



Wittenberg University

Student Senate Minutes

SENATE MEETING AGENDA

On Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 6:57p.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*: Garrett Scales
- b. *in Absentia*: Helton, Mason-Pentheny

1/27 Minutes Approved

Officer Reports:

- Lowry, President
 - Met with the Board of Directors ASL committee last week.
 - Areas discussed will be voted on by the Board of Directors this week.
 - Please remember to fill out your reports ahead of time for Butts.
 - Pastoral search update (from the Report of the President at the Faculty Meeting)

- There is currently one application, President Brady is currently lobbying for interest.
- Senate position interest
 - A campus email was sent out this morning 2/3, for our vacant positions
 - Currently one response for the student life committee
 - ① Applications are due next Tuesday morning for voting to take place during Senate.
- Reminder: please contact me and Butts if you are going to be absent, per the bylaws, attendance is at the discretion of the President, recurrent unexcused absences will be noted and could result in removal.
- As I communicated last week, please do your best to be present and pay attention, i.e. no phones, laptops, iPads during meetings.
- Met with Joi and Sydney today!
- Ideas on how to figure out why people aren't involved!
 - External circumstances on campus
 - Leadership abilities, people having multiple leadership roles
 - ① Get more people into leadership roles, not same people in same leadership roles across orgs
 - ① Transfer of executive needs to be better/easier
 - Maybe create campus rules about transitions
 - More optional workshops about leadership
 - Orgs falling out
 - Focus on freshmen
- Student Senate tabling with some sort of thing on Alumni Way?
- ELLS all executive members must attend two!
- Werner, Vice President

- Meeting w/ Board of Directors went great!
- Spirit Week
 - I think they gave out all the claw clips on Saturday!
 - Pep Rally....
 - Games on Wednesday
 - Hawaiian Shirt
 - Games on Saturday
 - Volunteers
 - 12:30-1:30
 - Sydney, Peyton, Kiara
 - 1:30-2:30
 - Anna, Hailey, Alyssa
- Trivia
 - Next week on Tuesday! We will need to end exactly at 8:00 because of ELLS
 - Thank you Claire for the Kahoot code, I picked 6 games to play:
 - History of Wittenberg by amcguffey
 - Music 2016 by Drink_Bleachh
 - Valentines Day Trivia by mrsgearheart
 - The History of Winter Games by KahootStudio
 - Pop Culture by christina.truelove
 - Gen Z Childhood by emma_kinchen
 - **Put in Kahoot Folder
 - Working on ordering Parkhurst – Was wondering if we still want to do that or get Pizza
 - Pizza – 10 (5 cheese, 5 pepperoni)
 - Chocolate Chip Cookies
 - Lemonade & Water

- Need to get our basket stuff ordered, what do we want to include in that?
 - ① Student Senate swag
 - ① Games!
- Updates on baskets?
 - ① Senate (maybe 2)
 - ① WUSEA
 - ① WCA
 - ① NAMI
 - ① Panhel
 - ① GSDA?
 - ① SigKap
 - ① CBS
 - ① Sociology Club?
 - ① 4paws?
- Let's maybe get another post out there

□ Inquiry from Admissions & Media

- Come for a video around 6pm before trivia on 2/10-wear Witt gear

□ Haislip, Treasurer

□ Senate Budget Remaining: \$2506.67

- Spent \$8,158.08
- Allocated \$10,664.75

□ Class allocations remaining: \$466 per class

□ Senior class allocation remaining: \$5000

□ Tiger Fund Request: \$1,126.18 for CBS Black History Month Trivia -
\$17,838.32 remaining from the original \$21,329.50 (If approved)

□ Butts, Secretary

- No report
- 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
 - ⌚ **Missing Position filled by Senaa!**
 - Moose Harper
 - Myla Stanley
 - Alternate: Hailey Mulvihill
 - Sydney Werner
 - 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:
 - ⌚ Board of Directors Winter Meeting: February 5-6
 - ⌚ 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
- Lowry and I represented students at the Academic and Student Life Subcommittee of the Board of Directors on 1/28/26. I included a brief summary of the meeting in the faculty minutes folder on the TEAMS page. ([Linked here](#)).
 - Major topics discussed include the: academic restructuring proposal, security camera grant, and student feedback.

□ Confirming Students to Committees:

- EPC (Educational Policies Committee)
 - ⌚ Meets on Thursdays at 4:00. Dr. Hsu is the chair.
 - ESCI 290: Intro to GIS. EPC approved the motion to change it from a 2-credit to a 4-credit course.
- 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 officially approved the following new EXPR-100 proposals:
 - HIST 252 (Imperial Russia) is approved for LO2 and LO10.
 - HIST 240 (Topics in Pre-Modern Europe) is approved for LO10
 - POLI 222 (Urban Politics) is approved for LO9.
 - HIST 101 (Medieval Europe I) and HIST 101 (Medieval Europe II) are seeking approval for LO10 this week (with a virtual GEAC).
- 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 Theater and Dance 5-year review this Wednesday. The first meeting went well.
 - Next, we will review Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and 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:
 - February 10, 6:00 P.M. (Gaier Room, Clark County Public Library, Main Branch) - "The Two Declarations" with Thomas T. Taylor
 - 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
 - Refer to Burnside report, went to the Board of Directors meeting, and emceed the pep rally on Tuesday.
 - On the selection committee for Honors Convocation
- Burnside, Senior Class Representative
 - 100 Days till Graduation is this Thursday in Founders @ 7pm! Please RSVP if you're a Senior and tell other seniors to RSVP as well! Campus email was sent with a link, and it is on the Senior Class Instagram (Wittenberg_2026)!
 - Encourage seniors to donate to our Senior Class Giving to earn their philanthropy cords! Link to donate is on the Senior Class Instagram (Wittenberg_2026). Our goal is to have 26 gifts by Thursday – we're at 16!
- Pantalone, Public Relations
 - Working on FAQs post -> will send to Joi for approval soon
 - Open positions -> posted today
 - Black History Month -> posting tomorrow
- Mason-Pentheny, Diversity
 - No report
- Muhammad, Diversity
 - Black history month began on the first of February!

- Ramadan is also coming up
- Ash Wednesday also begins on the same day of Ramadan
- Archer, Student Organizations
 - Katie Stotsky's final day was 1/29
 - Zach Ogle is taking over operations until position is filled
- Mulvihill, Fraternity and Sorority Life
 - Next Presidents Round Table Meeting is 2/13 at 2pm in LI room
 - IFC Bid Day is 2/15, Panhellenic Bid Day is 2/22
 - Panhel and IFC sponsored events are as follows:
 - Dirty Sodas
 - ④ March 17th with 11am-1pm at W tables
 - Hot Chocolate
 - ④ Feb 24th 11am-1pm outside CDR
 - Trivia Night, Thursday Feb 19th time TBD
 - ④ In Founders
 - Ball Pit Bingo (Feb 26th) with at 9pm
 - ④ CDR
- All members of Greek organizations must attend 2 out of the 4 leadership sessions hosted by Student Involvement
- Green, Interfaith Senator
 - Pastoral search update
 - Chapel week planned for March 22nd – 28th
 - Possible change of date due to Greek Week and mandatory attendance
 - Possible Cru collaboration
- Helton, Student Athletics Senator
 - No Report.

- Mefford, GSDA Senator
 - No Report.
- Monroe, Class Representative 2027
 - No report
- Weik, Class Representative 2027
 - This week is SPIRIT WEEK! Let's encourage everyone to show school pride!
 - On the selection committee for Honors Convocation
- XXX, Class Representative 2028
 - VACANT
- 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:

- N/A

Open Forum:

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

- Bylaws Article i, Section 1, B

- 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.
 - Motion by Lowry to be sent to Unfinished Business for 2/17, Second by Werner. Motion passes unanimously.
 - Further debate, revision proposed by Harper to include "injury"
 - Motion by Lowry to be sent to Unfinished Business for 2/17, Second by Muhammad, Motion passes unanimously.
- Tiger Fund Request: \$1,126.18 for CBS Black History Month Trivia - \$17,838.32 remaining from the original \$21,329.50 (If approved)
 - Motion by Haislip, second by Harper. Motion passes unanimously.

Announcements:

Adjournment:

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm, following a motion by Werner and second by Harper.