



Wittenberg University

Student Senate Minutes

SENATE MEETING AGENDA

On Tuesday, March 17, 2026, at 7:04p.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:* Helton, Mefford
- b. *in Absentia:* Burnside, Peterson, Monroe, Weik

February 17th, 2026 Minutes Approved

Officer Reports:

- ☐ Lowry, President
 - ☐ Happy St. Paddy's Day!
 - ☐ Thank you for your being here last meeting before break! Apologies we did not make quorum.
 - ☐ I have approved for Greek Week Game Night to take place during Student Senate next Tuesday 3/24.
 - Please note that any senator that is apart of Greek Life will not be permitted to use this as an excuse to not be at our meeting. In

talking with the planners of Greek Week members of Senate being absent will **not** count against their chapters' points for the event.

- Update on the Myer's Bell
 - Witt Series speaker was visiting and wanted to see the bell
- Student Senate Retreat is Sunday April 12th 1-3
 - Tentative Green Dot Training, we will be providing food
- Post graduation meeting with D. Brady with the whole Wittenberg Community
- Update on how freshman schedules work.
 - First semester schedules are not made by Compass Success Advisors
 - Any issues with first year schedules related to being in major-related courses should be directed to the Registrar.
- Can we get an update on what GSDA plans to do this semester, i.e. drag brunch or sex toy bingo.
- I know we are nearing the end of the year, but this is arguably the most important time for the Senate. Please continue to fill out your reports in time, and please ensure your reports are new each week.
- We are participating in Alpha Delta Pi Pop Tab Wars next week! Please bring any poptabs to senate next Tuesday to be collected in our bin, if you are unable to next week please let me know a time to get them before Sunday!
- Constitution is fully revised—Butts will you share with the University website when you next send the minutes?
- Pantalone—Update on formatting the University Website?
- Spring Resource Fairs for Accepted Students' Day.
 - March 28th, from 11:30 to 12:30 --Werner and Monroe

- Applications for next years Senate are will be released on Tuesday March 31st, they will be due April 14th, elections will be held April 21st. Special Events committee should hold a meeting for applicants on March 31st.
- Werner, Vice President
 - Events happening!
 - NAMI Bingo 3/18/26 @ 7:30 in Founders
 - Coffee, Dogs, and Mental Health 3/18/26
 - Commit to Witt 3/19/26 all day!
 - Elizabeth Brady Reading 3/19/26 @ 7-9 in Ness
 - Professional Headshot Series 3/20/26 @ 1-2:30 in OCC
 - Boba Tabling Event 3/21/26 @ 3-4 in Student Center
 - Hagen Center Period Packing Event 3/22/26 @ 10:20-12 in Blair 101
 - Honors Convocation 4/10/26 @ 3:30 in Chapel
 - **Please note that this day will have an adjusted class schedule
 - This is MANDATORY for Student Senate
 - Student Leadership Awards 4/22/26 @ 7:00 in Shouplin 105
 - **Please RSVP by March 24
 - AI usage on Instagram by departments/services
 - End of year senate party/interest party
 - When: April 7 @ 7
 - Where: Founders
 - What:
 - Food (Chicken?)
 - Mocktails?
 - Karaoke & Craft
- 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
 - No report
- Patton, Faculty Student Coordinator
 - Welcome back from FIRE Week/Spring Break! Because I am completing my student teaching this semester, I will be observing my school's holiday break schedule and will not be here next week.
 - 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 April 7th at 4:00, then our final one is April 28th!
 - Faculty Meeting Dates for the semester to add to your schedule:
 - April 7
 - April 28
 - Dates to ensure you have on your calendar:
 - 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 environmental science
 - ESCI 295 (Intro to GIS) will replace ESCI 290/191 as a 4-credit course.
 - Renaming ESCI 145 from BIOL 145
 - Renaming ESCI 245 from BIOL 245
 - The SOCI 340 course will be taught online in the fall of 2026.
 - 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:*
 - We had a great meeting discussing the norms of the LO2. The goal of the LO2 is to build student writing.
 - 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 finished reviewing the Biochemistry and Molecular Biology document, and it went well. After Spring Break, we will review Health science. I will not be at our final meeting of the semester next week.
 - **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
- **It is time to revisit the Faculty Advisor of the Year award for the Honors Convocation. What is the best way for me to do this?**
 - If my records are correct, the last few years the same winner of the Senate Advisor award has also won the Omicron Delta Kappa Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award. Do we want to collaborate/ask, are we okay with this continuing, or should we change our eligibility?
- I attended the Sauer Lutheran Symposium on Monday, March 16th. It was a great discussion about how we as a liberal Arts institution engage with the Telos from ancient Greek and Reformation-era philosophers in the modern educational space. This is just an encouragement for all students to attend the Wittenberg Series events! I have been one of the small handful of students who has attended all of the lectures this year. These 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.**
 - Jeff Hobbs, New York Times Bestselling Author, will present on “Race, Class, and Identity in American Universities: How Students Experience School – And One Another”
- 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
 - No report
- Pantalone, Public Relations
 - **Send me Spring Break pics!!! (@wittsenate)**
 - Take a picture if you find a lucky ducky (of you with it or with your shirt)
 - Take pictures during Greek Week & send them to me
 - ALL PICTURES CAN BE DMED TO @wittsenate & I will receive them!
 - Website -> Need to add
 - Sophie Eilert, Class of 2028 Rep
 - Atalya Mason-Pentheny, Diversity
 - Website -> No photos, do you want to send one to me?
 - Senaa
 - Joi
 - Hana
 - Emma
 - Sophie
 - Atalya
- Mason-Pentheny, Diversity
 - Anime Club and CBS are picking up their weekly Wednesday watch party/game nights this week at the McClain Center; 7-10pm. Everyone is welcome to come!
- Muhammad, Diversity
 - No report
- Archer, Student Organizations
 - No report
- Mulvihill, Fraternity and Sorority Life

- Greek Week is next week March 23rd through the 27th. Here are the rules for your reference:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/19TCDxLytDT5qQVo3z_XTvQMzOo6W9dph/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=117262190761854424742&rtpof=true&sd=true
 - Monday is Campus Clean up from 6-7pm
 - Tuesday is Game Night from 7:30-9pm in Founders and Geil Lounge
 - Wednesday is a Volleyball Tournament at 7:30pm (Greek Sing videos due at noon)
 - Thursday is Greek Sing at 8pm (Olympic-themed banners due at noon)
 - Friday is Broom Ball from 5:20-7:20pm in the Chiller
 - All Greek Life is on a dry period from 11:59pm Sunday March 22nd to 8pm Friday March 27th.
- Panhel is co-hosting a Period Packing event on April 12th from 11am-12:30pm in Shoumlin 105 with the Womyn's Center
- IFC will hold a Casino Night on April 15th from 7:30-9pm
- Kappa Delta's Girl Scout cookie sale is postponed until after Greek Week (was originally going to be Saturday March 21st)
- Alpha Delta Pi is hosting their pop tab wars next week, starting Sunday March 22nd to Sunday March 29th
- Green, Interfaith Senator
 - No Report
- Helton, Student Athletics Senator
 - Home Games this week
 - Wednesday the 18th
 - Women's Lacrosse against Muskingum at 7p
 - Friday the 20th
 - Men's Baseball against Hope at 6p

- Saturday the 21st
 - Men's & Women's Tennis against OWU at 9a
 - Women's Softball against Hope at 12p
 - Men's Baseball against Hope at 12p
 - Men's Lacrosse against Wooster at 1p
 - Men's Baseball against Hope at 3p
- Tuesday the 24th
 - Men's Baseball against Wilmington at 5p

□ NCAC SAAC Winter Meeting

- This meeting, which occurred from 11:30am – 4:00pm on Sunday, February 22nd, had SAAC representatives from every school in the NCAC.
- Wittenberg Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR) Jessie Johnson shared her background and discussed what role an FAR plays on campus, within the NCAC and NCAA governance structure. It was noted that each student-athlete should know who their FARs are on campus and to use them as a resource.
- Pamela Malone from Positive Coaching Alliance spoke about Team Culture.
 - Building Team Culture:
 - Culture is different for each team. An easy way to think of culture is "This is the way we do things here"
 - Culture of any organization is shaped by the worst behavior the leader(s) are willing to tolerate
 - With that being said, Culture should be built "From the top down." i.e. You must uphold your

peers/teammates to the commonly established
standard (keeping others accountable)

- A Team or Org Culture is an expression of Team/Org
Values, attitudes, and beliefs.
- NCAA DIII Business Session Legislative Voting Results

2026 NCAA DIVISION III BUSINESS SESSION LEGISLATIVE VOTING RESULTS

NO. 1	ESTABLISH A DIVISION III WOMEN'S WRESTLING CHAMPIONSHIP Summary: To establish a Division III women's wrestling championship starting in 2027-28 academic year and a Division III Women's Wrestling Committee as specified.	Passed 451-1-6 <i>Effective 8/1/26</i>
NO. 2	ELIGIBILITY -- ONLY COMPETITION TRIGGERING USE OF SEASON Summary: To specify that a student-athlete would be charged with a season of eligibility if the student-athlete competes at any point during the traditional season.	Failed 182-273-6
NO. 3	RESOLUTION -- NAME, IMAGE AND LIKENESS Text: Whereas, the Division III membership affirmed in its philosophy statement that financial aid shall not be awarded on the basis of athletics ability; Whereas, student-athletes should be able to benefit financially from their name, image and likeness ("NIL"); Whereas, these benefits may not be a substitute for pay-for-play, or be a de facto athletic scholarship; Whereas, differentiating between a valid NIL opportunity and pay-for-play may be challenging; Whereas, it is essential that the evolving NIL landscape, must not erode the unique quality of Division III as reflected in its philosophy statement; Therefore, let it be resolved that the Division III Presidents Council recognize the importance of this concern and charge the governance structure with monitoring the changing landscape around Division I NIL and its impact on Division III. Therefore, let it further be resolved, that the governance structure develop strategies, policies and if warranted, propose legislative changes that would protect valid NIL opportunities consistent with the Division III philosophy.	Passed 445-6-2
NO. 4	CHAMPIONSHIPS -- AMEND THE IN-REGION REQUIREMENT Summary: To reduce the required minimum percentage of in-region competition for championships eligibility from 70% to 50% for all sports except golf, which would stay at 25%, and tennis, which would maintain its 50% requirement; Further, to expand the official break exception to apply to any official institutional break and allow institutions hosting contests during another institution's break to also exempt the out-of-region contest even if that hosting institution is not in an institutional vacation period.	Passed 423-35-3 <i>Effective Immediately</i>
NO. 5	AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION -- MULTIPLE AQ MODEL Summary: To develop a formula to provide multiple automatic qualifiers to multisport conferences that have 12 or more core members that sponsor a sport. Specifically: (1) Once a conference reaches 12 or more core members sponsoring a sport, the conference will immediately receive a second automatic qualifier in that sport; (2) If a conference falls below 12 core members sponsoring a sport, the conference will immediately lose their second automatic qualifier in the sport; and (3) The method by which the conference determines its conference representatives is the responsibility of the conference and shall be declared and outlined at the time of the automatic-qualifier declaration.	Failed 83-377-1
NO. 6	AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION -- PARTICIPATION BY CORE MEMBER Summary: To require an institution that is a core member of a conference to participate in the conference's automatic qualification (AQ) process for the sport(s) in which the institution sponsors. Failure to participate in the conference's defined AQ process (including declining participation in the conference's postseason tournament) in a particular sport will render that institution ineligible for NCAA championship selection (i.e. at-large selection).	Passed 432-23-2 <i>Effective 8/1/26</i>
NO. 7	CHAMPIONSHIPS -- AUTOMATIC QUALIFICATION WAITING PERIOD Summary: To reduce the wait time for a multisport conference to receive an automatic qualification from two years to one year.	Passed 310-147-4 <i>Effective 8/1/26</i>
NO. 8	PLAYING SEASONS -- ADDING A MANDATORY WINTER BREAK Summary: To establish a seven-consecutive-calendar-day-period between December 15th and December 28th, in which student-athletes may not participate in any athletically related activities.	Not Moved
NO. 9	RECRUITING -- REQUIRE THE USE OF THE NCAA TRANSFER PORTAL Summary: To (1) replace the current "permission to contact" legislation related to NCAA four-year college transfer student-athletes with a "notification of transfer" model; (2) specify that an institution must place a student-athlete's written request for transfer into the NCAA Transfer Portal within seven-consecutive calendar days; (3) specify that a student-athlete must successfully complete an educational module before they are entered into the NCAA Transfer Portal; and (4) maintain the existing processes for the Division III self-release, for student-athletes interested in transferring to another Division III institution.	Passed 414-45-0 <i>Effective 8/1/26</i>

NO. 10	RECRUITING -- MEALS ON UNOFFICIAL VISITS Summary: To amend the current legislation to allow institutions to provide meals in an on-campus dining facility for a prospective student-athlete and those individuals accompanying the prospective student-athlete.	Passed 452-5-0 <i>Effective 8/1/26</i>
NO. 11	AWARDS & BENEFITS -- ELIMINATE PRACTICE LOCATION RULES Summary: To permit institutions to provide expenses for practice sessions at any location, provided the student-athlete is eligible and no class is missed.	Passed 428-17-2 <i>Effective 8/1/26</i>
NO. 12	AWARDS & BENEFITS -- REMOVE EXACT DOLLAR AMOUNTS Summary: To remove the exact dollar amounts and references to the value of awards from the awards legislation.	Passed 415-33-3 <i>Effective 8/1/26</i>
NO. 13	AWARDS & BENEFITS -- EXPENSES FOR POST-ELIGIBILITY EVENT Summary: To permit institutions to provide actual and necessary expenses for student-athletes to participate in one collegiate all-star contest or similar post-eligibility competitive event.	Passed 437-17-2 <i>Effective 8/1/26</i>
NO. 14	AWARDS & BENEFITS -- PROFESSIONAL SPORTS TICKETS Summary: To clarify that institutions may provide reasonable entertainment during the playing season; further that reasonable entertainment could include providing professional sports tickets.	Passed 443-15-0 <i>Effective 8/1/26</i>
NO. 15	WOMEN'S FLAG FOOTBALL AS AN EMERGING SPORT Summary: To add women's flag football as an emerging sport for women and establish legislation related to playing and practice seasons and membership.	Passed 447-1-0 <i>Effective Immediately</i>
NO. 16	NATIONAL COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIP - ACROBATICS & TUMBLING Summary: In women's acrobatics and tumbling, to establish a National Collegiate Championship and to establish a women's acrobatics and tumbling committee.	Passed 420-9-21 <i>Effective Immediately</i>
NO. 17	NATIONAL COLLEGIATE CHAMPIONSHIP -- STUNT Summary: In women's stunt, to establish a National Collegiate Championship and to establish a women's stunt committee.	Passed 427-11-19 <i>Effective Immediately</i>

- SAAC Events for the rest of Semester
 - NCAC Takeover (March 1st)
 - Events
 - Special Olympics (Non-Track)
 - LNI Pack
 - Toy Drive
 - We will highlight athletes community service during FIRE week will takeover the NCAC Instagram account
 - Coaches Free Throw Rebounds
 - We will have coaches participate in a free throw contest with SAAC reps rebounding for their respective coaches
 - Athletic Director Brian Agler will donate money to each team depending on how many free throws are made
 - DIII Week (April 6th – 10th)
 - Monday: Donuts/Coffee/Hot Chocolate
 - Tuesday: Day-In-The-Life (Games)
 - Wednesday: Staff vs Student Knockout
 - Thursday: Interviews (Why DIII)
 - Friday: Feel Good Friday w/ Interviews
 - Student Athlete Day (April 6th)
 - Special Olympics (May 3rd) (Track)
- Mefford, GSDA Senator
 - No report
- Monroe, Class Representative 2027
 - No report
- Weik, Class Representative 2027
 - No report
- 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:

- A. Student Life Committee
- B. 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.

- Claire Patton
- Hailey Mulvihill
- Christian Helton
- Jeff Mefford
- Max Green
- Anna Monroe
- Hana Kessler
- *Gabriella Gonzalez 'Burbs*

- *Phoebe Underwood Residence Halls*
- *Need someone employed by residence life*

b. Please fill out this Doodle Poll as soon as possible to meet for the March meeting <https://doodle.com/group-poll/participate/aK7GE1Ma>

Open Forum:

- Student employee appreciation week is coming up
- Nursing club is having a blood drive next Thursday
- Beta Beta Beta honor society is having a swab event on April 7th from 9-11:30am
- Sociology club is having an ice cream social 3/18 at 7pm in the alumni room

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

Announcements:

Adjournment:

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm, following a motion by Muhammad and second by Helton.