

**Washburn Student Government Association  
Trautman/Babcock Administration, September 29, 2021**

Position	First Name	Last Name	Present (Beginning)	Present (Final)
Vice-Chair	Mae	Atakpa	Y	Y
Senator	Tevin	Asamoah	Y	Y
Senator	Alisha	Bahjracharya	N	N
Senator	Ajar	Basnet	Y	Y
Allocations Chairperson	Daniel	Buller	Y	Y
Senator	George	Burdick	Y	Y
Communications Chairperson	Katherine	Cook	Y	Y
Senator	Nilam	Dangi	Y	Y
Senator	Ana	Estrada-Vargas	Y	Y
Senator	Cody	Dannar	N	N
Vice-Chair	Tomi	Francis-Ramirez	Y	Y
Senator	Claudia	Fury	Y	Y
Senator	Jacob	Howell	Y	Y
Senator	Sierra	Jeter	Y	Y
Senator	Em	Jordan	Y	Y
Senator	Micaella	Jordan	N	N
Vice-Chair	Ethan	Nelson	Y	Y
Senator	Brycen	Labertew	Y	Y
Senator	Trey	LaRue	Y	Y
Campus & Comm. Affairs Chairperson	Daniel	Lopez	Y	Y
Senator	Keniel	Negron-Gonzalez	Y	Y
Diversity and Inclusion Chairperson	Elizabeth	Ngatia	Y	Y
Parliamentarian	Zac	Surritt	Y	Y
Speaker	Jayce	Wessel	Y	Y
Senator	Kati	Woltje	Y	Y
Senator	Zach	Yelland	N/A	Y

Position	First Name	Last Name	Present (Beginning)	Present (Final)
Campus & Comm. Affairs Director	Shayden	Hanes	Y	Y
Marketing Director	Wyatt	Carter	Y	Y
Admin Assistant	Quinn	Leffingwell	Y	Y
Special Events Director	Ariel	Smith	Y	Y
Diversity and Inclusion Director	Megan	Dorantes	Y	Y
Legislative Research Director	Adam	Young	Y	Y
Budget Director	Eric	Rorstrom	Y	Y
Chief of Staff	Jaron	Caffrey	Y	Y
Vice President	Dylan	Babcock	Y	Y
President	Abby	Trautman	Y	Y
Advisor	Eric	Grospitch	Y	Y

- I. Call to Order – Dylan Babcock
- II. Roll Call – Quinn Leffingwell
- III. Review of Proceeding Meeting Minutes
- IV. Cabinet Reports

- a. Campus & Community Affairs Director Hanes
  - i. Attended URGE Meeting
  - ii. Worked on Student Initiative Grants
  - iii. Thank you to all who helped with Can Empoira
- b. Special Events Director Smith
  - i. Almost to Homecoming!
  - ii. Parade sign up is up and running
  - iii. Finalized decorations
  - iv. Wrote domestic violence resolution
  - v. Send questions next week to Vice-Chairperson Atakpa
- c. Communications & Marketing Director Carter
  - i. Congrats to Vice-Chair Nelson on winning senator of the month!
  - ii. Working on Can Emporia stuff
- d. Diversity and Inclusion Director Dorantes
  - i. Finished up last week podcast
  - ii. Getting started on the next
  - iii. Finished retreat presentation
  - iv. Will be away for fall break
- e. Administrative Assistant Leffingwell
  - i. Made changes to the budget section of the website with Director Rorstrom
  - ii. Ordered name tags and plates
- f. Legislative Director Young
  - i. Worked with Speaker Wessel on amendment
  - ii. Wrote resolution
- g. Budget Director Rorstrom
  - i. Put dynamic form on website
  - ii. Let organizations know of deadlines for funding requests
- h. Chief of Staff Caffrey
  - i. See email about room assignments and dinner on Friday night
  - ii. IA will meet next week to discuss absence appeal forms
  - iii. Forward covid test result to [wsga.chief@washburn.edu](mailto:wsga.chief@washburn.edu)!
- i. Vice President Babcock
  - i. I was in Chicago the past week celebrating my birthday
  - ii. Meeting with University Council with Lyft contract in place of Safe Ride
  - iii. Read report from Jack Van Dam, Chairperson of the University Voter Registration Committee on campus
- j. President Trautman
  - i. NO MEETING NEXT WEEK. No cabinet, committee, or senate. Get some rest!
  - ii. Thank you to those who are getting covid tested!
  - iii. Thank you to everyone who has joined senate! This is the largest group we have had in 6 years.
  - iv. Participate in fundraising for Can Emporia through Bingo cards on Social Media!

- k. Advisor Grosptich
  - i. Still doing vaccine incentives
- V. Committee Reports
  - a. Allocations Chairperson Buller
    - i. Had no funding requests
    - ii. Talked about student development initiative grant
  - b. Campus and Community Affairs Chairperson Lopez
    - i. Tomorrow is end of Can Emporia
    - ii. Please help count cans in the office
    - iii. Gave favorable status to Domestic Violence Awareness resolution
  - c. Communications Chairperson Cook
    - i. Talked about giveaway
      - 1. Just lasts one week
    - ii. Putting together spreadsheet with major and other info for senators
    - iii. Talked about filling final open senate seats in senate
    - iv. Amended and then gave favorable status to breast cancer awareness resolution
    - v. Gave neutral status to Virtual Suggestion Box bill
  - d. By-Laws – Speaker Wessel
    - i. If you want to join By-Laws, please let me know!
  - e. Diversity & Inclusion Chairperson Ngatia
    - i. Met with Danielle Dempsey-Swopes
    - ii. Worked on Indigenous Peoples Month
    - iii. Sign up for the Diversity and Inclusion Committee!
  - f. Nominations – Chief of Staff Caffrey
    - i. Gave favorable status to Yelland Appointment
- VI. Old Business I
  - a. SB 21-22 #042: Virtual Suggestion Box
    - i. Tabled indefinitely
  - b. SR 21-22 #009: Social Media and Mental Health
    - i. Tabled
  - c. SR 21-22 #010: Fossil Fuel Divestment in University Endowment Fund
    - i. Tabled
- VII. New Business I
  - a. SB 21-22 #043: Yelland Appointment
    - i. Passes
- VIII. Public Forum I: Swearing in of New Senator
- IX. New Business II
  - a. SB 21-22 #044: Non-Standing Committees
    - i. Passes
  - b. SR 21-22 #011: Breast Cancer Awareness Month
    - i. Passes
  - c. SR 21-22 #012: Domestic Violence Awareness Month
    - i. Passes

- X. Announcements
- XI. Roll Call
- XII. Adjournment

SB 21-22 #042

Full Senate Meeting: September 22, 2021

TITLE: Virtual Suggestion Box

ORIGINATOR: Senator Nelson

SPONSOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration

STATUS: Communications Committee - Pending

WHEREAS: It is important to gain the feedback of the students of Washburn University, and

WHEREAS: It is also important to have the interests of the students of Washburn University in mind when crafting legislation for Washburn Student Government Association, and

WHEREAS: The ability to understand student opinions can be easily done through online surveys.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association shall create a Google Forms titled "Washburn Virtual Suggestion Box" that will allow a user to type in what changes, if any, they would like the Washburn Student Government Association to try to make, within reason and limitations.

SECTION TWO: The Google Forms shall be promoted through the social media accounts of the Washburn University Student Government Association.

SECTION THREE: The Google Forms shall be available for students to access for at least one week.

SECTION FOUR: After the closure of the Google Forms after at least one week of being available, the Marketing Director shall make a report to the Washburn Student Government Association about the results of the virtual suggestion box.

SECTION FIVE: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

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Abigail Trautman  
WSGA President

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Dylan Babcock  
WSGA Vice President

SR 21-22 #009  
Full Senate Meeting: September 22, 2021

TITLE: Social Media and Mental Health  
ORIGINATOR: Senator Nelson  
SPONSOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration  
STATUS: Communications- Pending

WHEREAS: Social media platforms such as Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, and TikTok play an increasingly large role in the life of American college students, and

WHEREAS: At the same time, social media can have an adverse effect on those who use it, including college students, and

WHEREAS: According to the mental health resource HelpGuide.org, excessive social media use can lead to feelings of loneliness, inadequacy about one's life and/or appearance, and

WHEREAS: Social media users may face additional risks such as cyberbullying and/or harassment, and

WHEREAS: The student body of Washburn University is committed to promoting healthy social media usage.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association shall promote best practices for healthy social media use through its own social media accounts and shall condemn online harassment that college students, especially women, face on social media.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

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Abby Trautman  
WSGA President

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Dylan Babcock  
WSGA Vice President

SR 21-22 #010

Full Senate Meeting: September 22, 2021

TITLE: Fossil Fuel Divestment in University Endowment Fund

ORIGINATOR: Senator Nelson

SPONSOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration

STATUS: Communications Committee - Pending

WHEREAS: According to the latest available records, as of June 30, 2020, Washburn University maintained a \$335,855 investment in mutual funds, and

WHEREAS: Climate change is a serious crisis facing current and future generations, and

WHEREAS: Fossil fuel companies promote consumption of products that worsen climate change, and

WHEREAS: Certain fossil fuel companies engaged in campaigns of disinformation to undermine support for action on climate change, and

WHEREAS: Harvard University recently announced that it would divest its \$42 billion endowment from fossil fuel investments,

WHEREAS: It is important for Washburn University to follow this example.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn University Student Government Association shall recommend that Washburn University divest any and all investments, including in mutual funds and corporate bonds, it may have in fossil fuel companies from the University's endowment fund.

SECTION TWO: The term "fossil fuel companies" shall refer to any company or corporation engaged in the refinement and retail sale of products such as gasoline, diesel, and natural gas.

SECTION THREE: A copy of this resolution shall be presented to Dr. Jerry Farley, President of Washburn University.

SECTION FOUR: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

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WSGA President

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Dylan Babcock  
WSGA Vice President

SB 21-22 #043

TITLE: Yelland Appointment  
ORIGINATOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration  
SPONSOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration  
STATUS: Nominations Committee - Favorable

WHEREAS: Qualified Senators are essential to the function of WSGA, and

WHEREAS: Zach Yelland is qualified to serve as a WSGA Senator, and

WHEREAS: Zach Yelland has met all necessary requirements set forth by the Nominating Committee.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association Senate hereby approves the appointment of Zach Yelland to serve in the capacity of Senator.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

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WSGA President

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Dylan Babcock  
WSGA Vice President

SB 20-21 #044

Full senate Meeting:

TITLE: Non-Standing Committees

ORIGINATOR: Speaker Wessel

SPONSOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration

STATUS: By-Laws- Pe

WHEREAS: Section 1, Subsection G of the Washburn Student Government Association constitution requires senators to complete one office hour per week, and

WHEREAS: Failure to complete any time in the office in any given week will result in an assessment of ½ absences for WSGA senate, and

WHEREAS: Non-Standing committees' meetings currently do not count towards office hours; however, members are still using time performing work on behalf of the Washburn Student Government Association.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association shall add a new subsection in Section 1, subsection G titled 4. It shall read, "Non-Standing committee meetings count towards office hour minutes. If a meeting runs for 30 minutes that will account for ½ of an office hour and so forth.

SECTION TWO: The Washburn Student Government Association shall add a new subsection in Section 1, subsection G titled 5. It shall read, "Senators who fail to attend their Non-Standing committee meeting for the week still have the requirement of completing their full, one-hour office hour for the week."

SECTION THREE: A chair or Vice Chair shall report to the Chief of Staff the attendance and time of each meeting.

SECTION FOUR: This legislation shall become effective immediately after passage.

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Abby Trautman  
WSGA President

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Dylan Babcock  
WSGA Vice President

SR 20-21 #011

TITLE: Breast Cancer Awareness Month  
ORIGINATOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration  
SPONSOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration  
STATUS: Communications Committee- Pending

WHEREAS: Since 1985, October has been nationally recognized as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, with the hope of making people throughout the country more knowledgeable about this global health issue, and

WHEREAS: North America is the region of the world with the highest rate of breast cancer-related cases, and

WHEREAS: Anyone can be diagnosed with breast cancer, regardless of sex, and

WHEREAS: According to the Susan G. Komen Organization, it is estimated that there will be 44,130 deaths due to breast cancer in 2021 in America, and

WHEREAS: According to the Susan G Komen Organization, it is also estimated that there will be over 284,000 cases of invasive breast cancer in America, and

WHEREAS: It is important that we all do our part in becoming more knowledgeable about this global health issue and stand in solidarity with those currently diagnosed with breast cancer and survivors.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION ONE: Washburn Student Government Association stands in solidarity with those that have been diagnosed with breast cancer in the past, those currently fighting a breast cancer diagnosis, those that we have lost to breast cancer, and the education of those who have never been diagnosed.

SECTION TWO: A copy of this legislation will be posted on social media to spread awareness.

SECTION THREE: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

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Abby Trautman  
WSGA President

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Dylan Babcock  
WSGA Vice President

SR 21-22 #012

TITLE: Domestic Violence Awareness Month

ORIGINATOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration

SPONSOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration

STATUS: Campus and Community Affairs Committee- Pending

WHEREAS: Since 1987, October has been nationally recognized as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, commonly known as “DVAM”, and

WHEREAS: According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, an average of twenty people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States, and

WHEREAS: In an average year, 1 in 4 women and 1 in 9 men experience severe physical violence from an intimate partner as well as intimate partner sexual violence and/or intimate partner stalking resulting in negative impacts including injury, fearfulness, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, contraction of Sexually Transmitted Diseases, and more, and

WHEREAS: Women between the ages of 18-24 are most at risk to be abused by an intimate partner, and

WHEREAS: In 2019, Kansas law enforcement officers responded to 22,453 domestic violence incidents, and

WHEREAS: In 2019, it was determined from Kansas law enforcement records that one Domestic Violence murder occurred every 11 days, 1 hour, 27 minutes, and 16 seconds while one Domestic Violence incident occurred every 23 minutes, 25 seconds, and law enforcement made one Domestic Violence arrest every 47 minutes, 35 seconds.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION ONE: Washburn Student Government Association stands in support of survivors of Domestic Violence.

SECTION TWO: A copy of this legislation will be posted on social media with a trigger warning to spread awareness and assist with prevention efforts.

SECTION THREE: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

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