



Wittenberg University

Student Senate Minutes

SENATE MEETING AGENDA

On Tuesday, March 31, 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: Mason-Pentheny, Helton, Green, Kessler, Burnside, Haislip, Kessler*
- b. *in Absentia:*

3/24 Minutes Approved

Officer Reports:

- Lowry, President
 - The link for applications is being sent out tomorrow in an email to the student body.
 - These will be due on 4/14
 - Elections are 4/21
 - Installments will be on our last general body meeting 4/28
 - Met with members of the Student Life Committee on Friday 3/27

- Please create a transition document including a timeline of events, structure, committees served on, and goals of the position.
 - These are due to me by 4/14.
 - **If these are not done correctly or turned in, I will be reaching out to you.**
 - **If you have any questions please reach out to me.**
- Remember Honors Convocation is required for all senators, we have shortened class times that day.
- Haislip—Update on Budget Hearing date.
- Werner, Vice President
 - Upcoming Events!
 - No Classes 4/3/26
 - Student Employment Appreciation Week (4/6/26-4/10/26)
 - Monday: Sweet Treats (Outside of CDR 11 am – 12 pm)
 - Tuesday: Spin the Trivia Wheel (W Tables 1:30 – 3:30 pm)
 - Wednesday: BYO Treat Bags (W Tables 11 am – 1 pm)
 - Thursday: Professional Headshot Series (OCC 11 am – 12:30 pm)
 - Friday: Raffle
 - Honors Convocation 4/10/26 @ 3:30
 - This is MANDATORY for Student Senate
 - Honors Convocation Schedule

Normal class schedule (60 minutes)	Adjusted class schedule (45 minutes)
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.
9:10 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.	8:55 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.
10:20 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.	9:50 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
12:40 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.	11:40 a.m. – 12:25 p.m.
1:50 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.	12:35 p.m. – 1:20 p.m.
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.
4:10 p.m. – 5:10 p.m.	2:25 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.
Convocation	3:30 p.m.

- End of Year Karaoke Party
 - Can post about today
 - Shoumlin 105
 - April 7, 7:00-8:00
 - Karaoke
 - Crafts: Witt Pennants and Friendship bracelet
 - I would like to reach out to different groups to encourage people to come/apply (Panhel/IFC, honors, SAA, etc.)
 - EXPR for next year
- Haislip, Treasurer
 - Senate Budget Remaining: \$1,213.21
 - Spent \$9,446.54
 - Allocated \$10,664.75
 - Class allocations remaining: \$466 per class
 - Senior class allocation remaining: \$5000
 - Tiger Fund - \$17,838.32
 - BABW Fund - \$7,155.35
 - Tiger Fund Requests
- Butts, Secretary
 - No Report
- Patton, Faculty Student Coordinator

- Confirming the Students Available for Faculty meetings this semester:
- **Spring Faculty Meeting Student Representatives:**
 - 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 NEXT TUESDAY, 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:
 - 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 major of neurology:
 - Adding BIOL 201 (Pharmacology) to the major
 - Adding BIOL 221 (Pharmacology) and removing BIOL 180 (Concepts in Biology II), PSYC 201 (Statistics), and BUSN 210 (Business and Economics Studies) because PSYC 201 and BUSN 210 are not being offered, and BIOL 180 is being replaced with a more neuroscience-based elective to support the major.
 - The SPMG course will be taught online in the summer of 2026. This is an extra LO5 summer option.
 - BIOL major elective modification –BIOL 245: Wildlife Management which was a “Group III: Organismal/Ecosystem option. With the shift of the course to listing (and focus) as ESCI 245: Wildlife Management, this will be counted as Group IV: Supporting Sciences rather than as a disciplinary elective within biology (Area II: Breadth of Biological Experience, Group III: Ecology/Evolution/Organismal Biology.

- It was moved from a biology elective to a supporting science elective contributing to the major. This is an action in response to the ESCI major revision in February 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:*
 - GEAC is approving individual CCC proposals and new LO courses.
 - BUSN 212: Business Research Methods (LO9 and LO4)
 - EXPR-P Gamers for Giving Annual Charity LAN event is a new option for students.
- 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 Health Science document, and it went well. We are now looking into the evaluation form to streamline it for future evaluations.
 - **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. Student Senate Votes on the nominees submitted by the student body last week!**
 - Thank you to everyone who volunteered to nominate an outstanding faculty advisor!
 - Today, we are going to vote.
 - **Please fill out the following form (Linked in the Agenda, or through the QR Code) today to make your voice count!**
 - **Student Senate Voting 2026: Academic Advisor of the Year – Fill out form <https://forms.office.com/r/i96g0P8sft>**



- LINK TO RESPONSES:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Ktadcw-7GJRDh06oTpi9C1gfZ3yv2Cwqt3lz57Qd5A4/edit?usp=sharing>
 - Backup Link: https://wutigers-my.sharepoint.com/:b:/r/personal/pattonc_wittenberg_edu/Documents/Attachments/2026%20Academic%20Advisor%20of%20the%20Year%20Nominees.pdf?csf=1&web=1&e=cHt3YS
- I am encouraging students to participate in the Wittenberg Series Lectures. They 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”
- Harper, Senior Class Representative
 - Refer to burnside report
- Burnside, Senior Class Representative
 - Senior Salute, April 16th @4pm – Myers Hall Steps. We will be taking our senior class photo, passing out philanthropy cords, passing out commencement wristbands, and announcing our honorary class members!
 - Senior Send-Off, May 14th @4:30-7pm – Mother Stewart’s. Enjoy live music with Witt FREE, local beer, prize wheel with Witt swag, and delicious bites from a local food truck.
 - Seniors must register for Senior Send-Off! An email was sent out on March 26th with link to register. Link to register is also on the senior class Instagram!
- Pantalone, Public Relations

- Making post for Student Employment Appreciation Week
 - Preparing post for honors convocation schedule
- Mason-Pentheny, Diversity
 - No report
- Muhammad, Diversity
 - No report
- Archer, Student Organizations
 - No Report
- Mulvihill, Fraternity and Sorority Life
 - Greek Week was a success! In IFC and Panhel meetings we will brainstorm whether having it again in March after FIRE WEEK and Spring Break is best or potentially moving it earlier in the semester.
 - Panhel and IFC are collaborating on one last event of the semester on April 15th outside of the Student Center for Dirty Sodas and Lawn Games
 - New member dues for Panhel and IFC from all Greek chapters are due April 6th to Zach Ogle
 - Partially Structured Recruitment will be September 16th-27th
 - My next President Round Table meeting will be April 17th.
- Green, Interfaith Senator
 - No report
- Helton, Student Athletics Senator
 - Home Games This Week:
 - Wednesday the 1st
 - Women's Lacrosse against Spalding at 7pm
 - Saturday the 4th
 - Men's Lacrosse against Denison at 1pm
 - Softball against OWU at 1pm & 3pm

- Tuesday the 7th
 - Softball against Heidelberg at 3:30pm & 5:30pm
 - Women's Lacrosse against Depauw at 6pm
- Mefford, GSDA Senator
 - Happy Trans Day of Visibility!
 - Post made on GSDA Instagram to celebrate and spread awareness, please repost
- Monroe, Class Representative 2027
 - No report
- Weik, Class Representative 2027
 - No report
 - Working on a tabling event for self-care grab and go
- 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
 - Seniors! - Mark your calendars for Thursday, April 30. What time?
(between 5-8pm)
 - Seniors! - Hitimu and Lavender celebrations ARE happening. Looking for registration links in coming emails.
 - May board meeting logistics and attendance confirmations

- What do students want to see from Wittenberg? What should we KEEP doing? What is MISSING? What does senior leadership need to know about student's needs and wants? I'd like to get your thoughts. Strategic planning is underway...and your voice is important.
 - Success stories
 - What people are accomplishing as young adults and with things on campus
 - Culture that we create at Wittenberg needs to be celebrated
 - Being involved
 - Celebrating athletic teams for more than just sports
 - Honor societies
 - LNI
 - Same students are getting celebrated repeatedly
 - Student/professor take overs on university pages
 - Celebrate smaller orgs on campus
 - Making sure students know about campus resources

Committee Reports:

- Student Life Committee
 - Writing a letter to athletics? Student athletics having an overarching policy for coaches and students
 - Changing the schema around involvement with athletes.
 - Overall concerns for recruitment strategies with athletics in mind, not emphasizing the college as part of the liberal arts experience.
 - Comment of Collins said put your major down as football during football visit days
 - Keller laundry room smells like its burning, work order is being fulfilled.
 - Not allowed to have shower filters or sink filters in the apartments or houses.
 - Comment on disclosing the hard water in Springfield to residents.

- Need more clarity on how the housing lottery works, especially when it comes to choosing singles.
- Many floor plans are incorrect in the 'burbs.
- Harming campus culture only allowing pass downs for only three consecutive years
- Housing needs to communicate more clearly with students, and there needs to be more clarity on 60 credits versus 3 consecutive semesters to live in the 'burbs. There is no specific fine print which is being followed or being shared to students.
- Potentially having a townhall to meet with students ahead of housing selection.

Open Forum:

- RHA has been workign hard to keep it afloat
 - Yoga in the Hollow at 5pm on April 9

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

-Golf club funding request: \$1000

- Reach back out to them about a detailed list of costs
- Tabled

-Anime Club funding request: \$1000

- Haislip moves to approve, Werner seconds, motion passes unanimously

Announcements:

- Tri Beta is doing their swab event on Tuesday, April 7 9-11:30 in the science center

- Go to Shoumlin 105 next Tuesday for end of year party

Adjournment:

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 8:19, following a motion by Harper and second by Mefford.