



**Wittenberg University  
Student Senate Minutes**

*SENATE MEETING AGENDA*

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On Tuesday, **September 3<sup>rd</sup>**, at 7:00 p.m., in the Offices of the Student Senate, the Student Senate held a meeting with the following persons present:

**Call to Order/Roll Call:**

- a. *Tardus*: Harper
- b. *in Absentia*: Pipinich, Simpson

**April 23rd, 2024 Minutes approved by Pena, Patton motion: passed**

**Officer Reports:**

- I. Carroll, President---
  - a. No Report.
- II. Peña, Vice President---
  - a. W-Day (9.27)
    - i. As of right now, the contracts are half-signed
      - 1. Waiting for approval from Katie Stotsky and a budget from Smith before contracts can be signed.
        - a. Hoping to have bumper cars, a mechanical bull, and axe throwing.
        - b. Parkhurst will cater food.
- III. Smith, Treasurer---

- a. Build a Better Wittenberg (BABW) and Tiger Fund dates are officially released for the semester as of SOAR.

IV. Lowry, Secretary----

- a. Freshman Elections
  - i. Currently have no applications for the Class of 2028 seats
    - 1. Working on Instagram posts, fliers, and advertising in First Year Seminars.
      - a. Fliers will begin to pop up on Wednesday around campus.
      - b. A copy of the flier is in the minutes if anyone would like to repost it!
- b. Vacancy Elections
  - i. 7 applications as of 9.2.24
  - ii. Each position has at least one applicant.
- c. All elections are on September 17th, and applications are due on September 13th at midnight.
  - i. Statements of Candidacy will likely be a virtual vote.
- d. Reports
  - i. Please send your reports to me by 10PM the Monday before a Big Senate meeting so I can get the agenda out as soon as possible.
    - 1. Even if your report is **NO REPORT**.
    - 2. Formatting should be Last Name, Position (meeting date) Report.
- e. The semester schedule is uploaded to the Teams folder, and minutes will be posted to the folder as soon as they're finalized so you can review them before the next general body meeting.
- f. Please sign up for tabling on Thursday, 9/5/2024
  - i. 30 minute increments
  - ii. If you cannot make it, email [lowryk@wittenberg.edu](mailto:lowryk@wittenberg.edu) with your absence.

V. Terrell, Faculty Student Coordinator----

- a. Report on 9.3.24 Faculty Meeting

- i. Minutes of last Faculty Meeting – Approved
- ii. Report of the President – Michael Frandsen
  1. Removing 45 staff positions
  2. Removing 24 Faculty lines
    - a. Provost Yontz made a compelling argument that the difference between 24 and 30 faculty lines would be significant so we were able to cut 24 faculty lines instead of 30 lines
  3. President Frandsen would not confirm whether or not there will be program cuts.
  4. Staff will only have one week of notification time before they are let go
  5. They are offering severance based on years of service
    - a. No severance will be offered to faculty members affected by these cuts
- iii. Report of the Provost – Dr. Brian Yontz
  1. Molly Wood – Distinguished Teaching Award named after her.
  2. 70% of Faculty will still be here in the fall, so Faculty must embrace what this new model will look like for us.
- iv. Report of the Faculty Executive Board – Dr. Scott Rosenberg
  1. FEB has not heard any official response from the board of directors regarding the vote of no confidence.
  2. FEB will have to consider restructuring our committees, given that there will be fewer faculty lines in the coming years.
  3. Faculty requests proactive communication from committees regarding uploading minutes/agendas more quickly so that everyone is on the same page.
- v. Report of the Educational Policies Committee – Dr. Marie Bashaw

1. The EPC moves to approve the new course proposal CCUE 130, a new co-requisite course that can be linked with any CE-designated course.

- a. Motion: Passed

- b. Student Committee Needs

- i. EPC

1. 2 members

- ii. Athletic Policy and Recreation Committee

1. Three student members

- iii. Diversity Advisory Committee

1. Two student members, one of whom is selected by McClain Center for Diversity

- iv. Facilities and Environment Committee

1. Two student members

- v. General Education Advisory Committee

1. Two student members

- vi. Honor Council

1. 4 students with representation from each class

- vii. International and Field Studies Committee

1. Three student members, at least one of whom is an international student

- viii. Program Review and Assessment Committee

1. Two students, one of whom is Faculty Student Coordinator

- ix. Institutional Review Board

1. One Student member

- c. Possibility of voting for these committee members on 9.24.24

- VI. Pipinich, 2025 Class Representative----

- a. Senior Sunset was a success and a great way to start the new school year!

- b. I met with Tammy and Brandee last Monday at 2:30 to discuss senior events, the class gift, etc.
  - c. Senior events scheduled currently:
    - i. 10.5.2024
      - 1. Tiger Tailgate
    - ii. 10.9.2024
      - 1. Let's Taco 'Bout It
    - iii. 2.6.2025
      - 1. 100 Days Until Graduation
    - iv. 2.20.2025
      - 1. Countdown to Commencement
    - v. 3.20.2025
      - 1. Commit to Witt
    - vi. 4.17.2025
      - 1. Senior Salute
    - vii. 5.15.2025
      - 1. Senior Send-Off
    - viii. 5.16.2025
      - 1. Baccalaureate
    - ix. 5.17.2025
      - 1. Commencement!
  - d. Just started the Class of 2025 Instagram
    - i. @witt.classof2025
  - e. Contacted student band "Less Wise" to play at 100 Days Until Graduation
  - f. No direct senior email.
- VII. XXX, 2025 Class Representative----
- a. VACANT
- VIII. XXX, Public Relations----
- a. VACANT

- IX. Livingston, Cultural Diversity----
  - a. The McClain Center is holding its first meeting on Thursday after the Involvement Fair at 7:30 PM.
- X. XXX, Cultural Diversity----
  - a. VACANT
- XI. Archer, Student Organizations ----
  - a. Involvement Fair is Thursday, 9.5.2024 from 4-7:30
  - b. German Club and Sociology Club are getting approved through student involvement to present to senate
    - i. Presenting next Tuesday 9.10.2024
  - c. Waiting to meet with two more members of communities that want to start clubs
    - i. Tigers and Fitness
    - ii. Runners Club
  - d. Waiting to get all current active rosters until after involvement fair
  - e. , Mi Gente has not responded since last semester. We have their constitution and presentation.
  - f. When adding, removing, and changing names and descriptions of clubs and organizations on the directory page,
- XII. XXX, Residence Hall Association----
  - a. VACANT
- XIII. Simpson, Fraternity and Sorority Life ----
  - a. No Report.
- XIV. Raymond, Witten' Burbs
  - a. Lock your doors and cars since we have had several break-ins.
- XV. Patton, Interfaith ----
  - a. Please have grace for the chapel as there is only one staff member (Pastor Tracy) this year
  - b. New worship hours for the 2024-2025 school year:

i. Regular weekday worship services are at a new time this year: Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 12-12:20.

ii. Weekly on Sundays, the worship services will still be on Sunday afternoons from 4:30-5.

1. All are welcome to attend these meetings!

c. Weaver Chapel Association

i. We will meet Monday Evenings at 7 in the Chapel Activities Room

1. Students lead various service, spiritual, and social activities

ii. Crop Walk

1. Penciled for April 12, 2025.

iii. Monday, September 9th, from 4-6: Chapel Barbecue! Free food on Alumni Way to have the kickoff of the Chapel!

d. CRU

i. We will meet on Wednesday Evenings at 8 in Blair 101.

ii. Two new staff members, Travis and Kaitlyn, are serving Wittenberg Cru this year.

iii. CO Cru Kickoff: (Central Ohio Cru's first event of the year) is Friday, September 6th at 6:30 at Middle Urbana Missionary Baptist Church.

XVI. McCans, Student Athletics Senator ----

a. Weekly Athletics Schedule:

i. Wednesday Men's Soccer home vs. Manchester

ii. Thursday Golf @JCU Fall Classic

iii. Friday Women's Volleyball @Calvin

iv. Saturday Football At Baldwin Wallace

v. Saturday Men's Soccer home vs Adrian

vi. Saturday Women's Soccer home vs Calvin

vii. Women's Volleyball home vs Hope and Albion

b. SAAC will be at the involvement fair!

c. Trying to set up a garage sale for Homecoming to sell old athletics wear and gear.

- d. Trying to set up Breast Cancer Awareness shirts for Homecoming as well.
- XVII. Harper, Class Representative 2026----
- a. No Report.
- XVIII. XXX, Class Representative 2026----
- a. VACANT.
- XIX. XXX, Class Representative 2027----
- a. VACANT.
- XX. XXX, Class Representative 2027----
- a. VACANT
- XXI. Gill, Advisor----
- a. six student senate members, exec, will attend board meetings virtually and luncheons for the board meeting in person.
    - i. October 3rd, plan on lunch
  - b. Will be sitting in on the following committee meetings as well
    - i. Finance
      - 1. Lowry and Smith
    - ii. Advancement
      - 1. Pipinich
    - iii. Enrollment and Marketing
      - 1. Pena
    - iv. Academic and Student Life
      - 1. Terrell and Carroll
  - c. Esports is starting!
    - i. There have been tryouts for Valorant, Rocket League, and Rainbow Six Seige.
      - 1. They are classed under NACE Esports.
  - d. There is a new Parkhurst GM
    - i. James Akers
    - ii. Will be joining us for the first five minutes of Big Senate 9.10.2024



- e. New director of Residence Life
  - i. Kat Rameriez
- f. Staff eliminations will be happening by the end of this week.
  - i. Be prepared for some services to be changed and modified and some to stop completely.
  - ii. The majority of these staff changes are going to be position switches; there are about 15 'actual humans leaving.
  - iii. Most likely be notified Thursday and be here til Thursday
- g. Faculty will be notified by the end of the week, but their position will not be vacated until the end of the fiscal year.
  - i. We are hopeful there will be more information when faculty changes happen.
- h. Harper, 2026 Representative: We're [senators] going to have a lot of people talking to us as a point person! Be optimistic when responding to individuals!
  - i. At this point, senators should say we are aware that eliminations will be made by the end of next week, but we will know more next Tuesday.
- i. Faculty movement will be needed for curriculum changes.
  - i. They will have to teach your curriculum, though.
  - ii. Provost Yontz will be here Tuesday, 9.10.2024, at the end of exec and beginning of the big senate.
- j. Next year's modality of education has not been voted on—at this time, we are assuming some will be online but not fully.
- k. Students with a financial hold will be notified about their outstanding balances and be required to create a plan before action is taken.
- l. There are no current changes being made to student employment due to budgetary hardship.

**Committee Reports:**

- I. Peña, Special Events----

- a. No Report.
- II. Smith, Finance----
  - a. No Report.
- III. Carroll, Student Life----
  - a. No Report.

**Open Forum:**

- I. Discussion regarding where minutes should be posted.
  - a. Should be available to the public as a whole.
    - i. Reach out to campus communication.
- II. BABW and Tiger Fund dates need to be updated on the Student Senate website page.
- III. Discussion about a student forum or town hall taking place in Founders' to talk about why we stay at Wittenberg and what we want to maintain about this unique experience.
  - a. Possibly with President Frandsen, Dr. Yontz, and other VPs and upper staff.
  - b. Would need discussion guidelines.
  - c. Workshopping this idea in committees on Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

None.

**Announcements:**

Sign up for the involvement fair! The Excel sheet is in the minutes; Thursday, 9.5.2024, with a 4:00 set-up, it is 4:30-7:30 to account for athletics!

**Adjournment:**

- a. Motion to adjourn: Pena
- b. Second: Harper
- c. Time: 08:06 PM