



# Wittenberg University Student Senate Minutes

*SENATE MEETING AGENDA*

## Student Senate

*Wittenberg University*

On Tuesday, **September 10<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:00 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:* Pipinich, Harper
- b. *in Absentia:*

**September 3rd, 2024 Minutes approved by: XXX**

**Motion: XXX**

**Special Reports:**

- I. Mr. James Akers (Parkhurst GM)
  - a. Any suggestions or feedback please give them back to Parkhurst
    - i. Contact information is in news letters
  - b. We're still gradually making changes
  - c. Checking in on the GET App sending notifications when food is ready.
  - d. Grocery bags are able to be used one time a week with eligible meal plans.

- e. Rotating meal options as much as possible.
- II. Dr. Brian Yontz
  - a. Patton: Where does Wittenberg stand on accreditation?
    - i. We are on a national reaffirmation accreditation plan; the next accreditation round will come in 2026-2027.
      - 1. The last one was in 2016-2017
    - ii. We are expected to be accredited regardless of curriculum changes.
  - b. A lot of dissonance is from alumni, but the University belongs to current and future students.
- III. German Club
  - a. Presentation—Allison Gardner
- IV. Sociology Club
  - a. Presentation-- Jess Neurer

**Officer Reports:**

- I. Carroll, President---
  - a. No Report.
- II. Peña, Vice President---
  - a. W-Day is 9.28.2024
  - b. Reached out to Parkhurst, Kathleen, about getting dining outside, waiting to hear back due to the meal plan/non-meal plan difference in cost.
  - c. Smith and Pena are meeting with Katie Stotsky soon about the budget.
  - d. Posting
- III. Smith, Treasurer----

IV. Lowry, Secretary----

- a. Continue to send in your reports by 10 PM the Monday before a meeting.
- b. Question about missed meeting attendance
  - i. Currently, if you miss a meeting, no matter the excuse, we have no system of making sure we are aware of meeting minutes (besides trust you read them)
  - ii. Would we be okay with implementing a question at the end of the meeting minutes email to increase the confidence that absent members have read it?
    - 1. No.
- c. Elections update:
  - i. APPLICATIONS ARE DUE FRIDAY AT MIDNIGHT! (9/13)
  - ii. 9 Applications for Vacancies
    - 1. 2025 Rep— 3
    - 2. 2026 Rep— 2
    - 3. 2027 Rep— 1
    - 4. Public Relations — 1
    - 5. Cultural Diversity —2
      - a. Please reach out to anyone who may be interested in the Senate!! Especially the class of 2027!
  - iii. We have 3 First Year Applicants!!
    - 1. Even though the positions will ultimately be filled, please keep talking to first-years about joining Senate!
    - 2. Would sending another email through campus information be a good idea?

V. Terrell, Faculty Student Coordinator----

- a. Dr. Rosenberg responded to our email.
  - i. Wise for the senate to look at pages 11-28 of the faculty manual.

- ii. We are still going to move to elect members to sit on the board after elections.
- VI. Pipinich, 2025 Class Representative----
  - a. Started SLC (Senior life Committee), got some interest!
    - i. Getting help planning events, getting ideas
    - ii. Join SLC through google form links in Instagram bio @witt.classof2025
  - b. Meeting with Tammy and Brandee soon!
- VII. XXX, 2025 Class Representative----
  - a. VACANT
- VIII. XXX, Public Relations----
  - a. VACANT
- IX. , Diversity---
  - a. CBS wants to have a summit with all clubs on campus to try and collaborate.
  - b. Create a Teams page for all Student Orgs.
    - i. Returning this information to Student Involvement.
- X. XXX, Diversity---
  - a. VACANT
- XI. Archer, Student Organizations ----
  - a. German Club/Sociology club presenting during senate meeting on 9/10
  - b. Mi Gente has reached out, waiting to schedule a meeting
  - c. Waiting on other members of the community to email back about club start-ups
  - d. Still reworking our Organization Directory page
  - e. The potential fishing club reached out
  - f. Heard back from Tigers and Fitness Club
    - i. They are still working to get an advisor.
- XII. XXX, Residence Hall Association----
  - a. VACANT
- XIII. Raymond, Witten'burbs
  - a. Reaching out to Witt PD about the meetings with the Senate this year for the Safety committee.

- XIV. Simpson, Fraternity and Sorority Life ----
  - a. Emailing the chapter presidents this week about setting up a schedule for our monthly President's Round Tables.
  - b. Going to start attending all, if not most, IFC and Panhellenic meetings.
- XV. Patton, Interfaith ----
  - a. Thank you for all who came to the Chapel BBQ and WCA meeting yesterday.
    - i. About 100 Participants.
    - ii. WCA meets Monday at 7 in the Chapel Activities room.
  - b. Chapel hours are 12-12:20 on Tuesday and Thursday this year.
  - c. Weekly services are held on Sunday at 4:30.
  - d. Cru meets Wednesday at 8 in Blair 101.
  - e. The chapel is looking for ways to acknowledge the grief and changes on campus productively. Pastor Tracy hosted a GriefShare on Sunday for students in impacted departments and held a session during chapel time today on how to share in student loss.
    - i. Pastor Tracy wants to offer her services to students on campus looking for ways to cope and discern what the next steps might look like for individuals and groups on campus, in whatever ways look like help.
- XVI. McCans, Student Athletics Senator ----
  - a. Still working on the Homecoming Garage Sale
  - b. SAAC is in charge of Trunk or Treat in the Steemer
    - i. No official date, penciled for Monday or Tuesday before Halloween.
- 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. XXX, Class Representative 2028----
  - a. VACANT
- XXII. XXX, Class Representative 2028----
  - a. VACANT
- XXIII. Gill, Advisor
  - a. Reminder about the Disscent and Disorder for peaceful protests
    - i. As long as there is no disturbance to normal processes, the University does not get involved.
    - ii. The painter's tape on Wally Witt came right off so it doe
  - b. Title IV Violations (discrimination)
    - i. New laws are going into effect in Ohio on October 19<sup>th</sup>, so there will possibly be more modules
    - ii. Ohio is following the 2020 guidelines for Title IX, rather than 2024 Title IX regulations.
  - c. Career Fair is on 9.24.2024 from 10-3 in the Library

**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. Harper

a. New schedule is difficult for students due to time between classes especially for labs.

i. Eating before labs and if you are trying to get Science Center food the lines are very line

ii. Recitations may be in violations of policy since they are over Chapel time.

iii. Stocking issue and preparation issue with Parkhurst

## II. Lowry

a. Esports

i. The University decided to explore Esports last year and decided to invest in something that is growing.

ii. We have eight new students due to this program.

1. Esports Coach is taking over Doppelgangers Game Room and we have new equipment down there

a. Doppelgangers has been very busy this year, very important!

iii. LAN Party

1. Possibly an opportunity for everyone to get together to game.

## III. Patton

a. Student Involvement: many lines were empty that were ultimately cut.

i. 10 lines have been lost since June.

## IV. McCans

a. Maintenance for the Burbs

- i. Work orders are not actually being resolved; multiple work orders are being put in, and they keep being resolved.

- 1. Keep putting in work orders.

V. Lowry

- a. We need more dog poop bags with more Four Paws dogs on campus.

VI. Gardner

- a. We need communication about washers and dryers in apartments and what to do when they are broken.

**Old Business:**

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**New Business:**

I. German Club

- a. Moved: Pena
- b. Seconded: Lowry
- c. Motion: Passed

II. Sociology Club

- a. Moved: Pena
- b. Seconded: Patton
- c. Abstained: Lowry



d. Motion: Passed

**Announcements:**

**Adjournment:**

- a. Motion to adjourn: Pena
- b. Second: Simpson
- c. Time: 08:14 PM