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Wittenberg University

Student Senate Minutes

SENATE MEETING AGENDA

On Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 7:05p.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:* Green, Helton, Mason-Pentheny
- b. *in Absentia:* Garrett Scales

11/25 Minutes Approved

Officer Reports:

- Lowry, President
 - Katie Stotsky is leaving the University to accept a new position on January 29th
 - Please sign up to go to the MLK Convocation Luncheon!
 - The MLK Convocation Speaker is a Witt Grad who was involved in Senate and Athletics it would be great to show our support and do some networking!
 - TBD Senate Retreat January 31st, time/ideas?

- Involvement Trivia: tentatively February 10th, can be moved!
- We need to appoint a new sophomore class representative, Clark has transferred.
 - Sending an email out this week.

☐ Werner, Vice President

- ☐ Spirit Week
- ☐ Student Employment Appreciation Week Ideas
- ☐ Intramural Soccer

☐ Haislip, Treasurer

- ☐ Appointing new people to the finance committee
- ☐ W Day bill still has not been paid
 - Potentially have around \$380 left in the Student Senate fund

☐ Butts, Secretary

- ☐ Will not be in attendance for the finance committee meeting on 1/27 at 10am
- ☐ Will not be in attendance for the Senate meeting next week on 1/20
- ☐ Changes to the agenda template?

☐ 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
 - Myla Stanley
 - Sydney Werner
 - Alternate: Hailey Mulvihill

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

Reminder, the next Faculty meeting is February 3rd at 4:00 then March 17th!

- Faculty Meeting Dates for the semester to add to your schedule:
 - January 13. -- CANCELED! Thank you so much to all 6 students who were ready to go before the meeting began. I will work to get a meeting confirmation schedule in the future to avoid this happening again.
 - February 3
 - March 17
 - April 7
 - April 28
- Dates to ensure you have on your calendar:
 - MLK Convocation: January 19
 - 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
- Confirming Students to Committees:
 - EPC (Educational Policies Committee)
 - Meets on Thursdays at 4:00. Dr. Hsu is the chair.
 - Claire Patton and Katie Lowry
 - 11/24 notes: We voted to revise the NEUR minor to drop a capstone class (0 credits), elimination of Neuro 492 Internship and Independent Study. The minor will still be 18-21 credits.
- ECON 300, 310, 311, and 330: Change of pre-requisites to add DATA 327 as an option.
- ECON 400: To remove the MATH 131/201 pre-requisite for a math prerequisite since they will have ECON 300, 310, 311 and/or 330 so will have the math requirement for those courses.

- GEAC (General Education Advisory Committee)
 - Meets on Wednesdays 4:10-5:10. Dr. Cline is the chair.
 - Meets on Tuesday from 3-4pm this semester
 - Claire Patton and Avery Livingston (for now)
 - We have new EXPR 100 courses for students to participate in as of November:
 - Women's Soccer Leadership (L)
 - Faculty Aide (E)
 - Research in Public Health or Nursing (R)
 - Costume Shop Student Worker (E)
 - Scene Shop Student Worker (E)
 - Lab Series Technical Director (E)
 - And as of December, these are the new EXPR 100 experiences:
 - Golf Team Captain (L)
 - ~~Men's Basketball Manager (E)~~
 - ~~Men's Basketball Team Captain (L)~~
 - Stage Manager for Mainstage Production (P)
 - Crew Positions for the Mainstage productions (P)
 - Student Musical Director at the Lab Series (P)
 - Library Student Manager (E)
 - ~~Learning Assistant (P)~~
 - Student Senate Executive Board (L)
 - This one will be approved for the spring for all executive members.
- As a reminder, EXPR Experiences must have at least 35 hours of work under a supervisor. Students work towards clearly defined objectives through reflection and experiences. The approved categories are Employment, Leadership, Research, Study Away, FIRE Week, and Professional Experience. These are 0-credit courses but are required for the LO1 category of the connections curriculum.
- **We will need new members for this semester! The meetings will be at 3:00 on Tuesdays in the Science Center.**
 - *Appointed Student: Gabriela Gonzalez*

- *Appointed Student: ?*
- 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 (new) and Senaa Muhammad
- PRAC
 - Meeting on Wednesdays, 4-5 on Teams.
 - Claire Patton and *appointed student*
 - We are reviewing the THDN, BMB, and HEAL 5-year review plans. These help with institutional accreditation and provide an opportunity for reflection.
 - Political Science Review over the first ½ and second ½ of the report went well.
 - **We need one more student to join this committee.**
- International and Field Studies
 - Dr. Rosenberg is the chair. We need 3 students:
 - At least one whom is an international student
 - At least one with experience in field study or study away program
- Harper, Senior Class Representative
 - No Report
- Burnside, Senior Class Representative
 - No Report.
- Pantalone, Public Relations
 - No Report.
- Mason-Pentheny, Diversity
 - No Report
- Muhammad, Diversity
 - Today is the last day to register for the MLK luncheon
- Archer, Student Organizations
 - Have not heard back from TPUSA or Basketball club
 - I plan to reach out again to get an update

- Katie Stotsky has taken a new job and will be moving back to her hometown, her final day will be January 29th
- Mulvihill, Fraternity and Sorority Life
 - Panhellenic Council meetings this semester will be on Wednesdays, exec at 6:30pm and open body at 7pm. I have reached out to Zach Ogle to confirm IFC meetings for the semester will be Mondays at 7pm.
 - My first President Round Table Meeting will be February 13th but I will hear from all Greek organizations through Panhel and IFC meetings before then.
- Green, Interfaith Senator
 - No Report
- Helton, Student Athletics Senator
 - No Report
- Mefford, GSDA Senator
 - No Report
- Monroe, Class Representative 2027
 - No report
- Weik, Class Representative 2027
 - Welcome back, everyone! I hope you all had a restful and refreshing winter break. It's great to see the Wittenberg community back on campus as we begin a new semester.
- 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:

A. Executive Committee

Claire's Questions:

B. Thoughts on Constitutional Proposals:

1. Can I list the committees that need to be filled by FSC in the constitution? This was not clear to me when I got the role, but the next FSC will need to know this.
2. Can I add PRAC in the Constitution? It is in the Faculty Committee guide already, so it is the Senate Constitution that needs to be revised, preferably before the next faculty-student coordinator. The EPC is already mentioned like this.
3. Can I add the hyphen in Faculty-Student Coordinator every time the title is listed in the Constitution? I think this is from last year when we revised the document and I did not specify that the title is a hyphenated name.
4. When we revised that the President serves in Faculty Meetings, we did not update it in the count of how many students the FSC needs to approve in the legislative section from 5 to 4.

C. Student Life Committee

1. Reminder on who serves

- Student Senate President, chairperson, Faculty-Student Coordinator, Student Organization Senator, Fraternity and Sorority Life Senator, Student Athletics Senator, GSDA Senator, Interfaith Senator, One Junior Class Representative, One First Year Class Representative, Three (3) students, that do not serve on student senate, selected by the Student Senate President or its designee, and approved by Student Senate with a simple majority vote.
 - a. The members selected must be of the following: Two students who are not employed by Residence Life: one (1) student that lives in a residence hall and one (1) student who lives in a Witten'burbs

property. Additionally one (1) student who is employed by Residence Life. Each for the duration of their tenure.

2. I would like to set up a monthly meeting and fill these positions as soon as possible!
3. Anna Monroe
4. Hana Kessler
5. *Gabriella Gonzalez 'Burbs*

D. Finance Committee

1. New Reps
 - Moose Harper
 - Emma Weik
 - Myla Stanley
 - Hannah Peterson

E. Special Events

1. Alyssa Burnside
2. Taylor Butts

Open Forum:

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Unfinished Business:

New Business:

- Appointment of Gabriella Gonzalez to the General Education Advisory Committee
 - Seconded Harper
 - Passes unanimously

Article IV, Section 1, Letter E,

Point 1:

1. To select students to fill positions on faculty committees and task forces and to coordinate their activities.
 - a. This selection process should take place with consultation from faculty and previous student committee members.
 - b. The committees the Faculty-Student Coordinator shall fill include the Educational Policies Committee, the Diversity Advisory Committee, the General Education Advisory Committee, the International and Field Studies Committee, and the Program Review and Assessment Committee.

Seconded by Werner

Point 5:

1. To serve on the Educational Policies Committee.
 - a. To serve on any additional committees created by the Educational Policies Committee.
2. To maintain communication between the Student Senate and the Educational Policies Committee.
3. To serve on the Program Review and Assessment Committee.
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Seconded by Werner

Faculty-Student Coordinator:

Article IV, Section 10, Letter C,

To provide for the selection of six (6) students to attend Faculty Meetings with full voice and vote. The Faculty-Student Coordinator and the Student Senate President shall be two of these members. The Faculty-Student Coordinator ~~and~~ shall appoint the other ~~five (5)~~ four (4) members at the final student senate meeting of the preceding semester.

point 3: If an appointed member is unavailable to attend Faculty Meetings, the

Faculty-Student Coordinator shall appoint a new attendee.

Seconded by Monroe

Announcements:

Adjournment:

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47pm, following a motion by Lowry and second by Mefford.