



Wittenberg University

## **Student Senate Minutes**

### ***SENATE MEETING AGENDA***

On Tuesday, September, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 at 7:00.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, Muhammad, Peterson

#### **Installations:**

- a. The following senators were installed on 9.23.2025 by President Katherine Lowry. Garret-Scales, Advisor, present.
  - a. Kiara Haislip, Treasurer
  - b. Emma Weik, Class of 2027 Representative
  - c. Hana Kessler, First-Year Class Representative
  - d. Myla Stanley, First-Year Class Representative
  - e. Christian Helton, Student Athletics Senator

### **September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Minutes Approved By: Werner**

#### **Special Reports:**

- Golf Club Presentation by Luke Stout
- Parkhurst Dining conversation with James Akers
  - Students tend to wait to complain and do so not directly to Parkhurst staff.
    - When you see something, say something. Do not wait to complain.
    - Who to report to? Go ask for the chef on call. Additionally, use the QR code on the napkin dispenser to provide your feedback to the relevant personnel.
  - Staff have continual training and levels of leadership training, responsibilities, and experience.

- Parkhurst strives to be healthy and safe, with multiple inspections each semester.
- On students feeling staff being rude, specifically in Post95.
  - Increased social media communication and “meet the chefs” is a way to improve relationships, will be touching base with staff on customer service.
  - Open to student group collaborations. Share interest with James or another Parkhurst employee to reach out for meals or meetings.

### **Officer Reports:**

#### □ Lowry, President

- Warm welcome to our newly installed senators: Haislip, Weik, Kessler, and Stanley.
- Thank you, Werner, for such a great W-Day.
- Attended the ASL Board Committee Meeting this morning, will be in attendance at the Opening Session and Luncheon on Thursday.
- We still have vacancies in ‘Burbs, SAAC, RHA, and GSDA. I will be reaching out as soon as I get president lists from Archer.
  - ‘Burbs can be appointed as of now
- We have Golf Club Presenting and Parkhurst Dining here to talk with us.

#### □ Werner, Vice President

- W-Day
  - Huge shoutout to Avery Livingston, Hailey Mulvihill, Katie Lowry, Gracie Pantalone, and Moose Harper. Also, huge shout out to advisor Joi garret Scales for all her help!
  - People came, but didn’t really stay the whole time, nor watch the band.
  - Improvements for next year
    - Location (back to Alumni Way or the CDR, Commencement Hollow did not get the same foot traffic)
    - Advertisement (do more)
  - A&S Party Rental
    - Left them a detailed survey response
    - We should not work with them again
- Yesterday I was supposed to attend a meeting with the Committee on Enrollment & Marketing. Unfortunately, I was sick yesterday, so I was

unable to attend, however, I have their agenda if anybody is interested. Harper did attend.

- Just want to remind everybody to spread a positive vibe about campus, Witt in general, and President Brady. I have been hearing a lot, especially this week, about how the school only cares when we have alumni on campus and a lot about Pastor Tracy. Just please respond with a positive narrative.
- Haislip, Treasurer
  - No Report
- Butts, Secretary
  - No report
- Patton, Faculty Student Coordinator
  - Confirming the Students Available for Faculty meetings:
    - Claire Patton (Faculty-Student Coordinator)
    - Katie Lowry (President)
    - Avery Livingston (Diversity Senator)
    - Peyton Archer (Student Organizations)
    - Senna Muhammad (Diversity Senator)
    - Sydney Werner (Vice President)
    - Alternate: Anna Monroe (Junior Class Representative)
  - My minutes are on Teams after the meeting in the faculty meetings folder. Reminder, the next Faculty meeting is in two weeks, October 7 at 4:00!
  - Confirming Students to Committees:
    - EPC (Educational Policies Committee)
      - Meets Thursdays at 4:00. Dr. Zembar is the chair.
      - Claire Patton and Katie Lowry
        - Discussed EDUC mentorship courses with GSEMIT professional development.
        - Revised ESCI 160 (Formerly called GEOL 160): Environmental Geology
    - GEAC (General Education Advisory Committee)
      - Meets Wednesdays 4:10-5:10. Dr. Cline is the chair.
      - Claire Patton and Avery Livingston
        - Discussed individual student proposals and petitions and reviewed LO 4.

- What would students like to see in terms of the CCC instructions?
- DAC (Diversity Advisory Committee)
  - 2 (one of whom represents the McClain Center and is selected by the student organizations in the McClain Center)
  - Avery Livingston and Senaa Muhammad
- PRAC
  - I need one more student. Time and Chair TBD.
- 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
- Lowry and I will be representing students with the Board of Directors next week at the Academic and Student Life Committee meeting. We will be reporting the “state of the students.” Key subjects included:
  - Complimenting progress since last year, new staff hires, safety implementations.
  - Concerning quality of food, FYS, changing faculty and faith leaders
  - Commenting on greek life, athletics, and reiterating the need for open communication.
- Springfield 2051
  - Please fill out this quick survey to participate in the future of Springfield!
  - <https://springfield2051.com/community-survey/>
  - Meetings for the community are open to students. See their website for more details. This is a strategic planning process for the city of Springfield that will be outlining goals for the city by 2051, the semiquincentennial of when Springfield was founded.
- I attended the meeting this afternoon. Other meetings will be on their website
- Harper, Senior Class Representative
  - Going to the Board of Directors Opening Session and lunch on Thursday.
  - Yesterday, I attended the enrollment and marketing sub.
    - We need to staff the enrollment office appropriately for the needs we must recruit students successfully. Fulfilling positions in today’s job market.

- Looking for increased enrollment of specific sports teams (wrestling, flag football, soccer...)
- Working on the disparity between student athletes and non-athletes.
- Working on the disparity between males and females.
- Burnside, Senior Class Representative
  - Going to the Board of Directors Opening Session and lunch on Thursday.
- Pantalone, Public Relations
  - Working on something for Dr. Brady's next open forum.
- Livingston, Diversity
  - Events
    - McClain
      - Mondays at McClain
        - Bi-Weekly from 4 to 6 at McClain
        - Different crafts each week!
      - McClain Center Open House (Homecoming)
        - Saturday from 9:00 am to 10:30 am
        - Meet alumni associated with the McClain Center!
    - Hair Care Bingo (September 26th)
      - Location & Time: CDR from 7 pm to 9 pm
        - Win prizes related to hair supplies.
    - CBS Trivia (Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00)
      - Blair 101 and open to all!
    - CBS Field Day (Friday, September 26th)
      - 6:30pm to 8:30pm in the Steemer.
    - CBS Tailgate Cookout
      - Starts at 12:00pm at East Campus Drive
- Muhammad, Diversity
  - No Report.
- Archer, Student Organizations
  - Club Golf Presentation
  - Witt Rec Basketball interest form. It is not a registered organization yet.
  - Reviewing org registration submission on Thursday 9/25

- Out of 45 current student organizations that signed up for ELLS, 27 submitted attendance rosters. If you did not go to ELLS, no funding, 25Live, or registration access will be available for the organization.
- Mulvihill, Fraternity and Sorority Life
  - The current update of new members is:
    - IFC: 29
    - Panhel: 24
  - I am in the works of planning a Greek Trick-or-Treat event on October 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8pm with Panhel and IFC. All chapter houses would be expected to participate and be open to campus!
    - I have a meeting with Katie Stotsky next Monday to discuss 25Live Planning for the event.
  - The next President's Round Table Meeting is October 3<sup>rd</sup> and the topic of discussion will be officer elections.
- Green, Interfaith Senator
  - Homecoming service led by Dr. Brady 11:00 am Sunday
    - 10:30 am refreshments
  - Campuswide communication sent out regarding updated staffing in the Chapel.
- Helton, Student Athletics Senator
  - Hosting a tent for the homecoming tailgate. Teams can bring promotional merchandise to sell for \$5.
  - Trick-or-trick event on the 27<sup>th</sup> in the Steemer for families and community members. Each SAC leader will be in charge of their own table.
- Monroe, Class Representative 2027
  - No Report.
- Weik, Class Representative 2027
  - No Report.
- Clark, Class Representative 2028
  - The fire alarm went off in New Hall Last week around 10:30 pm.
- Peterson, Class Representative 2028
  - No Report.
- Stanley, First Year Class Representative

- No Report.
- Kessler, First Year Class Representative
  - No Report.
- Garrett Scales, Advisor
  - Inauguration – still need 12-17 more student candle lighters
  - America 250 idea: Springfield celebration. Homecoming parade for student organizations? Wittenberg sponsored event for the city of Springfield.

### **Committee Reports:**

- N/A

### **Open Forum:**

- Student accounts emails went out to all students without a \$0 Balance. Anyone with a payment plan is excused, but the goal is to get a \$0 balance. Feel free to reach out if there is an error. This is a correction of errors that happened in the past.
  - Students have had issues with the office of financial aid and scholarship communication.
  - Any other actual issues should be forwarded to Garrett Scales.
- General expectations for Student Senate:
  - Anything in minutes go to the Wittenberg Website.
  - Reports cover anything of interest on campus in your area of concern.
  - Meetings are normally 45 minutes.
  - Communicate for excused absences (class, athletics). Employment is not excused on a typical basis.
- Involvement fair trivia night will be November 11.
- Senate Budget updates
- America 250?
- CCC forecasting

### **Old Business:**

- Golf Club
  - Motion: Archer
  - Seconded: Werner.
  - Motion carried with unanimous vote.

### **New Business:**

- Motion to add Mi Gente to the description of Cultural Diversity Senator
  - Article IV, Section 2A, point 3.
- Motion to make additions to the role of the Cultural Diversity Senator
  - Article IV, Section 2A, points 8 and 9.

### **Announcements:**

Go to the homecoming game and events this weekend! It is important to support the Wittenberg Community and join the Wittenberg Way.

### **Adjournment:**

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45, following a motion by Lowry and second by Harper.