

# Wittenberg University Student Senate Minutes

## Outline Below:

### SENATE MEETING AGENDA

On Tuesday, January 30th

- b. Company features
    - i. Complete replacement of machines that the university deems as malfunctioning.
      - 1. Coming up with a mutual definition with the company as to when a machine is deemed as malfunctioning and inoperable.
    - ii. A weekly report from the company regarding what service calls were received from students and the actions that were taken to resolve the issue.
    - iii. A service technician that is assigned to the university and is within a-hour distance from the university and responds to service requests within 24 hours.
    - iv. Weekly regular upkeep of machines.
  - c. General technology features
    - i. Some sort of technology to notify students when the machine with their clothes has completed its cycle to reduce incidents of laundry not being moved.
    - ii. Notifications based on an opt-in basis for students to be notified when a specific machine becomes available.
2. The current contract will end in May and new contract will begin in June.
- ii. Questions and comments from Student Senate.
    - 1. Would these updates apply to machines in the WittenBurb's? (Kuzilwa)
      - a. These changes would only apply to the machines in the dorms.
    - 2. Until the new contract goes into effect, what should students do to respond to laundry issues? (Lowry)
      - a. If students file a report with a laundry issue and are alerted that it has been resolved or there is no issue, reach out to Gwen Owens Director of Residence Life [oweng@wittenberg.edu](mailto:oweng@wittenberg.edu), so that they can respond accordingly.
    - 3. If you have a burbs key, it can currently open doors outside of its designated house identification—primarily WittenBurbs properties that have been divided into multiple apartments, as well as laundry rooms inside of Sprecher/Keller. (Gardner)
      - a. The Residence Life Office will look into what properties are affected on this and report back to Student Senate with its findings and suggested solutions.

4. In terms of the ability to add more washers, can the university emphasize examining the ratio of students living in that dorm to the number of washers offered in the dormitory? (Harper)
    - a. The companies under review will be looking to provide recommendations for how many washers there should be per resident.
  5. Would it be worthwhile for the Residence Life Office to look into creating some laundromat options for the residents in the WittenBurbs? (Senate follow up)
    - a. "I think it's a great idea because not all houses have laundry hookups or access, so this would help alleviate accessibility issues and provide an alternative option for students not wanting to pay \$400 to have a laundry machine inside their residence." (Kuzilwa)
    - b. Placement of the laundromat
      - i. Possibility of two smaller locations to be placed around campus?
- b. Union Board —
- i. WittFest budget presentation (SO #1)
    1. Breakdown of funds already provided from Student Senate.
      - a. 22.3% Fall Semester Programming
        - i. Welcome week hypnotist
        - ii. Fall giveaways (cups, stickers, chapstick, etc.)
        - iii. Homecoming week activities



- i. Transition documents:
  - 1. Please make sure to start a document and list the biggest responsibilities for your position (this should be done before 1/30 meeting)
  - 2. Next, compile a list of important contacts for your position.
    - a. Any other advisors, department and or offices that have been helpful in your position by 2/6)
- ii. Trying to find a time to meet with those interested in collaborating with GSDA for a drag brunch event.
  - 1. Looking to meet this week after Greek Recruitment has finished.
  - 2. Reminder of individuals on this collaboration team:
    - a. Lightner
    - b. Weis
    - c. Dicks
    - d. Gardner
    - e. Harper
    - f. Specht(?)
- iii. Met with athletics regarding scheduling concerns and weight room equipment:
  - 1. Club sports should reach out to Jonathon Levin as early as possible (ideally before the semester has started) to reserve spaces for practices.
    - a. Student Senate is currently working to block off regular time for a couple of hours in the HWA weekly to guarantee times for club sports to meet.
  - 2. ANY STUDENT can use the back weight room during operating hours. Coaches have been trained to accommodate ANY student wishing to use the racks/tracking equipment, even at the busiest of times.
    - a. Follow up with Athletic Department to make sure this is more obvious to students in the weekly email. (Gardner)
    - b. Certain equipment will not be available to all students due to safety concerns (high speed treadmills), but will be clearly identified as such.
  - 3. The athletics building is having a hard time staffing the building, leading to late openings and early closures.
    - a. Based on observations, this is not necessarily an issue in regard to having enough student employees but is rather an issue of management not distributing their workers to maximize efficiency. For example, at any given time during the middle of the day there are 45 student workers at the front desk alone. Can we find a way to better optimize the times student employees are working?

4. Athletics was not aware of their yearly student activity fee allocation.
    - a. Looking to create an athletic task force to help athletics purchase new equipment for the front weight room.
    - b. Is anyone interested in helping?
      - i. Browning
      - ii. Lowry
      - iii. Stern
      - iv. Gardner
  5. There are currently 4 separate schedules revolving around the athletics facility and no one has access to all of them.
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- i. THIS Thursday is 100 days to graduation from 6:30pm in Founders. There will be food and it should be pretty laid back. Please encourage other seniors to attend! The link to RSVP is:
  1. [100 days to graduation link](#)
  2. There will be a way for seniors to vote on class awards even if they are not in attendance.
- g. Peña, Public Relations—
  - i. I'm going to start putting together posts that give a little description/requirement of the senate positions, but I think the best way to ensure that we have a lot of people signing up for positions is word of mouth. So, I want to ask you plan on not being in your position next year, maybe start talking to your friends, teammates, etc. about your position and get them interested in joining senate.
- h. Lightner, Diversity—
  - i. Sent out an email to those involved in the Friday prior to MLK convocation and on the Monday morning of MLK convocation in hopes of receiving reports to specific concerns surrounding the event.
    1. One person responded requesting a meeting be set up between themselves and President Frandsen to address this concern. This meeting is in the works.
- i. Browning, Student Organizations—
  - i. The Office of Student Involvement would like us to start nominating and voting at our last meeting of the month for “Organization of the Month” to be hung in the Student Center. We can do this during new business if that’s what makes the most sense.
    1. Is there a definition for criteria or a definition for this “Organization of the Month”? (Dewey)
      - a. Reach out to Katie Simms to receive specific criteria of how to determine this award so that Student Senate isn’t just voting for the organizations that its members are already apart of (Browning and Gardner)
    2. What is the goal of this award? (Weis)
      - a. To spread the word about student organizations and the events they’re doing.
  - ii. I am also currently working with the Witches of Witt and Wrestling Club to get together documents together so they can present at some point during the semester.
  - iii. Is there an update on LNI being approved as a student organization?
    1. Talked to Dr. Rosenberg and apparently, he has tried to communicate with Rob Young in the past to make LNI an officially recognized student organization, and eventually he got the go ahead, but that apparently fell off at some point and Dr. Rosenberg is trying to figure out how to get back on this. (Lightner)



2. Gill reached out to Rob Young on January 14 and has not heard a response yet.
    - a. Gill followed up with Rob Young and Dr. Rosenberg the course of 130-2024 Student Senate meeting and confirmed that LNI should be all set to be approved as a student organization moving forward.
  3. A theoretical question was asked by Dr. Rosenberg regarding if the organization is approved whether they can utilize the allocated Student Senate funds to purchase the supplies needed to host LNI packing events.
    - a. As long as the funds being used are to purchase materials and not as a financial donation to another non-profit organization, then this is an appropriate use of funds.
- j. Raymond, RHA —
    - i. RHA is co-sponsoring the Step Afrika event. They will be performing on February 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm.
  - k. Hunt, Greek—
    - i. 64 new members in Greek Life
    - ii. Recruitment went well in most chapters but was a struggle for some chapters.
  - l. Weis, Green—
    - i. No report.
  - m. XXX, AAPIIG—
    - i. No report.
  - n. Hummel, Witten'Burbs—
    - i. No report.
  - o. Dick, CBS—
    - i. No report.
  - p. XXX, Interfaith —
    - i. The chapel is returning to Sunday services with an adjusted time to 4:30 pm rather than 11 am.
      1. This time is somewhat tentative, dependent on whether it is

- r. Specht, GSDA —
  - i. We had our first general boy meeting last night and it went great!
  - ii. Our next meeting will be Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in Blair 101 and we will be watching “Love Simon!” Please show up and support.
  - iii.

- i. Talked about having a big event on the night of elections to announce the new senators.
      - 1. Concluded that there would not be enough interest, maybe during the drag brunch?
  - b. Kuzilwa Finance—
    - i. Approved \$200 to the East Asian Studies Club for their Chinese New Year event.
  - c. Gardner, Student Life—
    - i. Students having issues getting into buildings after they close. Specifically in Science and Krieg
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