournament
- 🕒 Mefford, GSDA Senator
 - ☐ GSDA is planning an end of year chosen family celebration
 - Games, celebrate queer people on campus, bongo, and have trans and queer themed prizes
 - ☐ Drag show at Station on May 2nd
 - ☐ Lavendar graduation on May 13th
- 🕒 Monroe, Class Representative 2027
 - ☐ The Witt Olympics with Cru is tomorrow at 8pm in Doppelgängers.
 - ☐ Amazing prizes such as air pods and an Apple Watch,
- 🕒 Weik, Class Representative 2027
 - ☐ I'm currently working on finalizing a self-care tabling event
 - Planning the date for May 4th, to give students a pick me up before final exams start.
- 🕒 Eilert, Class Representative 2028
 - ☐ No report
- 🕒 Peterson, Class Representative 2028
 - ☐ No report
- 🕒 Kessler, First Year Class Representative
 - ☐ No report
- 🕒 Stanley, First Year Class Representative
 - ☐ No report
- 🕒 Garrett Scales, Advisor

- No Report

Committee Reports:

- Student Life Committee
 - Writing a letter to athletics? Student athletics having an overarching policy for coaches and students
 - Changing the schema around involvement with athletes.
 - Overall concerns for recruitment strategies with athletics in mind, not emphasizing the college as part of the liberal arts experience.
 - 🕒 Comment of Collins said put your major down as football during football visit days
 - Keller laundry room smells like its burning, work order is being fulfilled.
 - Not allowed to have shower filters or sink filters in the apartments or houses.
 - Comment on disclosing the hard water in Springfield to residents.
 - Need more clarity on how the housing lottery works, especially when it comes to choosing singles.
 - Many floor plans are incorrect in the 'burbs.
 - Harming campus culture only allowing pass downs for only three consecutive years
 - Housing needs to communicate more clearly with students, and there needs to be more clarity on 60 credits versus 3 consecutive semesters to live in the 'burbs. There is no specific fine print which is being followed or being shared to students.
 - Mellie sticks to the 60 credits rule, not the 3 consecutive semesters
 - Potentially having a townhall to meet with students ahead of housing selection.

Open Forum:

- Create a new newsletter/Instagram account that people pay more attention to

Unfinished Business: Golf Tiger Fund Request- \$1,000

- Tabled

New Business:

Announcements:

Adjournment:

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 8:04, following a motion by Harper and second by Haislip.