



## Wittenberg University Student Senate Minutes

### Outline Below:

#### *SENATE MEETING AGENDA*

On Tuesday, **April 16th** at 7:00 p.m., in the Offices of Student Senate, the Student Senate held a Meeting with the following persons present:

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call:
  - a. *Tardus*: Lightner
  - b. *in Absentia*: Raymond, Neutzling

#### **Minutes approved by:**

- II. Special Order
  - a. **Club Golf Presentation** —
    - i. This organization presented earlier this year, but there were fundamental concerns about how many club membership cards they were looking to get and how course usage would be determined amongst members. Since then, they have met with Jade to address these issues, and made a number of large changes to the constitution and needed to come back to Student Senate to approve of the “new” club.
    - ii. The varsity coach of the golf team will also be advisor to club golf.
    - iii. They are currently looking at purchasing 3, 2-year memberships (\$200 each for a total of \$600) at Reid Park Golf Course. These membership cards would then be given out to foursome groups on any **weekday**.
      1. It is the suggestion of Student Senate that the club purchases 4 membership cards so that the club president does not need to be in the group every time.
    - iv. How would delegation of membership cards be made to ensure that all active club members are given an equal opportunity to utilize these?
      1. Either by creating an excel sheet sign up so that it’s easy to see who has signed up for multiple tee-times, or by coordinating with student involvement to delegate these cards responsibly.

- III. Officer Reports/Goals: (10 minutes)
- a. **Gardner, President** —
    - i. Handprint painting after this meeting!
    - ii. End of the year dinner (for outgoing senate members)
      - 1. Ridgewood Café, April 30th at 6:00pm
        - a. Headcount: 18
  - b. **Dewey, Vice President** —
    - i. No report.
  - c. **Kuzilwa, Treasurer** —
    - i. Presenting the budget allocation today.
    - ii. Emailed the incoming treasurer [Dawson Smith] last Wednesday.
    - iii. Build a Better Wittenberg (BABW) has \$13,100 left in the budget for this year, with only 3 clubs signing up to utilize this fund over the course of the entire academic year (with all three requests taking place in the fall semester).
    - iv. Tiger Fund has used \$25,640 of the \$26,000 over the course of the year, with 19 requests being made from organizations.
    - v. Will be proposing an amendment to the funding philosophy to increase the cap of stipend for advisors/coaches who are not faculty/staff of the university, from \$1,500 to an *undecided* amount.
  - d. **XXX, Secretary** —
    - i. No report.
  - e. **Terrell, FSC** —
    - i. No report.
  - f. **Stern, 2024** —
    - i. This upcoming Thursday (4-18-2024) at \_\_\_\_\_ is the Senior Salute event on the steps of Myers Hall. Come to this event to pick up your fundraising cord (if you donated to the senior gift), tickets for graduation, and to take the all-class photo.
      - 1. This event shouldn't take longer than 30 minutes!
      - 2. If you are unable to make the event, email Brandee Bates Kern ([bbates@wittenberg.edu](mailto:bbates@wittenberg.edu)) to pickup your items.
    - ii. On Thursday, May 9 from 4:30-7:30 is Senior Sendoff will be taking place at Mother Stewarts. Make sure to fill out the link in the email in the email Casey Gill sent out TODAY in order to get a free drink, and the first 100 responses will receive a free voucher for the food truck that will be at the event (Under Pressure Mobile Kitchen Food Truck).
    - iii. Continue to promote and donate to the senior gift! We are currently at \$2,870 raised from 76 gifts and are trying to get up to 100 donations!
  - g. **Peña, Public Relations** —
    - i. No report.
  - h. **Lightner, Diversity** —
    - i. No report.
  - i. **Browning, Student Organizations** —

- i. Golf Club will be presenting today!
  - ii. Working with the incoming Student Organization Senator [Peyton Archer] to meet with Latinx Club for organization purposes.
    - 1. Latinx Club understands that they may not be approved until next year due to the short turnaround.
- j. **Raymond, RHA** —
  - i.
- k. **Hunt, Greek** —
  - i. The last Presidents Roundtable of the semester took place yesterday. Hunt will be uploading all the agendas/minutes from the meetings over the course of the year to the Student Senate Teams page so that the future Greek Life Senator [Reagan Simpson] and the Greek Life Office will have those to reference.
    - 1. Phi Gamma Delta (FIJI) will be re-joining campus in the fall in accordance with a guaranteed agreement made with the University upon their removal from campus. They will participate in recruitment along with all other current fraternities that exist.
    - 2. Sigma Gamma Rho and Phi Beta Sigma will be conducting interest meetings on campus to see if there is enough interest to begin a charter here.
- l. **Weis, Green** —
  - i. The Drag Brunch (taking place at 11:00 on 4-20-2024) details have been finalized and confirmed with Joi Scales.
    - 1. **Volunteers are needed for this event, so please sign up for a segment between 10:30 and 1:30 to help coordinate.**
      - a. You can either let Weis or Specht know directly that you're willing to help.
- m. **XXX, AAPIIC** —
  - i. No report.
- n. **Compton, Witten'Burbs** —
  - i. Waiting for the invoice from Angie Keller regarding the sanitation stations and will be sent to Kuzilwa as soon as that comes in.
- o. **Dicks, CBS** —
  - i. CBS has officially opened up its election nominations for next year, and hopefully there will be a new senator slated for next year soon!
- p. **Patton, Interfaith** —
  - i. Thank you for supporting the Crop Walk! We had over 20 walkers and raised over \$1300.00 to fight hunger!
  - ii. Chapel will be at 4:30 in Weaver Chapel on Sunday after being in Hiller Chapel this weekend to accommodate the Honors Percussion ensemble.
  - iii. Cru's Women's Bible studies are finished for the semester, but there will still be weekly meetings until April 24<sup>th</sup> in Blair 101 on Wednesday evenings at 8:00.
  - iv. WCA will meet on April 22 and finish for the semester on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

- v. Chapel time will end after April 25<sup>th</sup>.
- q. **Neutzling, SAAC** —
  - i.
- r. **Specht, GSDA** —
  - i. What They Were Wearing exhibit is still ongoing in Shoumlin Atrium
  - ii. Take Back the Night event will be taking place this upcoming Thursday (4-18-2024)
    - 1. Walk begins at Shoumlin at 7 pm
    - 2. Open mic will take place in Founders at 8 pm
  - iii. Drag Brunch is this upcoming Saturday (4-20-2024) from 11-1
    - 1. Food will be provided!
    - 2. Please sign up to volunteer so the event goes smoothly :)
  - iv. Boys Don't Cry and the final general body meeting for GSDA will take place Monday, April 22 at 6 pm in Blair 101
  - v. Lavendar Graduation will take place Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm
    - 1. RSVP is required for attendance, sign up here:  
<https://wittenberg.jotform.com/240724319617962>
- s. **Pipinich, 2025** —
  - i. No report.
- t. **Harper, 2026** —
  - i. No report.
- u. **Lowry, 2027** —
  - i. No report.
- v. **Gill, Advisor** —
  - i. WittFest is this upcoming Saturday, so make sure you claim your tickets if you want to attend.
    - 1. This is a large event that Student Senate helps provide a lot of funding for, so please try to be there.
    - 2. Make smart decisions throughout the day.
  - ii. Every year Student Senate appoints students to serve on faculty committees, so Terrell will be appointing students over summer and early next fall.
  - iii. If you are designated to go to faculty meetings, make sure you are in attendance because Student Senate is given a total of 8 votes, which is a significant portion of the voting block there.
    - 1. If you are concerned about course catalog changes, department cutbacks, etc. this is a great way for you to make sure your concerns are heard and addressed.
  - iv. With the new changes to the Parkhurst Meal Plan requirements, they are currently hosting CDR food forums. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about the food provided in the CDR, attend these meetings so that adjustments can be made over summer, and you will see the food you want.

- IV. Committee Reports: (5 minutes)
  - a. **Dewey, Special Events** —
    - i. The election results email will be sent out tomorrow (4-17-2024) after proposed amendments to add and remove senate positions are decided upon today.
  - b. **Kuzilwa, Finance** —
    - i. This whole year we had 19 tiger fund requests so far.
    - ii. Last Tiger Fund/BABW next week April 23
  - c. **Gardner, Student Life** —
    - i. No report.
- V. Open Forum:
  - a. Fitness Center renovations
    - i. The funding philosophy for Student Senate allows the HWA to use Senate funds for general maintenance of the facility.
    - ii. The new equipment has been purchased for the front strength room.
    - iii. Casey will be working with the HWA to develop a format in which funding requests will be made for Student Senate moving forward.
  - b. Budget Cuts Rumors – addressed via Gill
    - i. At the Board of Directors meeting in March the Board asked that faculty make recommendations on how to make budget cuts in their departments. This is a standard protocol for business and universities across the nation.
    - ii. After the faculty got back with the Board, they asked for additional information on certain cuts to certain programs that were not initially suggested by the faculty. This is not a guarantee that the Board is looking to remove these programs, but just gives them more information to work with.
      - 1. If the board were to cut a program, all current students enrolled in that program would be guaranteed a space there until their graduation.
- VI. Old Business:
  - a. [Article IV Section 2 amendment](#)
    - i. Motion to approve the amendment with the additional amendment of removal of GSDA representation by Cultural Diversity Senators – Kuzilwa
    - ii. Seconded – Browning
    - iii. Result – Approved
  - b. [Article IV Section 3 amendment](#)
    - i. What if there is only one representative?
      - 1. This would just be a vacant position; the singular senator would not be given two votes.
    - ii. Amendment to add the following text to each class position:

1. "One of these representatives shall attend faculty meetings with voice and vote. The Other representative shall serve as a University Hearing Board with designated responsibilities enumerated in Article VI of the Constitution of the Wittenberg University Student Government."
  - a. Motion – Dewey
  - b. Seconded – Dicks
  - c. Result - Approved
- iii. Motion – Lowry
- iv. Seconded – Compton
- v. Result – Approved

VII. New Business:

- a. Amendment proposals – Lowry
  - i. [Article IV Section 1:A](#)
  - ii. [Article IV Section 1:D](#)
- b. [Budget allocations](#)
  - i. Look over these allocated funds over the next week, the new Student Senate body will vote to approve or change these allocations at next week's meeting.
  - ii. Proposal to the funding philosophy to make 2% for Recreation Sports consistent throughout the document.
    1. Motion – Kuzilwa
    2. Seconded -
- c. Funding philosophy proposed changes
  - i. Proposal to the funding philosophy to make the reduction of allocated money for Sports and Recreation from 3% to 2% (a vote that was approved earlier this Senate term) consistent throughout the entire text of the funding philosophy.
    1. Motion – Kuzilwa
    2. Seconded – Browning
  - ii. Changing the cap limit of stipend for non-faculty/staff advisors of club sports and organizations to adjust for inflation.
    1. This topic will be tabled for the foreseeable future as it is not deemed ethical by Student Senate to negotiate the stipends that club advisors receive while there are simultaneously conversations happening about university budget cuts.
      - a. Moving forward, it is this Student Senate body composition's recommendation to host a panel for the entire student body to explain how and where different funds are allocated from. This is to help provide transparency of why certain budgets are able to fund various events, activities, etc. without it impacting the university on a larger scale.

- d. Golf Club
  - i. It is the suggestion of Student Senate to adjust the number of membership cards purchased by the club to be 4 rather than 3.
  - ii. Approval is contingent on clearly outlining how the membership card rotation system would work with Student Involvement.
  - iii. Motion – Dicks
  - iv. Seconded – Browning
  - v. Result - Approved

VIII. Announcements:

- a. **COME TO DRAG BRUNCH ON SATURDAY, APRIL 20 FROM 11-1!**

IX. Adjournment:

- a. Motion to adjourn: Dewey at 8:22pm
- b. Second: Browning