



Wittenberg University

Student Senate Minutes

SENATE MEETING AGENDA

On Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 7:03p.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:*
- b. *in Absentia: Pantalone, Kessler, Garrett Scales*

2/3 Minutes Approved

Officer Reports:

- ☐ Lowry, President
 - ☐ Voting today to approve the new class of 2028 rep and student life committee members
 - ☐ How long has everyone been on senate?
 - ☐ Voting in unfinished business on the amendments.
- ☐ Werner, Vice President
 - ☐ Thank you all so much for coming to Trivia! I think it went very well.
 - ☐ Thank you for participating in the I <3 Witt video!

- Snow Day this Friday!
- FIRE Week Senate Takeovers?
- Student Events
- Haislip, Treasurer
 - Senate Budget Remaining: \$2,308.77
 - Spent \$8,350.98
 - Allocated \$10,664.75
 - Class allocations remaining: \$466 per class
 - Senior class allocation remaining: \$5000
 - Tiger Fund - \$17,838.32
 - BABW Fund - \$8,930.35
- Butts, Secretary
 - Trivia went well/had a good turn out—thank you Sydney!
 - Attended the second ELLS event on Thursday
- Patton, Faculty Student Coordinator
- Confirming the Students Available for Faculty meetings this semester:
- **Spring Faculty Meeting Student Representatives (The first Tuesday of the Month when we have class, 4:00 in Bayley Auditorium)**
 - Claire Patton (Faculty-Student Coordinator)
 - Katie Lowry (President)
 - Peyton Archer
 - Moose Harper
 - Alternate: Hailey Mulvihill
 - Myla Stanley
 - Sydney Werner
 - Haislip
- My minutes are on Teams after the meeting in the faculty meetings folder. Reminder, the next Faculty meeting is March 17 at 4:00 (Tuesday after Spring Break) and then April 7th at 4:00!
 - Faculty Meeting Dates for the semester to add to your schedule:

- March 17
- April 7
- April 28
- Dates to ensure you have on your calendar:
 - FIRE Week: March 2-6
 - Advising week: March 16-27
 - Honors Convocation: April 10
 - Board of Directors May Meeting: May 7-8
 - Baccalaureate: May 15 (for graduating students)
 - Commencement: May 16
- 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 minor of neuroscience. This is in response to how Wittenberg is moving away from the RIZE programming and moving neuroscience in-house.
 - Changing the title BIOL 210: Fundamentals of Neuroscience to BIOL 210: Molecular Neuroscience
 - Making BIOL 220: Neurobiology to the major (as a survey course) and renaming it BIOL 220: Neuroscience
 - Add electives to the minor: BIOL 250 Topics in Biology and PSYC 280: Topics in Psychology (such as PSYC-280TJ: How Brains and Computers See)
 - Increase NEUR 496: Capstone Seminar from 1-credit to 2-credits to reflect the teaching and student workload
 - 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 worked on approving the following new LO proposals:
 - NEUR 280: Neuropathology (LO3)
 - HONR 300: Christian Existentialism (LO2 and LO10)

- ART 230: Baroque and Rococo Art (LO10 and LO5G)
- BUSN 212: Business Research Methods (LO4 and LO9)
- 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*
 - We are reviewing the Biochemistry and Molecular Biology document, and it is going well. After this, we will review Health science.
 - **We need one more student to join this committee.**
- International and Field Studies
 - Dr. Rosenberg is the chair. The committee will meet 2-3 times on Tuesdays at 4 p.m. We need 3 students:
 - At least one whom is an international student
 - At least one with experience in field study or study away program (Claire Patton)
 - Student #3: Moose Harper
- All members of the community (Wittenberg and Springfield) are encouraged to attend the Margaret Ermarth Public Humanities lecture:
- 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
- Harper, Senior Class Representative
 - No report
- Burnside, Senior Class Representative
 - Countdown to Commencement on Thursday – 11am-5pm!
- Pantalone, Public Relations
 - No Report
 - Please like our posts (@wittsenate)
- Mason-Pentheny, Diversity

- CBS x Anime Club will begin hosting watch parties in the McClain Center with viewings of select Anime's beginning next Wednesday, 25 February 2026. Will run weekly until the end of the semester, excluding FIRE week and spring break.
- Muhammad, Diversity
 - Attending leadership session tonight
 - Ash Wednesday and Ramadan both start tonight
- Archer, Student Organizations
 - I was at the senate table for accepted students' day
 - Students started showing up at 12:15
 - Slowed down around 1pm
 - Talked to about 10 different students
- Mulvihill, Fraternity and Sorority Life
 - IFC meetings are Mondays at 7pm weekly
 - Panhel meetings are Wednesday at 7pm weekly
 - The Greek Week Committee has started meeting weekly on Tuesdays from 11:30am to 12pm to plan for Greek Week on March 22-27th
 - Today we focused on picking event spaces and reserving them on 25Live for the week
 - Panhellenic Bid Day is this Sunday, February 22nd. All bids this semester must be given out prior to Greek Week
 - The Panhellenic Partially Structured Recruitment (PSR) Committee is having their first meeting on Monday, February 23rd to discuss expectations and regulations for PSR in the fall
- Green, Interfaith Senator
 - 11am-1pm tomorrow Wednesday February 18th Ash Wednesday ashes at chapel

☐ Helton, Student Athletics Senator

☐ Home Games This Week

- Wednesday the 18th
 - Women's Basketball against Denison at 7p
- Friday the 20th
 - Men's Volleyball against Trine at 7p
- Saturday the 21st
 - Men's & Women's T&F Field events start at 11a, Track events start at 12p
 - Men's Volleyball against Calvin at 1p

☐ On Sunday, February 22nd, I will be attending the NCAC SAAC meeting with 2 representatives.

☐ Mefford, GSDA Senator

☐ No Report

☐ Monroe, Class Representative 2027

☐ I sent the email asking who to send the cards to, to President Brady and Mary Beth...I have not heard back from Brady, and Mary Beth is out of office until the 18th.

☐ Weik, Class Representative 2027

☐ No report

☐ XXX, Class Representative 2028

☐ VACANT

☐ Peterson, Class Representative 2028

☐ Taylor and I attended the Super Bowl trip. The trip was worth it, and we were successful in networking with other students from various universities. We worked the Super Bowl breakfast where the Bart Starr award was presented. Professor Ledford got us tickets to the NFL

experience. Lastly, we worked Fan Services on game day right outside the stadium. This was a fun opportunity, and I would recommend it to students who are majoring in a related field.

- Kessler, First Year Class Representative
 - No Report
- Stanley, First Year Class Representative
 - No Report
- Garrett Scales, Advisor
 - No Report

Committee Reports:

- N/A

Open Forum:

- Possibly getting student senate merchandise such as crewnecks/hoodies
- Helping out with a silent disco?
- First ELLS session didn't have enough seats/resources which led to people being asked to leave

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

- Werner motions to support the idea of collaborating with RHA on the silent disco
 - Seconded by Harper
- Werner motions to reach back out to RHA for further collaboration
 - Motion passes

- Lowry motions to appoint Sophie Eilert as the class of 2028 representative
 - Seconded by Werner
 - Motion passes unanimously
- Lowry motions to pass B. The absence of a Student Senator may be excused at the President's discretion. Excused absences criterion are as follows: illness, injury, death in the family or other family emergency, religious observance, scheduled class conflict, graduate examinations (for example: MCAT, GRE, LSAT), participation in pre-scheduled University sports.
 - Seconded by Werner
 - Motion passes unanimously

Announcements:

- SAAC is providing cords for graduation

Adjournment:

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53, following a motion by Werner and second by Harper.