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Wittenberg University

## Student Senate Minutes

### *SENATE MEETING AGENDA*

On Tuesday, January 20, 2026, at 7:08.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*
- b. *in Absentia: Butts, Pantalone*

### **January 13 Minutes Approved**

- Installed new Senator Atalya Mason-Pentheny

#### *Officer Reports:*

- Lowry, President
  - Reminder of our attendance policy: you are only able to have one unexcused absence per semester, excused absences are up to the discretion of the president, the criterion are as follows.
    - Illness
    - 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.
- Brainstorming date for senate retreat
- Updating the student involvement signs in the atrium
- Spring Resource Fairs for Accepted Students' Days. These will be on Monday, February 16th, and Saturday, March 28th, from 11:30 to 12:30 in Giel Lounge.
  - Saturday, March 28: Werner and Monroe
  - Monday, February 16: Archer and \_\_\_\_\_.
- Werner, Vice President
  - MLK Convocation & Luncheon went very well! The speaker had a great message.
  - Student & Organization issues with Student Accounts
    - Go to the financial aid office for any issues with tuition, aid, or fees. The refund process is a student accounts issue (two different reporting structures). Anyone who is having issues can send to Joi and she will send the issue to the correct place. The same goes for ICT/Protege mobile.
  - Spirit Week
    - With TAC, SAAC, Cheer, and Senate
    - Schedule
      - Track Meet (January 31, 12 PM)
      - Pep Rally (February 2, 8 PM)
        - Introduce teams and talk about their seasons
        - Progressive Shot Game
        - Air Mattress Game
        - Dodgeball Game (faculty vs students)
        - Prizes

- Skyline, Bob Evans, Canes, Chick Fil A, TAC Bucks, etc.
- Men's Basketball (February 4, 5:30 PM)
- Women's Basketball (February 4, 7:30 PM)
- Men's Volleyball (February 7, 1 PM)
- Men's Lacrosse (February 7, 2 PM)
- Men's Basketball (February 7, 2 PM)
- Themes
  - Track Meet on January 31 – White Out
  - Pep Rally on February 2 – Witt Gear
  - Men's & Women's Basketball Games on February 4 – Red Gear
  - Men's Volleyball, Lacrosse, and Basketball Games on February 7 – Black Gear
- Volunteers
  - Monday, February 2
    - 8:00-9:00
      - Sydney Werner
      - Katie Lowry
      - Moose Harper (MC)
      - Senaa Muhammad
      - Emma Weik
  - Saturday, February 7
    - 12:30-1:30
      - Sydney Werner
      - Peyton Archer
      - Kiara Haislip

- 1:30-2:30
  - Alyssa Burnside
  - Anna Monroe
  - Hailey Mulvihill

- Giveaways!
  - Track Meet – Claw Clips
  - Pep Rally – Pizza
  - Wednesday – Hawaiian Shirts
  - Saturday – Rally Towels
- Other
  - Bowling Coach is DJ-ing the Pep Rally
  - Senate funding \$250 for Pizza

□ Haislip, Treasurer

- W-Day Bill submitted today.
- Finance Committee Availability Dates are being set this week – Waiting on work schedule.
- Send out emails to organization Presidents and Treasurers for their spring funding and the spring funding hearing.

□ 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
  - 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 3 at 4:00 and then March 17rd at 4:00!
- Faculty Meeting Dates for the semester to add to your schedule:
    - ~~January 13 (Canceled)~~
    - February 3
    - 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
- Confirming Students to Committees:
- EPC (Educational Policies Committee)
    - Meets on Thursdays at 4:00. Dr. Hsu is the chair.
      - Has not met yet this semester
  - 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 Business:
    - HIST 252 (Imperial Russia) Approved for LO2 and LO10
    - HIST 240 (Ancient and Medieval Nomads) Approved for LO10

- POLI 222 (Urban Politics) Approved for LO9
  - The committee is working to assess LO2 and LO10 this semester and is finishing up 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 (new) and Senaa Muhammad
  - PRAC
    - Meeting on Mondays, 4-5 on Teams.
    - Claire Patton and *appointed student*
      - We are reviewing the Political Science and Sociology departmental 5-year review plans. These help with institutional accreditation and provide an opportunity for reflection.
      - Political Science Review over the first ½ of the report went well.
      - **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
- Harper, Senior Class Representative
- Sent initial communications to DJ for 100 days
  - Attended MLK speech and lunch
  - Hosting pep rally for spirit week
- Burnside, Senior Class Representative
- Tell seniors to RSVP for 100 Days to Graduation (February 5<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:30pm)!
  - Registration for Cap and Gown: February 19 (Countdown to Commencement)

- Need Junior Representatives to help out please!
  - Meeting with Tammy every other week to discuss senior/commencement related events
- Pantalone, Public Relations
  - The website is partially updated
  - Only Panhel has responded that they will be contributing to Trivia Night.
- Mason-Pentheny, Diversity
  - No Report
- Muhammad, Diversity
  - Mi Gente got back to me and they are not hosting events this semester
- Archer, Student Organizations
  - Basketball club is not going through with becoming an Org
  - Have not heard anything from TPUSA
- Mulvihill, Fraternity and Sorority Life
  - IFC meetings this semester are Mondays at 7pm
  - Panhel Meetings are Wednesdays at 7pm
  - President Round Table Meetings were approved on 25Live, the first one is February 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm in the LI room.
  - Greek orgs have been informed that all members need to attend 2 of the 4 leadership trainings in the spring semester. The first two take place on January 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - February 7<sup>th</sup> is the Greek basketball game for Spirit Week with free rally towels
  - Spring Bid Day is February 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  - Panhel is contributing a self-care basket to Trivia Night!
- Green, Interfaith Senator
  - No Report

□ Helton, Student Athletics Senator

□ Home Games This Week:

- Wednesday (1/21/26)
  - Men's Basketball vs Wabash
- Saturday (1/24/26)
  - Men's Basketball against OWU
  - Women's Basketball against John Carroll
  - Men's Volleyball against Hiram

□ Spirit Week!

**SPIRIT WEEK**

**Jan 31<sup>st</sup>**  
Track Meet  
12PM  
Free  
Claw Clips  
Wear Your  
WHITE Gear!

**Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Pep Rally  
Fac/Staff &  
Student  
Dodgeball Game  
8PM  
Free Swag &  
Pizza  
Wear Your  
WITT Gear!

**Feb 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Men's Basketball vs.  
Depaw  
5:30PM  
Free Swag  
Women's Basketball  
vs. Kenyon  
7:30PM  
Free Hawaiian Shirts  
Wear Your  
RED Gear!

**Feb 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Men's Volleyball Game vs.  
Loras  
1PM  
Men's Lacrosse vs. Baldwin  
Wallace  
2PM  
Men's Basketball vs.  
Denison  
2PM  
Free Rally Towels  
12:30-2:30PM  
Wear Your  
BLACK Gear!

Join us in the HWA for each  
of these events and show off  
your school spirit!

IN COLLABORATION WITH  
SAAC TAC SENATE GREEK LIFE CHEERLEADING STUDENT INVOLVEMENT ATHLETICS

□ Mefford, GSDA Senator

□ No report

□ Monroe, Class Representative 2027

□ No report

□ Weik, Class Representative 2027



- I had the pleasure of attending the MLK convocation and luncheon on Monday, 1/19. It was truly inspiring to hear from a fellow Wittenberg alumnus; seeing his success and hearing about his journey post-graduation was the highlight of the event.
- 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
  - IDs: Will be looking for a new ID maker. Currently, they are attached to the student accounts process. Moving forward, that function will not happen. This is exciting news because quite a few students in the first-year class have not received an ID card. Students would prefer a digital card or one to access buildings.
  - Honors convocation awards: Nominations and information will go out tomorrow/soon. Please submit any nominations!
  - TPS: Ends 2/3. Wittenberg's campus is a private property. Carry your ID. Call Witt PD with questions or concerns.
  - Staffing:
    - Katie Stotsky's last day is 1/29.
    - Search is ongoing for her replacement.
    - Director of McClain Center position is open.
    - Career Center search is ongoing.

- Show grace during the transitions.
- Participate in all searches possible, student feedback is valuable and important!

### **Committee Reports:**

- No reports

### **Open Forum:**

- Witt FC: allowed to practice this semester, but they are to practice with only Wittenberg students.
- Post 95 working and safety conditions.

### **Unfinished Business:**

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.

#### 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.
4. To maintain communication between the Student Senate and the Program Review and Assessment Committee.

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.

Motions pass.

**New Business:**

**Announcements:**

- Fire alarms and pipes burst in Library.

**Adjournment:**

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18, following a motion by Werner and second by Patton.