WITTENBERG STUDENT SENATE

SENATE MEETING AGENDA

On Tuesday, April 4th, 2017 at 7:00p.m., in the Offices of Student Senate, the Student Senate Executive Board held a Meeting with the following persons present:

1. Call to Order/Roll Call: Lough, North, Harman, Lightner, Black, Bobbitt, Williams, Presper, Feiler, Swaney, Nazareth, Ayala, Tickner, Grandstaff, Abdul-Aziz, Wallace, Torres
   1. *Tardus*: Hubbard
   2. *in absentia: Toure*

# Minutes approved by: All

Special Order:

1. Officer Reports/Goals: (10 minutes)
   1. **Lough, President –**
      1. New incoming exec came today for kick off of transitions
      2. All need to provide incoming members with position manual
      3. All need to transition incoming members well and effectively so they are ready to start on the 18th of April
      4. Banquet next week in Bayley Alumni House
   2. **North, Vice President –**
      1. No report
   3. **Harman, Treasurer** –
      1. I updated the Funding Philosophy, so please read it and let me know if you have any changes or questions to be discussed in new business
   4. **Lightner, Secretary** –
      1. Social Media
   5. **Black, FSC** –
      1. I have decided to send out general faculty committee information next Tuesday morning after the first iteration of online registration
      2. Still in process of getting times for next semester year in order to make matches according to schedules. What format would be most helpful by date, by type, number of meetings, and expected interactivity of student?
   6. **Bobbitt, 2017** –
      1. Senior Superlatives event planning under way
      2. Pocket Lint show date has been picked
      3. Getting a senior event at the brewery set up
      4. My birthday is Thursday, but gifts will be accepted any day during my birthday month
   7. **Williams, Public Relations** –
      1. Picked up water bottles
      2. Made flyer for extra positions
   8. **Presper, Student Organizations**—
      1. No Report
   9. **Feiler, RHA** –
      1. Congrats to the new RHA senator elect, Christina Reisinger
   10. **Swaney, Greek** –
       1. IFC was overwhelmingly against the senate operating proposal of those who spoke up
       2. PanHel was more supportive however was curious as to why they are getting compensated
       3. Both asked for more transparency in WHY they are getting compensated and what all goes into it such as events held, tasks accomplished, etc.
       4. Chapter totals for the Panhellenic community may decrease next year as they are potentially moving to a median rather than average total
       5. Roundtable dates are still being finalized
       6. Still trying to fill Greek Senator position, a few individuals have shown interest but nothing outstanding
       7. Faculty & Staff/Greek Banquet is April 8th
   11. **Nazareth, Green** –
       1. Chasing Ice didn’t happen because student orgs is not exactly functioning
       2. Emailed Cathy Kuss about booking Blair to show it for this Friday at 5pm but she hasn’t emailed back yet
       3. Succulents
       4. Not using the site we used last year because it just took forever
       5. We have a $200 budget for hopefully 75 plants
       6. Need someone to run for vice president if Matt is actually leaving and going to do elections at the end of the semester
       7. Ian Lupica expressed concern about Donkey Basketball and we’re going to see if we can petition it and we’re already backed by a few professors
   12. **Ayala, AIA** –
       1. On Sunday, we had elections.
       2. We also are planning a bloc party for Witt fest
   13. **XXX, Off-Campus** –
   14. **Toure, CBS**
       1. Multicultural Overnighter was a success, everyone had a great time at the Variety Show
       2. Thank you to the very few Senate members who came out
       3. Wednesday is the walkout. Meet at 10:30 at the seal to commemorate the initial start of CBS
       4. We have filled most of our exec members but are actively looking for a president and Vice President
2. **Tickner, Interfaith**-
   1. Meditation at 7:30 Tuesday/Wednesday
   2. April 6 Better Together Day lunch
   3. April 10 Visit and Learn
   4. Holocaust Service - PLEASE HMU if you'd like to participate (email me ticknerz@wittenberg.edu)
3. **Hubbard, SAAC –**
   1. New officer Voting is on Tuesday April, 11th
   2. D III Week: April 3rd-9th
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   4. DIII Week: April 3-9
   5. Monday – Why D3
   6. Tuesday – Academic Achievement Celebration
   7. Wednesday – Spirit Day – Wear your Witt gear!
   8. Thursday – All Athlete photo and All-sports day @ 11:50
   9. Friday – Why D3 senior celebration – NCAC Instagram Take-Over
   10. Saturday
   11. MLAX CODE RED – 2pm vs Kenyon
   12. WLAX vs Allegheny @ 11 am
   13. MVB vs North Central @ 12 & 4
   14. Wednesday April 12th, Donkey Ball paired with RHA
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4. **Grandstaff, GSDA –** 
   1. LGBT Sex Ed event Wednesday April 5 at 5pm, followed by free STD testing at 6pm
   2. LGBT Ally Workshop and Panel Monday April 10 at 5pm in Founders
   3. GSDA sponsored trivia Wednesday April 12 at 8pm
   4. Drag Show in CDR Wednesday April 19 at 9pm
5. **Abdul-Aziz, 2018** –
   1. Class bonding April 12th from 7pm-9pm Pocket Lint will be in the building! Founders and Geil Lounge!
   2. "All About Black Hair" April 19th 6-8pm in Founders come out and support!
   3. Fundraising event did not do so well (you win some you lose some) we received 30 dollars ☹
6. **Wallace, 2019** –
7. Have talked to my class and gotten feedback on the proposal
8. **Torres, 2020** –
9. Officers and cabinet teamed up with No Woman Left Behind for their One Student event on April 3rd
10. Helping serve at Second Harvest Food Bank on April 29th
11. **Gill , Advisor** –
    1. No report
12. Committee Reports: (5 minutes)
    1. **North, Build a Better Wittenberg** –
       1. Allocated $1500 for Witt banners in local business and $197 for NAMI garden
    2. **Harman, Finance**-
       1. Last annual budget hearing is this Thursday.
       2. The following are the allocations for Tiger Fund on Thursday:

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| **Hearing on 3-30-17** |  |  |
| Class of 2018 | $139.00 | Craft Night &Improv |
| Operation K | $1,500.00 | Destress Fest |
| SAAC | $1,200.00 | D3 Week |
| POWER | $200.00 | Succulents |
| **Total Hearing** | **$3,039.00** |  |

We have $3,167 left for the rest of the year

* 1. **Black, Educational Policy** ­–
     1. BCAC also discussed the three-phase process for proposing new programs. Streamline/fast track the process for proposals that don’t require new resources. Emphasis on getting them proposed and moved through the process quickly to affect recruiting/enrollment.
     2. 2. Discussion with Dr. Amy Livingstone regarding the proposed changes to the Honors Program.
     3. Discussion over Phase 1 for fortifying Honors program (including requiring provisional admits to write an essay, get faculty letters) are designed to make students be more intentional about being in Honors. The students who gain admission to Honors this way currently (those not automatically admitted) are more committed, so the proposal aims to make everyone go through this process.
     4. 3. SCE-Departmental Course Connection.
     5. We will wait to hear from Tom Kaplan on his strategies for communicating with departments whose courses are offered through SCE
     6. 4. Music New Course proposal.
     7. MUS 494 Student Teaching 12 credits
     8. Education didn’t feel comfortable signing off on BME students without knowing who they were, what they were doing, etc. In working with Music department, Education agreed to sign off on the BME students if Music department met the requirements of a national accrediting body.
     9. 5. Discussion of May faculty meeting items.
     10. These items include Educational Studies BA; Justice, Law & Public Policy minor; Music major revision; BSN (maybe); Community Service proposal changing to 0-1 credits (discussion is required first); changes to 3rd Year Review Questions; Honors changes proposal; SCE stuff. FEB has been open to adding an extra meeting at the end of April to accommodate the many items needing attention before the end of academic year.
  2. **Williams, Public Relations** –
     1. No report
  3. **Lightner, Elections**

1. Continue encouraging people to run, especially from the class of 2019
2. Be thinking about officer transitions and what you want your elected official to know about your position.
3. I know it’s late but next week I will have a card to sign to deliver to Brian LeMaster for all of his help
   1. **Nazareth,** **Dining Services Committee –**
      1. Emailed Brandee and Debby about getting rid of the to-go boxes?
   2. **Lightner/Lough, Diversity Coalition-**
      1. No report
4. Open Forum:
5. Brian-President of astronomy club- curious about senate operating proposal, questions about percentages, nobody is aware of how any of them came about
6. Lough- last year we proposed this idea, and individuals in this room can share anything with as many groups as they can, we did have people who had issues, and since then we have been trying to be transparent, I worked with the PR chair to get the message out. We don’t send out separate legislation every week, but what we do in here is very important very week. We apologize if it isn’t as clear. We propose those here at our meeting.
7. Brian- If you’re trying to increase transparency, nobody on this campus knows what you’re doing
8. Gill- Student Senate doesn’t have an obligation to email the student body on every action that they take. You’re able to come to every meeting and read the minutes.
9. Williams- Our minutes are posted on our Facebook page and our website. That’s how that information is transparent. If you go to our Facebook page you would see our agenda and know what’s discussed. At some point you have to hold student’s responsible to do the bare minimum, and that would be liking a Facebook page.
10. Gill-Speaking from your senators that represent you, would work the way it does with a real government, if you don’t like what’s happening you would go to you representative. So if you’re from the Astronomy club, you would go to the Student Org’s senator and inform them you’re unhappy.
11. Presper- I sent it out to all the presidents and treasurers and received a lot of feedback, and so that was me giving the information out to my constituency.
12. Brian- that’s not going to work if it’s only being sent out to a small group
13. Williams- No, every senator relays information to their constituency.
14. Brian- to their own small group? So far today, the people I’ve asked have had no idea this was happening.
15. Gill- I’m pretty sure Student Senate has met on Tuesday nights at 7:00 p.m. for the last twenty years.
16. Lough- If I walk into any academic building I’ll see signs that say “Join the Conversation”. They do exist. We’ve tried to get the entire student body’s opinion, and get them to weigh in on it. We put every organization into a category and allocated money to them accordingly. When we held the forums for this before it happened, I had one person, or two people show up, but the events were held. The issue is that people don’t care. We’ve done everything we can possibly do. I’ve asked Casey to send out emails and she says no.
17. Williams- you can watch it on your computer at home, at what point is a student held accountable?
18. Gill- I think we could argue about transparency all day, but Brian what I find important is that you came here and expressed your concerns to us. I think you’ll find that when we discuss old business you’ll hear opinions from every side.
19. Lough I just want to talk about percentages really quickly. We approximate the Student Activity fund to be about $350,000. 6% of that goes into Student Development. 4.1% of that goes into general operating expenses, and those aren’t any different than in years past that goes to the finance committee and gets passed and then it goes onto Student Senate. The 1.9 percent is 1.9 % of the $350,000, the reason there is no dollar amount associated with that percent is because it’s broken down between exec and the work they’ve been doing that has been recorded, and based off of about a 50% cut. There is no dollar amount because that $350,000 isn’t guaranteed, it’s based off of enrollment. It fluctuates, its contingent on students coming to this university. The best way it to put a percentage so we aren’t ever too far off. I can’t put a dollar amount down for you without being financially irresponsible.
20. North- That is what we’re voting on
21. Lough- I know it’s been hostile and that’s not what I want and we want to hear your concerns.
22. Williams- We’re all voting and I think you’re going to see that even among our senators it’s controversial.
23. Lightner- I just want you to know that the ones who are voting, some are about to graduate, some are senators who are on exec who are leaving, returning, and also never served on exec, so I don’t want you to think it’s a group of people voting for themselves. We aren’t trying to hide anything and we want campus to know how willing we are to discuss it, we’re here for them that’s what our jobs here are.
24. Lough- I appreciate you coming
25. Old Business:
    1. Executive Compensation- student senate operating proposal
    2. Williams- despite personal beliefs we were elected here to represent student’s
    3. Gill- Someone needs to make a motion to approve the budget, in order to have it pass
    4. Lough- what are comments of constituent groups
    5. Swaney- people are more understanding, IFC was overwhelmingly against it but only two guys seemed to really speak up, PanHel seemed to be a little more supportive, but if we give it another week that’s probably best for my constituency
    6. Presper- Majority of responses were not in support of it, they don’t want people running just to get paid. If their execs aren’t getting paid why is Student Senate?
    7. Ayala- I know you guys get paid “hourly”, but we’re in senate very week for an hour so where does the rest come from
    8. Lough-some schools do it hourly, but that means you have to puta cap on the number of hours of work one can do a week. We can’t afford to keep paying everyone that much. Most however work over the amount their supposed too.
    9. Gill- I divided the stipend up by the average amount of work a week, an that’s how they keep track of their work
    10. Lightner- We have time cards filled out every week and every exec meeting Zach sits down and asks us about what we’ve been doing to keep us accountable.
    11. Lough- there’s a lot of emailing, organizational tasks, meetings, etc. Last year during the capitol project was hours on hours spent for that. The reason other schools do it is because it’s viewed as a job, that’s how much work we’ve been doing.
    12. Black- I’ve always had the sentiment that anyone can run for these positions, I think sometimes it’s not doable for someone who has to devote the time and effort.
    13. Lough- some students at other schools can’t run because they don’t have time, they either hold a campus position, or they have to work.
    14. Feiler- I think it would benefit many people to push back voting, in order to hear everyone’s voice.
    15. Lough- Are people concerned because they know the reality of the work and they’re still against it or they don’t know the reality of the work but are against it? This is part of creating a new culture for senate.
    16. Williams- we’ve herd feedback from students, and I want to take that feedback at face value and make as little assumption as I can, which is that they don’t like it, but I feel conflicted because they information they have is misguided, people jump on this idea that “senate is getting paid your money”.
    17. Abdul-Aziz- I think it’s a big problem, I think if the student body knew the transparency, like if we had accurate descriptions, they would be more comfortable. It’s a two way street, and I don’t think students are ever going let this go.
    18. Lough- All those in favor of tabling discussion say I- PASSED
    19. Student Development programming dollars
    20. Gill- If senate chooses not to fund those, most of them would go away, which is okay should you find them irrelevant but that’s not a full list.
    21. Lightner- Is it an all-encompassing yes or no, or how does that work
    22. Gill- I would suggest keeping it all together, these organizations are important to someone or another
    23. Wallace- some of those things may not seem too important to all of us but they’re important to the people who go and show up
    24. Williams- I move to approve
    25. Seconded
    26. Passed
26. New Business:
    1. Funding Philosophy changes
    2. Harman- I updated it because it hasn’t been updated since 2014
    3. Wallace- Can you explain the parts about gift cards
    4. Harman-Our money cannot be used to purchase and distribute gift cards but you can have them donated and given out
    5. Sent Out to Senate Members
    6. Capital Fund Philosophy proposal
    7. Lough- The student activity fund actually does pay for an administrative position, and now that we’ve changed it, it goes to Director of Student Involvement
    8. Gill- Senate voted to fund that position
    9. Lough- I think it’s good just to get this all in writing
    10. Proposal to select vacant seats for 2017-2018
    11. Lough- We don’t have anything in the constitution that says what we do if nobody runs for the position. I’m not proposing an amendment, but we need to do better at marketing to our people to run.
    12. Williams- I like it
    13. Nazareth- I think it makes sense to have it all in writing, for future reference.
    14. Motion to suspend bylaws to vote on proposal- Williams-passed
    15. Second- Lightner
    16. Passed
    17. University Hearing Board selection
    18. Gill- this is approving the election committee
    19. Lough- this election committee is part of current hearing board and they understand the hearing board.
    20. North- motion to suspend bylaws to vote tonight
    21. Williams- second
    22. Passed
    23. North- move to approving the University Hearing board elections committee
    24. Passes
    25. BABW funding policy
    26. North- adding to clarify that we don’t recommend anyone driving themselves anywhere. We don’t have to vote because we can’t go against university policy.
    27. Gill- always recommend to use motor pool, senate shouldn’t recommend they drive themselves
    28. Lough- it should be said that the only approved recommended source of travel is through the university
27. Announcements:
28. Lough to see Interfaith and GSDA
29. Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn: Lightner

Second: Nazareth