



Wittenberg University Student Senate Minutes

SENATE MEETING AGENDA

Student Senate

Wittenberg University

On Tuesday, **January 22nd, 2025** 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
- b. *in Absentia*: Smith, Simpson

November 19th, 2024, Minutes: Approved

Installments

- a. The following students were installed on this date.
 - a. Carter Binford, RHA

Officer Reports:

- Carroll, President----
 - o Welcome new members!
- Peña, Vice President----
 - o No Report.
- Smith, Treasurer----
 - o No Report.
- Lowry, Secretary----
 - o Reminder to check the schedule posted for the semester!
 - o Senate Retreat is 1/25 from 12-2.
 - i. 1/25 12-2
- Patton, Faculty Student Coordinator----
 - o (Sorry for the lengthy update, but it has been a busy month!)

- o **There is a faculty meeting on Tuesday, January 14th at 4 in the Bailey Auditorium. Please attend if you are supposed to come!**
 - i. President (Khi Carroll)
 - ii. Senior Class Representative (~~Victoria Pipinich~~)
 - iii. Junior Class Representative (Taylor Harper)
 - iv. Sophomore Class Representative (Sydney Werner)
 - v. Freshman Class Representative (Ava Schiff)
 - vi. Student Athletics Representative (Megan McCans)
 - vii. Cultural Diversity Senator (Avery Livingston)
 - viii. Faculty Student Senator (me, Claire Patton)
- o There is a motion this week that was passed reducing the number of student senate representatives from 8 (currently) to 6 (new number for next semester) to reduce the percentage of student representatives by 25% in accordance with the 25% faculty cut next year. Dr. Rosenberg, Chair of the Faculty Executive Board, explained that “One of the motions [being made on Tuesday] is to reduce the number of students from 8 to 6. This pretty much keeps the proportions the same as the faculty is being reduced by 25% as well. The number of students being set at 8 actually was established when there were 130 faculty members. This is not meant to disrespect students or mute their voice, but rather just to make the numbers align. If you have concerns or want to discuss it, let me know, I just didn't want to blindside you and other students on Tuesday.”
- o Six members of the Student Senate met with the FEB at 3:30 today to discuss this and we all understood the rationale and are ready to proceed with adjusting our bylaws in the coming weeks to align with the new motion.
 - i. Our current senator representatives are: President, Faculty Student Senator, Student Athletics Representative, Cultural Diversity Senator, and four class representatives (First-year, sophomore, junior, senior).

- ii. This was approved with the faculty meeting vote this afternoon. I am suggesting that as of next year, we move to a numerical-based representation over a position-based representation.
 - 1. Thoughts or comments? My plan is to make a motion to change the constitution next week because the faculty just voted today.
- o The Faculty Meeting on December 3rd was informative. Read more about what was discussed in the folder on Student Senate's Teams.
- o After I was selected to serve as the student representative on the Presidential Search Committee, I was put in contact with Doug Kentfield, the chair of the Presidential Search Committee and a long time Board member.
 - i. Thank you to all who voiced their opinions at the student listening sessions and through the email survey. I will try my hardest to advocate for the needs of the student body in the next president.
 - ii. Updates: We have our work cut out for us as we try to find a candidate who will best serve Wittenberg's dynamic needs and multiple vacancies. Along with me, the 14 members of the search committee including 3 faculty, 1 staff, 1 Alumni Board representative, 1 Emeritus Board member, and 8 members of the Board of Directors:
 - 1. Chair Doug Kentfield
 - 2. Vice Chair John Shumate
 - 3. Alumni Board Chair Kelly Sumption
 - 4. FEB Chair Dr. Rosenberg
 - 5. Staff Voice Elizabeth Howe
 - 6. Tenured Faculty James Allen
 - 7. Non-tenured faculty Emily West
 - 8. Student Representative Claire Patton
 - 9. Board Member Steve Neely
 - 10. Board member William Bogs
 - 11. Board member Bill Edwards

12. Board Member Suzanne Dillahunt

13. Board member James Lasko

14. Board Member Wendy Ford

- iii. This month, our goals include gathering applicant candidates and reviewing their credentials.
- iv. We also created a president search profile of Wittenberg to distribute to candidates.
- v. We will meet at least another 6 times throughout the semester as the search continues, and I will continue to update my meeting minutes accordingly with our progress.
- o Committee Updates:
 - i. There are some changes coming to committee structures next semester to streamline the University governance structure with the changes coming to the faculty next year.
 - ii. Educational Policies Committee
 - 1. At the Faculty Meeting, there was a motion to approve the revision to PSYC 251: Psychopathology and make it an asynchronous course next semester.
 - 2. The other courses that were approved for revisions were as follows:
 - a. CMDM 201 removed a prerequisite of CMDM 101.
 - b. The biology department asked to mark multiple courses as inactive because there are no professors to teach anymore:
 - i. BIOL 104: Evolution of Animal Sex
 - ii. BIOL 130: The Botanical world (because the course was listed twice)
 - iii. BIOL 133: Intro to Ornithology
 - iv. BIOL 140: Understanding Evolution

- v. BIOL 219: Immunology
 - vi. BIOL 226: Vertebrate Zoology
 - vii. BIOL 238: Entomology
 - viii. BIOL 241: Freshwater Ecology
 - ix. BIOL 242: Behavioral Ecology
 - x. BIOL 316: Molecular Genetics and Bioinformatics
 - xi. BIOL 347: Evolution
- c. The Biology Department asked to change the name of “BIOL 201: Biological Literacy” to “BIOL 201: Technical Writing”. They also requested to change the title of “BIOL 227: Microbiology” to “BIOL 227: Microbiology and immunology”
 - d. The Biology Department also asked to change the course descriptions of “BIOL 204: Medical Terminology I” and “BIOL 204: Medical Terminology II” to include the phrase “Course registration is open to pre-health professional students only.”
- iii. The Program Review and Assessment Committee
 - 1. Patton and Simpson serve. We will meet next in March and will discuss the size of the committee then.
 - iv. The Athletic Policy and Recreation Committee.
 - 1. Harper and McCans serve. This committee is being sunsetted by next semester.
 - v. Diversity Advisory Committee
 - 1. Peña and Livingston serve. This committee is merging with the programming board by next semester and will have increased responsibilities in the future.
 - vi. Facilities and Environment Committee.

1. Raymond and Patton serve. There have been no meetings. This committee is being sunsetted by next semester.
- vii. General Education Advisory Committee meets on Wednesdays, 1:50-2:50 (in science 243.).
1. As of this semester, they are moving to Wednesday from 4:10 to 5:10. One more student is needed to serve on this committee.
 2. Livingston serves, but one more student would be appreciated because he is no longer available.
 - a. Pena will be serving this semester due to the date change.
 3. The committee celebrated Dr. Mattison's work on the committee before he left in December.
 4. They also discussed Dr. Collier's proposed changes to the biology department, described in the EPC report above.
- viii. International and Field Studies committee:
1. Miloser, Slenk, and Patton serve. There have been no meetings. This committee is continuing next semester.
- o For your information, Faculty committees are changing. The Programming Board, Athletic Policy and Recreation Committee, Facilities and Environment Committee, and the Board of Directors Liaisons are being sunsetted. This is designed to "accommodate the decreased number of faculty positions at Wittenberg beginning in Fall 2025."
- Pipinich, 2025 Class Representative----
 - o Meeting with Tammy soon to discuss 100 days until graduation!
 - o 100 days: Feb 6th 7-8:30 pm; Founders Pub; drinks and food (senioritis; and submit class picks (motto, song, flower, etc)
 - o Need entertainment bc original band backed out, thoughts on comedian, karaoke, DJ?
 - i. Potentially another student DJ.
 - o Commencement speaker will be announced

- Hehman, 2025 Class Representative----
 - Same as above
- Pantalone, Public Relations
 - Please fill out the form. The posts are coming out!
 - i. <https://forms.gle/PogDCQJL5aXZEL127>
 - Blanket Hoodies have won, unless there are **strong** feelings against them.
 - Clubs post is coming out after all senators are introduced.
 - Everyone please follow @wittsenate on instagram.
- XXX, Diversity---
 - VACANT
- Livingston, Diversity---
 - MLK Convocation is this coming Monday at 10 am. Please attend!
- Archer, Student Organizations ----
 - Officer Transition Form
 - i. Please fill this out with any transitions that are happening within your organization for exec positions (pres, VP, sec, treas) and advisors.
 - ii. https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=3NOspsTNA0-yd1DJAYOsPa3OOUySMBtLqhLH_jXrjKBUODITVkk3OVBOWE1aSDdUTkIRV0FPQUdUTy4u
 - 1. Due January 15th
 - The spring SOAR will be January 18th
 - i. **Reminder that it is mandatory that all exec members are in attendance.**
 - ii. Please plan to be in attendance from 8:30AM - 3PM. A final schedule will be emailed out to everyone mid next week.
 - iii. Everyone in attendance must fill out this form so we can get an accurate account of how many people will be in attendance and any dietary restrictions. Fill out the form below:
 - 1. https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=3NOspsTNA0-yd1DJAYOsPa3OOUySMBtLqhLH_jXrjKBUNVhNNDBQVU5YMFNYQzRFNTY1RVExTkgxRC4u
 - Annual Organization Registration

- i. Each year we do an annual registration of all student organizations to gather information about each org to make sure we have the most up to date information. All organizations are required to fill this out.
 - ii. You will need your accurate roster with those that will be members as of the Spring 2025 semester so make sure to remove all graduating seniors or anyone not planning to return (must be in the format of the template attached) and your most up to date constitution (it would be a good idea to do a review of this before the end of the semester). If the roster is not in the appropriate format, you will have to resubmit it and will not have access to your org funding or room reservations until it is completed correctly.
 - 1. *If a resubmit is needed, please **upload a file and do not share the file** as multiple people will need access to it and that becomes difficult with a shared file.*
 - iii. https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=3NOspsTNA0-yd1DJAYOsPa30OUySMBtLqhLH_jXrjKBUQzVaVzhQWlpNSDUxTkJQUzJSRzFZWTE2OS4u
 - iv. **Organization interest:** Line Dancing, Witt Run Club, Snowboarding/Ski Club
- Carter Binford, Residence Hall Association----
- o Carter Binford will be joining us as the new RHA Senator!
 - o RHA is meeting next Monday.
- Raymond, Witten'burbs
 - o There is salt for melting ice available in Student Development for Burbs residents.
 - i. One bag per residence.
- Simpson, Fraternity and Sorority Life ----
 - o Reaching out to new presidents and Katie to get our monthly meetings started for the semester.
 - o Recruitment started on the first day of classes for informal recruitment so at any time, students can be receiving bids from chapters!
 - i. Look out for fun events from all the chapters if you're not involved!
- Anderson, Interfaith ----
 - o Weaver Chapel Association will be meeting Monday's at 7
 - o Cru is still meeting Wednesdays at 8

- o Crop Walk is meeting at 8 tonight
- McCans, Student Athletics Senator ----
 - o SAAC is meeting soon, has not yet met this semester.
- Harper, Class Representative 2026----
 - o No Report.
- Burnside, Class Representative 2026----
 - o No Report.
- Monroe, Class Representative 2027----
 - o No Report.
- Werner, Class Representative 2027----
 - o The Student Alumni Association is still interested in teaming up to do the nearly naked mile.
- Clark, Class Representative 2028----
 - o No Report.
- Schiff, Class Representative 2028----
 - o No Report.
- Garret Scales, Advisor
 - o IT update – windows 11 migration needs to be completed by end of the summer so they will be working on that. Working on grants for other projects.
 - o The search for VP of Advancement and VP of Enrollment Management will happen concurrently with Presidential search beginning mid-semester (hopefully March).

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. Back to Campus Bingo

a. Hoping to do bingo with back to school bingo with small prizes and a large
black out prizes

II. Later in the semester: Trivia Tabling before elections.

Old Business:

New Business:

Announcements:

Adjournment:

a. Motion to adjourn: Pena

b. Second: Harper

c. Time: 7:24 P.M.