



Wittenberg University

Student Senate Minutes

SENATE MEETING AGENDA

On Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at 7:06 p.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*: Werner, Monroe
- b. *in Absentia*: Pantalone, Kessler, Harper

The following senators were installed on 9.23.2025 by President Katherine Lowry. Garret-Scales, Advisor, present.

- a. Jeff Mefford, GSDA Senator

September 23rd, 2025 Minutes Approved

Officer Reports:

☞ Lowry, President

- ✂ If you want more information on how our meetings are run or how to make a motion please see this document: [Senate Rules of Order](#)
- ✂ Participation in Friendsgiving with CBS
 - i. CBS plans to contribute \$450 to the event
- b. Participation in Fall Fest with TAC

i. October 24th at 7PM

✧ Involvement Trivia

- Do it as a welcome back event.

✧ I need additional help for two visit day resource fairs

- Friday, October 17th 11:30-1:30
 - Shortened class schedule that day for the inauguration
 - 12:30 classes are out by 11:10
- Saturday, November 8th, 11:30-1:30

✧ Many alums were wondering about the state of recycling on campus. I think it might be best for us to reopen the conversation on why we do not have many designated recycling spots on campus.

✧ Store carpool

- We were asked what the possibility of doing a store carpool is again.. At the moment very low with funding, possibly we could advertise additional ways to get around Springfield.

✧ A little tid bit from the weekend:

- <https://www.facebook.com/photo/?fbid=2136446259788533&set=w-day>
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✧ Board of Directors Open Session

- Report given verbally.

✧ Roof Access: The Office of Residence Life has received several reports of students accessing rooftops this year. Climbing, standing, or sitting on rooftops is strictly prohibited. Any reports of students on rooftops will be referred to the Office of Student Conduct

🔗 Werner, Vice President

- ✧ Will be unable to attend faculty meeting next Tuesday, October 7.
- ✧ Homecoming went great!
- ✧ On the Rise-possible basket donation

🔗 Haislip, Treasurer

✂ No Report

🔗 Butts, Secretary

✂ Will be attending the next faculty meeting next Tuesday, October 7.

🔗 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)
- Taylor Butts (Secretary)
- 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 NEXT week, October 7 at 4:00!

✂ Confirming Students to Committees:

- EPC (Educational Policies Committee)
 - Meet on Thursdays at 4:00. Dr. Zembar is the chair.
 - Claire Patton and Katie Lowry
 - Discussed ENGL Program overhaul
 - Now, the English Department is English and Writing.
 - ENGL 270 is being eliminated. Now, ENGL 180/190 or 335 will be the common prerequisites for students taking upper-level courses.
 - The major will be split into two concentrations: Literature or Writing. The number of courses

required for either major is 37 credits, down from 41.

- GEAC (General Education Advisory Committee)
 - Meeting on 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 represented students with the Board of Directors last week at the Academic and Student Life Committee meeting. We reported on 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.

✂ I also attended the BOD plenary meeting and heard presentations

- Provost Yontz is hosting a student hearing for the academic restructuring proposal next Monday, October 6, at 12:15 in Bayley Auditorium.
- Owen and Garrett Scales presented on student development (Student life data and student engagement report).
- Agler presented on Athletic updates and new hires.
- McGreevey shared new alumni engagements and philanthropy updates.
- Gerboth shared new strategies and branding messages to share the Wittenberg Way.

✂ 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

✂ Monday, October 6, 12:15-1:15 in Bayley Auditorium

🔗 Harper, Senior Class Representative

✂ Echo Springfield 51 from Patton report

🔗 Burnside, Senior Class Representative

✂ Homecoming was great!

✂ Board of Directors Opening Session and Lunch went well!

🔗 Pantalone, Public Relations

✂ In contact with Parkhurst Social Media person about getting out posts about the chefs (awilson2@eatnpark.com - his email).

✂ Katie & I have some posts coming up soon!

🔗 Livingston, Diversity

✕ The Diversity Advisory Committee (DAC) will be meeting soon! (Maybe in the next week or two)

✕ McClain Orgs Homecoming Events

- All were widely popular and a huge success!

✕ Cultural Diversity Senator Search

- Creating a Microsoft form to gauge interest in the position for Spring 2025.
 - Will only pertain to those associated with McClain (e.g., Witt-Connected, CBS, Mi Gente, etc.)

✕ Mi Gente

- Latin Dance Night #2
 - Oct. 4th from 7 to 9 in Founders.

🔗 Muhammad, Diversity

✕ Drinks at Sips! New Mi Gente Drinks

- Horchata Dulce and Fresca Fresa

🔗 Archer, Student Organizations

✕ Org Interest forms submitted:

- Witt Rec Basketball
- Cybersecurity Club
- Music Club
- Student Parent club
 - Waiting for responses on the last three

✕ Suspended 25live Org access:

- German Club
- Ohio Collegiate Music Education Association
- Pre-health Club
- American Sign Language Club
- Animal Welfare Student Alliance (will be in contact to clarify org's status)
- Best Buddies

- Club Ice Hockey
- Pickleball club
- Rugby Club

🔗 Mulvihill, Fraternity and Sorority Life

- ✂ I am still attending IFC and Panhellenic Council meetings weekly. Their main updates are changes to their bylaws and planning for upcoming executive/committee elections.
- ✂ My next President's Round Table Meeting is this Friday, October 3rd, at 2pm in Shouplin 203. I will be discussing the Trick-or-Greek event with them as well as officer elections
- ✂ Trick-or-Greek, Thursday, October 30th from 7-8:30pm:
 - Here are some more details:
 - Student Involvement will be providing candy for each chapter to hand out.
 - Each participating Witt student will receive a passport from the Student Involvement W-tables to get stamped from each chapter. If they get 2/4 fraternities and 3/6 sororities that they visited, they are entered in a raffle for a prize (TBD... \$50 in Witt Gold?)
 - The expectation is that lettered chapter houses are open and decorated, and that members come to the house to help hand out candy in costume

🔗 Green, Interfaith Senator

- ✂ Wednesday, October 8th 5pm-8pm @ Campus Cupboard
 - Snacks and Board Games Event
- ✂ Monday, October 6 at 7:30-observatory event of the Heavens and the Earth

🔗 Helton, Student Athletics Senator

- ✂ There was no S.A.A.C. meeting this week.
- ✂ Homecoming
 - Football Final Score was 28-0 with DePauw winning...

- S.A.A.C. was given far more apparel to sell than in past years from each team, so we sold much more!

□ Upcoming Athletic Events!

- Tuesday (9/30)
 - Women's Volleyball is Home against Earlham @7p
- Wednesday (10/1)
 - Men's Soccer is Home against Muskingum @7p
- Saturday (10/4)
 - Men's Soccer is Home against Wabash @3p
 - Women's Volleyball is Home against Kenyon (@1p) and Muskingum (@4p)
 - Women's Golf is Away against John Carroll (Sat & Sun)
 - Men's & Women's Cross Country is Away at Louisville Sports Commision
 - Field Hockey is Away against Wooster @11a
 - Women's Soccer is Away against Oberlin @1p
 - Football is Away against Wooster @2p
- Sunday (10/5)
 - Women's Golf is Away against John Carroll (Sat & Sun)
 - Field Hockey is Away against Oberlin @1p
- Monday (10/6)
 - Men's and Women's Tennis is Home against Indiana-East @3:30p
- Tuesday (10/7)
 - Men's Soccer is Home against Ohio Wesleyan @7p

🔗 XXX, Witten'burbs Senator

✂ VACANT

🔗 XXX, RHA Senator

✂ VACANT

🔗 Mefford, GSDA Senator

✕ No Report

🔗 Monroe, Class Representative 2027

✕ No Report

🔗 Weik, Class Representative 2027

✕ Homecoming looked great!

✕ Expanding Aunt Flow free-vend dispensers?

- Only having access to those free resources in Shovlin limits access for students across campus
- This supports student well-being, comfort, and dignity
 - Thomas Library
 - Science Building (Barbra Deer-Kuss)
 - Hollenbeck Hall
 - Student Center
- I'm unsure where funding comes from for this program
 - Possibly go to Build a Better Wittenberg for funding
- Potentially putting more resources in high traffic areas/one in each building
- Also putting flyers about where to find products in other bathrooms

🔗 Clark, Class Representative 2028

✕ The Trivia night and Field Day for CBS went well

✕ I heard that the Tailgate also went well for CBS and that there was no food left.

✕ Hair Care Bingo went well! It was really fun and there were a lot of prizes.

✕ The Homecoming game- we lost.

✕ Crochet Club was fun too, Wednesday, September 24

🔗 Peterson, Class Representative 2028

✕ Tower Vandalism

- No charges have been made yet, but will if vandalism is continued
- Tenth floor lounge is now locked

- There is a \$286,000 grant for cameras through Student Development.

🔗 Kessler, First Year Class Representative

✂ No Report

🔗 Stanley, First Year Class Representative

✂ No Report

🔗 Garrett Scales, Advisor

✂ Homecoming was quiet according to alumni

✂ Budget updates

Open Forum:

- Where cameras will be added with the new grant
 - Do students have a say?
- Police advisory committee interest?

Unfinished Business:

- To add Mi Gente to the description of Cultural Diversity Senator
 - Article IV, Section 2A, point 3.
- To make additions to the role of the Cultural Diversity Senator
 - Article IV, Section 2A, points 8 and 9.
 - [View here](#)
- Motioned by Lowry, Seconded by Werner. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

- To amend the RHA Senator position to be open to all Resident Advisors
 - Constitutional Amendments
 - Article IV, Section 2
 - Article IV, Section 2, C
 - Bylaw Amendments
 - Article IV, Section 6, D
 - Article VI, Section B and Article VI Section B, point 2.

- Student Life Committee Article 2, Section 5, B, point 4
 - Qualification: Article IV, Section 5
 - Statements of Candidacy Article IV, Section 1, A
- [View here](#)
 - Reasoning: RHA has been on a downturn for the past four years and has been consistently filled by a Resident Advisor. With the current layout of RHA they are dismissive of RAs becoming members, by opening it up to those knowledgeable of programming in residence life outside of RHA we are more likely to fill the position. It is also in the description of the underclassmen representative positions to give further reports on campus life including experience as residents of campus halls.
 - A motion was made to table this business until the following meeting on Tuesday, October 7th, 2025, to include friendly amendments regarding the formation of a Residence Life Committee.

Announcements:

Adjournment:

- b. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13, following a motion by Werner and second by Muhammad.