



Wittenberg University Student Senate Minutes

SENATE MEETING AGENDA

Student Senate

Wittenberg University

On Tuesday, **October 29th, 2024** at 7:00 p.m., in the Offices of Student Senate, the Student Senate held a meeting with the following persons present: **Caroll, Pena, Patton, Pipinich, Hehman, Livingston, Archer, Raymond, Simpson, Harper, Burnside, Clark, Schiff, and Gill**

Pena motion, Harper passes the measure to approve last week's minutes.

Call to Order/Roll Call:

- a. *Tardus:*
- b. *in Absentia:* Monroe, McCans, Smith, Lowry, McCans, Monroe, Werner, (Lightner)

October 22nd, 2024, Minutes approved: Pena, Second: Harper.

Approved

Special Reports:

Officer Reports:

- I. Carroll, President---
 - a. W-Day went well last week!
- II. Peña, Vice President---
 - a. Good time had by all at W-Day! Thanks for helping set up, work, or clean up afterward.
- III. Smith, Treasurer---
 - a. No report.
- IV. Lowry, Secretary---
 - a. Please add your reports to the agenda document sent out each week by 8 am Tuesday. Even if there is **NO REPORT**.

- b. Continue to communicate through teams; read your emails
 - c. Thank you to Claire for taking the Minutes this week!
- V. Patton, Faculty Student Coordinator----
- a. My first responsibility is filling the faculty committees. Please consider these positions if they fit in with your schedule!
 - i. The General Education Advisory Committee meets this semester on Wednesdays, 1:50-2:50 (in science 243).
 - 1. We need 2 students.
 - a. Livingston**
 - ii. The Educational Policies Committee meets this semester on Thursdays, 4:00-5:00 (On Microsoft Teams.)
 - 1. I am on the committee. We need 1 more student.
 - a. Raymond**
 - iii. The Program Review and Assessment Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 29th and Tuesday, November 19th from 4:00-5:00 (On Microsoft Teams.)
 - 1. I am on the committee. We need 1 more student.
 - a. Simpson**
 - iv. I want to confirm the current positions students are:
 - 1. The Athletic Policy and Recreation Committee:
 - a. Harper and McCans
 - i. These positions will stay the same.
 - 2. The Diversity Advisory Committee: Met on Friday from 2-3.
 - a. ~~Lightner and~~ Livingston
 - b. We need 1 more student.
 - i. Pena**
- b. Meeting Report from The Educational Policies Committee:
 - i. To acknowledge minors or concentrations that are no longer viable (forthcoming faculty changes mean that there is no feasible way for these

programs to be taught), a new form will be presented to the faculty that will include the following information:

- ii. Declaration for Program Concentrations and/or Minors Discontinuation
 - 1. What Concentration or Minor is being discontinued
 - 2. Rationale – What has changed, why can this program no longer be offered - resources/faculty/equipment:
 - 3. What other program(s) will be impacted (if any), (Check with all departments chairs and directors to see if any other department can resource this concentration)
 - 4. Are there any students who will need to be taught out, what is the plan for the teach out.
 - 5. Semester by which the minor/concentration will be sunsetted.
- iii. As a reminder, The Faculty Handbook defines an academic program: “Academic program” at Wittenberg University shall “designate a related cluster of credit-bearing courses that constitute a coherent body of study within a discipline or set or related disciplines” ([p. 113](#)).
- iv. The EPC voted to approve the revisions to CHEM 321 (removed the lab and changed the pre-requisites), ART 398 & 498 (Moved the thesis across 2 years and changes the credit hours), and EDUC 312 & 313 (aligned the curriculum to the state of Ohio’s new Science of Reading standards).
- c. Meeting Report from the Program Review and Assessment Committee:
 - i. We reviewed the Biology Department’s 5-year report. Our members are hoping to finish reviewing the document by next Tuesday, but we will not meet. We will meet and discuss the Educational Studies Program next on Tuesday, November 18.
 - d. When will we have student senate photos or name tags updated?

VI. Pipinich, 2025 Class Representative----

- a. No Report.

VII. Hehman, 2025 Class Representative----

- a. Pip and I are meeting with our advisor, Tammy, on Thursday to discuss what information should be sent to Seniors regarding our “Let’s Taco ‘Bout It” event so those who could not attend still receive important information. We will also be discussing upcoming plans for future events.
- b. Let’s Taco ‘Bout It had over 60 people attend, and seniors are beginning to think about commencement plans.

VIII. XXX, Public Relations

- a. VACANT

IX. XXX, Diversity---

- a. (newly) VACANT

X. Livingston, Diversity---

- a. PCDEI Meeting (Only aspects relevant to Student Senate)

- i. Discussed Bias Incidents in Tower & Ferncliff.
- ii. Title VI is live as of October 24th
 - 1. No training required for students (required for faculty).
 - 2. Against racism and harassment.
- iii. Reminders about the Election and Free speech regulations
 - 1. Election is Nov. 5th
 - 2. Anything that is threats, harassing, inciting violence, or hate speech will not be protected.
- iv. Land Acknowledgement’s User’s Manual
 - 1. The student senate will have a chance to review the document to get student feedback.

- b. Events

- i. “Dia de los Muertos” Will be cohosted by the Mi Gente organization and the International Education Department.
 - 1. November 1st, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm
 - 2. Marigolds will be made and served at the event.
- ii. MLK Convocation

1. We have a guest speaker picked out.
 2. Still gathering leaders to help with the event (Shades of pearl and CBS, others are welcome to join).
 - c. Cultural Diversity Senator
 - i. Anaiah Lightner sent an email earlier stepping down from the other Cultural Diversity Senator position.
 1. Stepping down due to busy schedule.
 2. Casey, Khi, and Katie also received this email.
- XI. Archer, Student Organizations ----
 - a. Collecting final Rosters for student organizations
 - i. Due date this Friday, 11/1 by noon. Failure to do so results in a loss of 25Live and P-Card access until the document is submitted.
 - b. There is a new Interest form for the ski and snowboard club coming soon.
- XII. XXX, Residence Hall Association----
 - a. VACANT.
 - b. Waiting on RHA for appointment
- XIII. Raymond, Witten'burbs
 - a. RHA had their first meeting last night. A few people were interested, and the meeting went well.
- XIV. Simpson, Fraternity and Sorority Life ----
 - a. Katie Stotsky emailed all chapter presidents yesterday to inform us that when the university migrated systems this summer, we lost the FERPA release section on all bid acceptances, which allows us to share Midterm Grades for nationals.
 - i. Therefore, all members of each chapter need to complete the bid acceptance form again by the end of next week.
 - b. For safe social hosting, Kristina Bryant Reed will be handling the meetings (instead of the SOAR-required involvement).

- i. Please make sure to fill out the form at least two weeks in advance to be considered for approval. This new form is not automatically sent to your advisor, so when you submit the form, you will need to tell your advisor to send their approval for you to host your function.
- c. All chapters have initiation dates set, and they all should be turned into Katie Stotsky at this point.

XV. Patton, Interfaith ----

- a. Weaver Chapel Association:
 - i. On November 4th, we are going to the top of the Chapel tower with Lt. Lee McCartney.
 - ii. On November 11th, we are doing a Q&A session with Pastor Tracy.
 - iii. Still looking for volunteers to help plan the CROP Walk on April 12, 2025!
- b. Cru:
 - i. November 30th: Halloween Party.
 - ii. Men's Bible Study is in Post 95 at 9 on Thursdays.
 - iii. Women's Bible Studies are in Sprecher 15 on Sundays and the Blair Mezzanine Tower on Mondays at 8.
 - iv. Underclassman Overnight (Under/Over) registration is available for all underclassmen students. It takes place on November 1st and 2nd at Five14 Church.
- c. At 11:00 today, the Chapel collaborated with the Political Science department to discuss the ELCA's vision statement for "Civic engagement and values" and had a nice conversation. Thank you to the students, faculty, and staff that attended!
- d. Weekly Chapel times are still Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12-12:20 and Sunday at 4:30.
 - i. Pastor Tracy and I are both aware that I am filling two roles right now. Abigail Anderson has volunteered for the position. I spoke to Pastor Tracy about this, and she approves of this position change.

XVI. McCans, Student Athletics Senator ----

- a. Athletics are having “Tiger Madness” this Thursday from 7-9 in the Pam Evans Smith Arena, you could win \$10,000 from a half-court shot.
- XVII. Harper, Class Representative 2026----
 - a. Lots of talk amongst upperclassmen worrying about Wittenberg’s future, trying to assuage fears and reminding students about the current processes trying to protect students.
- XVIII. Burnside, Class Representative 2026----
 - a. No Report.
- XIX. Monroe, Class Representative 2027----
 - a. No Report.
- XX. Werner, Class Representative 2027----
 - a. No Report.
- XXI. Clark, Class Representative 2028----
 - a. On Sunday in Firestine the fire alarm went off at 10 p.m. because there was smoke in the laundry room since someone stuffed the washer which smelled like smoke can caused the smoke.
 - i. We had to evacuate and stay out of the dorm for a little bit until we heard from others like our RA for example, that it was clear.
 - b. There were activities happening around campus for Halloween.
- XXII. Schiff, Class Representative 2028----
 - a. No Report.
- XXIII. Gill, Advisor
 - a. Land Acknowledgement:
 - i. Livingston already spoke about the Land Acknowledgment presented by the PCDEI and DAC. Before it goes to the board for full approval, it will go to the students in the student senate. Our feedback is important as the students' voice. The intention is to honor the first people who occupied this land, and it is important for recognizing our history as an institution.
 - b. Election day:

- i. November 5th is Election Day, and we all have a duty to recognize our civic duty and vote!
 - ii. On Tuesday, there will be a special Tiger Up Tuesday “I Voted” Stickers
 - iii. 8-10:30 Student Watch Party in Founders with Student Involvement
 - iv. Student Development is working for transportation for students who need to get to go and vote.
- c. Timely Care:
 - i. Using the app and spreading the word via word of Mouth is beneficial.
 - ii. Also, remember students get 5 free visits to the health clinic and can get a flu shot and COVID vaccination.
- d. Registration:
 - i. The registrar sent out the times for registration (as per response from last week) and it should be going smoothly now.
- e. Last year, there were more students with financial holds on registration. New initiatives have allowed more students to go on payment plans, which are beneficial for students to pay the university and to stay more engaged and retained in the university life.
- f. W Day:
 - i. Perfect weather, playlist, t-shirts: Thank you for your help and participation!

Committee Reports:

- I. Peña, Special Events----
 - a. No Report.
- II. Smith, Finance----
 - a. No Report.
- III. Carroll, Student Life----
 - a. No Report.

Open Forum:

- Timely Care: Student Senate Tabling for Tiger Counseling, NAMI, and prizes? For Tiger Up Tuesday 11-1?
 - Livingston, Schiff, Pena, and Clark volunteered.

Old Business:

- Claire Patton was approved to be the new faculty-student coordinator. Pena passed a motion, and Carroll seconded.

New Business:

- Abigail Anderson presented her statement of candidacy to be the new interfaith senator.
 - Junior Spanish Education major, involved in WCA, Cru, and wanted to get involved in the senate.
 - Pena motioned, Carroll Seconded.
- Gracie Pantalone for new PR
 - Expressed interest in public relations with a statement of candidacy.
 - Pena motioned; Simpson Seconded.
- Swag: When will student senate photos or name tags be updated?
 - Swag considerations: Quarter zip, cross-body bag, or vest
- New Opening for Diversity Senator: Let others know about this new vacancy!

Announcements:

Adjournment:

- a. Motion to adjourn: Carroll

b. Second: Harper

c. Time: 7:33 P.M.