

Wittenberg University Student Senate Minutes

SENATE MEETING AGENDA

On Tuesday, **November 12th, 2024** at 7:00 p.m., in the Offices of Student Senate, the Student Senate held a meeting with the following persons present: *Carroll, Pena, Smith, Lowry, Patton, Pipinich, Hehman, Pantalone, Livingston, Raymond, Simpson, Archer, Anderson, McCans, Harper, Burnside, Monroe, Werner, Clark, Schiff, Gill*

Call to Order/Roll Call:

- a. Tardus:
- b. *in Absentia:* Harper, Werner

Installations: The following senators were installed on November 12th, 2024 by President Khi Carroll:

- Abigail Anderson
- Gracie Pantalone

October 29th, 2024, Minutes: Passes

Special Reports: Union Board Witt Fest Presentation

Officer Reports:

- I. Carroll, President---
 - a. Tabling for TimelyCare will be held on Tuesday, December 3rd
 - i. Working with Tiger Counseling for this event.
 - b. Gracie Pantalone and Abigail Anderson were sworn in today.
 - c. Nyqueze, a first-year student, will join us during the open forum to ask questions about the Witt Walmart rides.

- d. Any more opinions on swag?
- II. Peña, Vice President---
 - a. No Report.
- III. Smith, Treasurer---
 - a. No Report.
- IV. Lowry, Secretary---
 - a. Please update your reports on Monday using the Word document sent!
 - i. Reminder: you get one unexcused absence a semester.
 - b. We currently have a vacancy in one of our Diversity positions:
 - i. Any suggestions?
- V. Patton, Faculty Student Coordinator----
 - Thank you to those who attended the Faculty Meeting last Tuesday. We did not meet quorum so there was no meeting, but the notes from the reports I will link here: 11_5_24 Faculty meeting Notes .docx
 - i. Worth looking over are the updates for enrollment management and the financial update from President Frandsen.
 - ii. If you are unable to make the meetings and you are expected to attend, please email me (pattonc@wittenberg.edu) as soon as possible to fill the position for that meeting.
 - iii. The next faculty meeting is Tuesday, December 3rd at 4:00. Refer to the schedule for upcoming meetings.
 - b. To confirm and update: Committee Positions and Vacancies:
 - i. Educational Policies Committee (meets on Teams on Thursdays, 4:00-5:00)
 - I) Raymond and Patton serve.
 - II) We are discussing the faculty status of the Director of Thomas Library with the changes in faculty.
 - III) It is concerning for the committee that the lack of quorum means that no provisions can be passed by the faculty.
 - IV) The following courses are being updated:
 - a. New Courses and Revisions
 - i. EDUC 585 Reading and Writing Theory and Research
 - ii. EDUC 587 MTSS and Data-Based Decision Making
 - iii. EDUC 605 Instruction and Assessment Foundational Literacy Skills

- iv. EDUC 610 Advanced Literacy Instruction and Assessment
- v. PUBH 302 Health Services
- b. Other Revisions
 - i. PSYC 251 Witt in Costa Rica
- ii. The Program Review and Assessment Committee (meets on Tuesdays without a Faculty meeting on Teams at 4:00).
 - I) Patton and Simpson Serve.
 - II) We approved the Biology Department's 5-year plan evaluation and will share it with the chair of the Biology department soon.
 - We finished reviewing the Educational Studies department's first
 5-year plan and will distribute our evaluation worksheet before
 Thanksgiving.
- iii. The Athletic Policy and Recreation Committee.
 - I) Harper and McCans serve.
- iv. Diversity Advisory Committee
 - I) Peña and Livingston serve.
- v. Facilities and Environment Committee.
 - I) Raymond and Patton serve.
 - a. Lowry will be available next semester.
 - II) I think they last met on Monday, October 28th at 4. I emailed Dr. Thistlethwaite about Raymond and Patton joining, but the committee is not as active this year with the reduced faculty, so we will see what happens next.
- vi. General Education Advisory Committee meets on Wednesdays, 1:50-2:50 (in Science 243.).
 - I) Livingston serves, but one more student would be appreciated.
 - II) The committee is discussing filing faculty holes on the committee and helping bring forward issues for faculty committee structures going forward.
- vii. International and Field Studies committee: Meets one time a month on Tuesday or Thursday at 4. Preferably, students will have international experiences as an international student, study away, or field study.
 - I have contacted Annie Miloser and Aleksandra Slenk, but if anyone else has these experiences, interest, and availability, please let me know. We need 1 more student (I can cover as a backup).
- c. Did I miss any committees anyone is currently serving on?

- VI. Pipinich, 2025 Class Representative---
 - a. Met with Tammy last Thursday and went over dates for the next events the rest of the year.
 - b. Currently working on some class of 2025 merch
 - c. Booked "Less Wise" Band for 02/06/2025
 - d. Sending out an email this week to seniors who missed Taco Bout It event along with dates of important events
 - e. Continue to donate to the senior class fund (\$20.25 minimum earns your philanthropy cord)
 - f. Applications for graduation went live!
- VII. Hehman, 2025 Class Representative---
 - a. Exact as Pipinich, 2025 Class Representative.
- VIII. Pantalone, Public Relations
 - a. No Report.
- IX. XXX, Diversity--
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- X. Livingston, Diversity--
 - a. Meeting With Joi
 - i. MLK Convocation
 - I) Chosen speaker is Nic Stone, author of Dear Martin.
 - a. Students are encouraged to read Dear Martin over winter break, with the option to continue reading the trilogy if interested.
 - b. We also ask the Student Senate to promote this book within their networks.
 - ii. Speaker Announcement: The speaker will be officially announced this week if it hasn't been already.
 - b. McClain Events
 - i. CBS/SOP
 - I) Friendsgiving- Nov. 24th
 - a. There will be catering for the event.
 - b. Open to all students who donate at least 1 canned good.
 - c. Location & Time: TBD

- ii. CBS
 - I) Winter Formal- Dec. 6th
 - a. Location & Time: 8 to 11 and location TBD
 - b. Open to all students (not just CBS members)
 - c. Variety of music to respect cultures.
- iii. Mi Gente
 - I) Dia de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead) Event- Nov. 1st
 - a. Successful event, around 60+ students came out.
 - II) First Interest Meeting- Nov. 13th
 - a. Location & Time: Hollenbeck 131 at 9 pm
 - b. Please share this information with any students who may be interested.
- c. Land Acknowledgement Guide
 - i. Land Owners Acknowledgement
 - I) Here is a link so Senate can view it and give feedback.
- XI. Archer, Student Organizations ---
 - a. Finalizing review of Active Organization Rosters
 - i. The following clubs can no longer schedule in 25Live due to lack of roster:
 - I) Astronomy Club
 - II) Pre-Health Club
 - III) Get WITT Crew
 - IV) The Swift Society
 - V) Witt Gramming Club
 - VI) Phi Kappa Psi
 - b. Meet with James for "Ski Club"
 - Reviewed their constitution
 - Working on their presentation
 - Should be prepared to present to senate within our next two meetings
 - c. Another interest form was submitted, "Line Dancing"
- XII. XXX, Residence Hall Association---
 - a. VACANT.
 - b. Waiting on RHA for appointment
- XIII. Raymond, Wittenburbs

- a. Info about burbs and residence halls closing for Thanksgiving and winter break has been sent out. Burbs weekly newsletter was sent out.
- XIV. Simpson, Fraternity and Sorority Life ---
 - a. Elections are happening this month for all chapters.
- XV. Anderson, Interfaith ---
 - a. Weaver Chapel Association:
 - i. On November 4th, we went to the top of the Chapel tower with Lt. Lee McCartney.
 - ii. On November 11th, we had a Q&A session with Pastor Tracy.
 - iii. Still looking for volunteers to help plan the CROP Walk on April 12, 2025.
 - I) Let Patton know if you are interested.
 - b. Cru:
 - i. October 30th Halloween Party.
 - ii. Underclassman Overnight (Under/Over) was November 1st and 2nd at Five14 Church.
 - iii. Youngs Night on Friday 11/8 Pizza before and ice cream at Youngs
 - iv. Men's Bible Study is in Post 95 at 9 on Thursdays.
 - Women's Bible Studies are in Sprecher 15 on Sundays at 7 and the Blair Mezzanine Tower on Mondays at 8
 - c. Weekly Chapel times are still Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12-12:20 and Sunday at 4:30.
 - Chapel on Sunday 11/10 was replaced by attending a service at St.
 Raphael Church to show support for the Haitian community sponsored by a church in Solon, Ohio. A meal followed.
 - ii. 11/12 Veterans Day chapel.
- XVI. McCans, Student Athletics Senator ---
 - a. SAAC Meeting tonight

- i. Speaker: Coach Davis, Assistant Softball Coach
- b. Planning a welcome back night from the start of 2025 and the Spring Semester
 - i. Details to come
- c. The Athletic Policy Committee had a meeting last Tuesday regarding Spring Schedules.
- XVII. Harper, Class Representative 2026---
 - a. No Report.
- XVIII. Burnside, Class Representative 2026----

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- XIX. Monroe, Class Representative 2027---
 - a. No Report.
- XX. Werner, Class Representative 2027---
 - a. No Report.
- XXI. Clark, Class Representative 2028---
 - a. No Report.
- XXII. Schiff, Class Representative 2028---
 - a. No Report.
- XXIII. Gill, Advisor
 - a. Thanksgiving meal is in the CDR this Thursday for dinner
 - b. Late Night Breakfast is scheduled for December 8th.

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. Swag options
 - a. Plush Blankets
 - b. Quarter Zips
 - c. Crewnecks
 - i. Vote result: Quarter Zips
- II. End of Semester Holiday Party
 - a. December 3rd
 - b. Li Room with Parkhurst Catering

Old Business:

New Business:

Announcements: Service on the Stoop this Thursday at 5, Mi Gente Club Interest Meeting 11/23

Adjournment:

- a. Motion to adjourn: Pena
- b. Second: Monroe
- c. Time: 7:35 PM