

**Washburn Student Government Association
Trautman/Babcock Administration, October 20, 2021**

Position	First Name	Last Name	Present (Beginning)	Present (Final)
Vice-Chair	Mae	Atakpa	N	Y
Senator	Tevin	Asamoah	Y	Y
Senator	Alisha	Bahjracharya	Y	Y
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	Y	Y
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	Y	Y
Vice-Chair	Ethan	Nelson	Y	Y
Senator	Brycen	Labertew	Y	Y
Senator	Trey	LaRue	Y	Y
Senator	Sumnima	Limbu	N	Y
Campus & Comm. Affairs Chairperson	Daniel	Lopez	Y	Y
Senator	Keniel	Negron-Gonzalez	Y	Y
Diversity and Inclusion Chairperson	Elizabeth	Ngatia	Y	Y
Senator	Zay	Perkins	N/A	Y
Senator	Emma	Teply	N/A	Y
Parliamentarian	Zac	Surritt	Y	Y
Speaker	Jayce	Wessel	Y	Y
Senator	Kati	Woltje	Y	Y
Senator	Zach	Yelland	Y	Y

Position	First Name	Last Name	Present (Beginning)	Present (Final)
Campus & Comm. Affairs Director	Shayden	Hanes	N	N
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	N	N
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. N/A
 - b. Special Events Director Smith
 - i. Homecoming starts on Monday!
 - ii. Shirts and decorations are in
 - iii. Homecoming buttons are available
 - iv. Passing around sign-up sheet
 - 1. Shoutout to Director Carter on marketing materials
 - v. Tell your friends to come out to the Homecoming Bash!
 - c. Communications & Marketing Director Carter
 - i. Posted all Homecoming Events on social media
 - ii. Doing Giveaway on social media
 - d. Diversity and Inclusion Director Dorantes
 - i. Working on podcast
 - ii. Working on Native American Heritage Month
 - 1. Working on Land Acknowledgment
 - e. Administrative Assistant Leffingwell
 - i. Got in contact with the shop that orders our name plates about some replacements, and they sent me some redesigns
 - ii. Working on getting an estimate for more padfolios for new senators
 - f. Legislative Director Young
 - i. Worked over various pieces of legislation
 - g. Budget Director Rorstrom
 - i. Did some refunds to student orgs
 - ii. Worked on changes to funding policy
 - h. Chief of Staff Caffrey
 - i. Two senate applicants this evening
 - ii. Make sure to do office hours
 - i. Vice President Babcock
 - i. Met with Dr. Grospitch last week
 - ii. Met with Lyft Representative about SafeRide
 - iii. Met with Food Advisory Board
 - 1. Chartwells is looking for concession stand workers
 - a. Paying \$10 an hour
 - iv. Washburn hired new EO director
 - 1. May be coming to do public forum
 - v. Will be sending out a link for a student capstone
 - vi. Please volunteer for Homecoming!
 - vii. Thank you to all who have been attending campus events

- viii. Residential Living is looking for help with Halloween trick or treat event on Halloween from 1-3 PM
 - ix. Make sure to stick around for photo
 - j. President Trautman
 - i. N/A
 - k. Advisor Collier
 - i. N/A
- V. Committee Reports
 - a. Allocations Chairperson Buller
 - i. Gave both bills favorable status
 - 1. Findings accepted
 - b. Campus and Community Affairs Chairperson Lopez
 - i. Talked about success week
 - 1. Dec 6-10
 - ii. Gave favorable status to SR 21-22 #011
 - 1. Findings accepted
 - c. Communications Chairperson Cook
 - i. Talked about possible giveaway items
 - ii. Please engage with giveaway social media posts
 - iii. Trying to get people to apply to senate via open seat
 - d. Internal Affairs – Speaker Wessel
 - i. Working on getting a meeting set up
 - e. Diversity & Inclusion Ngatia
 - i. Narrowed down a Native American History month discussion
 - ii. Worked on resolution for said month
 - f. By-Laws – Speaker Wessel
 - i. Reviewed two bills
 - 1. Gave favorable status
 - a. Accepted findings
 - g. Nominations – Jaron Caffrey
 - i. Gave favorable status
 - 1. Accepted findings
- VI. New Business I
 - a. SB 21-22 #048: Perkins Appointment
 - i. Passes
 - b. SB 21-22 #049: Teply Appointment
 - i. Passes
- VII. Public Forum I
 - a. Swearing in of New Senators
- VIII. New Business II
 - a. SB 21-22 #050: Alpha Phi
 - i. Passes
 - ~~b. SB 21-22 #051: Delta Gamma~~

- c. SB 21-22 #052: WSGA Flu Shot Giveaway
 - i. Passes
 - d. SR 21-22 #011: Can Emporia Gratitude
 - i. Passes
 - e. SB 21-22 #053: Unbiased IA Members
 - i. Passes
 - f. SR 21-22 #012: Fossil Fuel Divestment in University Endowment Fund
 - i. Tabled indefinitely
 - g. SB 21-22 #054: Standing Senate Rules
 - i. Passes
 - h. SB 21-22 #055: Funding Policy Edit
 - i. Passes
- IX. Announcements
 - X. Roll Call
 - XI. Adjournment

SB 21-22 #048

TITLE: Perkins Appointment

ORIGINATOR: Director Young

SPONSOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration

STATUS: Nominations Committee - Favorable

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

WHEREAS: Azarion Perkins is qualified to serve as a WSGA Senator, and

WHEREAS: Azarion Perkins 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 Azarion Perkins to serve in the capacity of Senator.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

Abby Trautman
WSGA President

Dylan Babcock
WSGA Vice President

SB 21-22 #049

TITLE: Teply Appointment
ORIGINATOR: Director Young
SPONSOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration
STATUS: Nominations Committee - Favorable

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

WHEREAS: Emma Teply is qualified to serve as a WSGA Senator, and

WHEREAS: Emma Teply 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 Emma Teply to serve in the capacity of Senator.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

Abby Trautman
WSGA President

Dylan Babcock
WSGA Vice President

SB 21-22 #050

TITLE: Alpha Phi
ORIGINATOR: Smith/Babcock Administration
SPONSOR: Allocations Committee
STATUS: Allocations Committee – Favorable

WHEREAS: Alpha Phi is requesting funding for Formal with Phi Delta Theta, and

WHEREAS: Alpha Phi has fully complied with all applicable funding policies to this point in the allocation process, and

WHEREAS: Alpha Phi is recognized by the Office of Student Involvement and Development as a registered student group of Washburn University, and

WHEREAS: registered student organizations are eligible to receive WSGA funds.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association shall allocate an amount not to exceed \$1,800.00 from the Student Organizations account for Formal with Phi Delta Theta.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

Abby Trautman
WSGA President

Dylan Babcock
WSGA Vice President

SB 21-22 #051

TITLE: ~~Delta Gamma~~
ORIGINATOR: ~~Smith/Babeock Administration~~
SPONSOR: ~~Allocations Committee~~
STATUS: ~~Allocations Committee—Pending~~

WHEREAS: ~~Delta Gamma is requesting funding for Homecoming, and~~

WHEREAS: ~~Delta Gamma has fully complied with all applicable funding policies to this point in the allocation process, and~~

WHEREAS: ~~Delta Gamma is recognized by the Office of Student Involvement and Development as a registered student group of Washburn University, and~~

WHEREAS: ~~registered student organizations are eligible to receive WSGA funds.~~

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE: ~~The Washburn Student Government Association shall allocate an amount not to exceed \$460.71 from the Student Organizations account for Homecoming.~~

SECTION TWO: ~~This legislation shall become effective upon passage.~~

Abby Trautman
WSGA President

Dylan Babeock
WSGA Vice President

SB 21-22 #052

TITLE: WSGA Flu Shot Giveaway
ORIGINATOR: Campus and Community Affairs Chairperson Lopez
SPONSOR: Campus and Community Affairs
STATUS: Allocations Committee– Favorable

WHEREAS: Campus and Community Affairs is requesting funding for our Flu Shots Giveaway,
and

WHEREAS: Campus and Community Affairs is requesting \$1,500 for the coverage of Flu Shots,
and

WHEREAS: Campus and Community Affairs will award 100 Flu Shots to the student who
receives a ticket which is first-come, first-serve, and

WHEREAS: Campus and Community Affairs will award these 100 students the opportunity to
receive a free vaccination at Washburn University Student Health from October 21st until the
end of the semester.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association shall allocate an amount not to
exceed \$1,500 from the Senate Committees Line Item.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

Abigail Trautman
WSGA President

Dylan Babcock
WSGA Vice President

SR 20-21 #011

TITLE: Can Emporia Gratitude

ORIGINATOR: Senator Asamoah

SPONSOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration

STATUS: Campus and Community Affairs Committee – Favorable

WHEREAS: The coordination and combined efforts of Director Shayden Hanes and Chairperson Daniel Lopez with the Washburn and Topeka community allowed for a very successful Can Emporia, and

WHEREAS: Washburn University and affiliates collectively raised 23,275 canned goods, and

WHEREAS: Washburn University collected more canned goods and donations for our community than Emporia State University did for their community for the first time in four years.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION ONE: Washburn Student Government Association recognizes and thanks all who donated to Can Emporia.

SECTION TWO: WSGA acknowledges the hard work and dedication of Director Hanes, Chairperson Lopez, and all the volunteers who led to a successful Can Emporia.

SECTION THREE: WSGA recognizes Washburn University as the winners of Can Emporia.

SECTION FOUR: This legislation will be effective upon passage.

Abby Trautman
WSGA President

Dylan Babcock
WSGA Vice President

SB 21-22 #053

TITLE: Unbiased IA Members
ORIGINATOR: Speaker Wessel
SPONSOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration
STATUS: By-Laws Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: The Constitution and By-Laws are the governing documents of the Washburn Student Government Association, and

WHEREAS: The “Committees” section of the By-Laws governs the WSGA committee rules and states how each committee shall properly function, and

WHEREAS: The “Committees” section does not clearly say anything about members of Internal Affairs being objective when performing the role of their position, and

WHEREAS: Subsection A.2 in Section 6 “Committees” currently reads, “The committee shall consist of four (4) voting members and in the event of a tie, the chair will vote and serve as the tie-breaker. The chairs of the Allocations, Communications, Campus and Community Affairs, Diversity and Inclusion Committees will choose a member from their respective committees to be a representative on Internal Affairs. In the event that the chosen representative no longer is a member of the WSGA Senate, the chair of the committee they were representing will select a new representative from their committee to serve as the representative on Internal Affairs.”

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE: The WSGA Senate modifies the existing subsection A.2 of Section 6 “Committees” to read that “The committee shall consist of four (4) objective voting members and in the event of a tie, the chair will vote and serve as the tie-breaker. The chairs of the Allocations, Communications, Campus and Community Affairs, Diversity and Inclusion Committees will choose a member from their respective committees to be a representative on Internal Affairs. In the event that the chosen representative no longer is a member of the WSGA Senate, the chair of the committee they were representing will select a new representative from their committee to serve as the representative on Internal Affairs.”

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

Abby Trautman
WSGA President

Dylan Babcock
WSGA Vice President

SR 21-22 #012

TITLE: Fossil Fuel Divestment in University Endowment Fund

ORIGINATOR: Senator Jeter

SPONSOR: ~~Vice Chair Nelson and~~ Trautman/Babcock Administration

STATUS: Communications Committee- Pending

WHEREAS: According to the latest available figures Washburn Student Alumni Association and Foundation maintained \$180,000,000 endowment fund with 1% investment in fossil fuels, ~~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: According to the Center for Biological Diversity “Pollution from the world’s currently operating oil, gas, and coal fields, if developed, would push warming well past 1.5°C, bringing dangerous extreme weather, flooded coasts, wildfires, human health catastrophes, and sweeping wildlife extinctions. In other words, our climate can’t afford any new fossil fuel development”, and

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

WHEREAS: 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, and

WHEREAS: According to the Union of Concerned Scientists “Instead, they (fossil fuel companies) chose to downplay and distort the evidence of climate change, engaging in a decades-long campaign against climate action. Their tactics included everything from counterfeit science to the harassment of scientists, to manufactured uncertainty with no scientific basis. Even today, industry trade groups and associations spread disinformation on climate change, while corporate lobbyists influence politicians and regulators—all with the financial backing and support of major fossil fuel companies”, 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 endowments from fossil fuel investments, and

WHEREAS: The Washburn University Alumni Association and Foundation and its investment committee have continued to address that "Environmentally responsible investing is a focus of the [investment] committee," and the investment committee plans to end its last investments in energy-based companies by the end of the year, and

WHEREAS: It is important for Washburn Student Government Association to recognize their efforts while also holding them accountable.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn University Student Government Association shall hold Washburn University and Washburn University Alumni Association accountable to 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: A copy of this bill shall be presented to Dr. Jerry Farley, President of Washburn University and the Washburn University Alumni Association

SECTION THREE: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

Abby Trautman
WSGA President

Dylan Babcock
WSGA Vice President

SB 21-22 #54

TITLE: WSGA Standing Senate Rules

ORIGINATOR: Parliamentarian Surratt and Speaker Pro-Tempore Wessel

SPONSOR: Constitution and By-Laws Review Committee

STATUS: Constitution and By-Laws Review Committee – Favorable

WHEREAS: The Washburn Student Government Association continually strives to fulfill its motto of “Students Serving Students”, and

WHEREAS: One of the most basic means of serving students as elected representatives is to hold routine, orderly, and efficient meetings, and

WHEREAS: The Washburn Student Government Association currently has no Standing Rules governing such meetings and has not had such Standing Rules for a few years, and

WHEREAS: It is crucial that the Washburn Student Government Association adopt a set of Senate Standing Rules under the By-Laws.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association shall adopt these Standing Senate Rules.

SECTION TWO: These Standing Senate Rules shall be adopted and effective upon passage.

Abby Trautman
WSGA President

Dylan Babcock
WSGA Vice President

**Standing Senate Rules
of the
Washburn Student Government Association**

I. Procedure

- a. Robert's Rules of Order
 - i. All meetings of the Washburn Student Government Association shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order under the guidance of the Parliamentarian.
- b. No interruptions of a recognized speaker shall be made unless permitted under Robert's Rules of Order.
- c. In the event any individual or individuals within the Senate Chambers acts in an unacceptable or inappropriate behavior, as deemed so by the Chair or a 2/3rds majority of Senators present, those individual(s) shall be removed from the Senate Chambers for a specific amount of time.
- d. The Parliamentarian shall be responsible for timekeeping responsibilities during all regular Senate meetings.

II. Cabinet Reports

- a. The weekly report of each individual Cabinet member shall be no more than two (2) minutes in length.

III. Public Forums

- a. All Public Forums shall be limited to fifteen (15) minutes in length.
 - i. If those fifteen (15) minutes expire, there must be a motion to extend the Public Forum for a specific amount of time.
 - ii. This motion shall be passed by a simple majority vote of the member's present.
- b. All Senators and Non-Senators shall be recognized for a maximum of two (2) minutes at a time.
- c. The recognition of Senators and Non-Senators shall be based on precedence.

IV. Debate

- a. Each bill and resolution on the table shall be limited to twenty (20) minutes in length.
 - i. If those twenty (20) minutes expire, there must be a motion to extend debate for a specific amount of time.
 - ii. This motion shall be passed by a simple majority vote of the members present.
- b. The author(s) of each bill or resolution shall be given three (3) minutes to introduce the legislation.
 - i. In the case that the legislation presently before the Senate specifically cites an individual, an organization, or a group of individuals, a representative

of those cited shall be given the right to be recognized for two (2) minutes after the author(s) introduction.

- c. Once the author(s) have introduced the legislation and any cited parties have been given their right to be recognized, the floor will be opened to a period of questioning.
 - i. This period shall be meant to ask specific questions of the legislation's author and any germane parties.
- d. Once all questions have been exhausted, the floor will then be opened to a period of debate on the legislation.
 - i. During debate, any Senator may be recognized to speak for two (2) minutes at a time.
 - 1. Senators shall be recognized by the Chair on the basis of precedence.
 - ii. Any Non-Senators that wish to speak on the legislation shall be yielded time by a recognized Senator.
 - 1. When a Non-Senator is yielded time by a Senator and recognized by the Chair, they shall be confined to the time allowance given to the original recognized Senator.
 - 2. If the Non-Senator needs to extend their time to speak, the senate must vote to extend their time by a simple majority vote.
 - ~~iii. On each motion during the debate of any piece of legislation, any Senator may be recognized a maximum of two (2) times.
 - 1. If a Senator wishes to be recognized further times, they must be yielded time by another Senator that has not run out of recognition rights.
 - 2. An author(s)' opening and closing statements will not count against their times to speak.~~
 - iv. If at any time during the period of debate a specific individual or organization is cited, that individual or organization shall have the right to be recognized by the Chair for a one (1) minute rebuttal.
 - v. Once the time limit for the legislation has been reached and there does not exist enough votes to extend the time, the debate must end and the Previous Question must be called.
 - vi. If at any time no individual wishes to claim the floor for discussion, the Chair may call for the Previous Question vote.
 - vii. Once the Previous Questioned has been called and passed, the author(s) shall have the right to be recognized by the Chair for closing statements of no more than two (2) minutes in length.

- viii. After both the Previous Question has been called and passed and closing statements have been made, the Senate shall immediately move into a final vote on the legislation, except when the legislation concerns the Constitution or By-Laws of the Washburn Student Government Association.

V. Voting

- a. Only a motion of Previous Question passed by a simple majority of those members present can end the debate of any bill or resolution.
 - i. A motion of Previous Question is not the final vote of any bill or resolution, it only serves to end the debate.
 - ii. Once any motion of Previous Question has passed, there shall still be a final vote of the bill or resolution on the table needed.
- b. All bills affecting the Constitution of the Washburn Student Government Association shall be passed only by a 2/3rds majority vote of the members present after the second reading and proper debate.
- c. All bills and resolutions not concerning the Constitution of the Washburn Student Government Association, including the By-Laws of the Washburn Student Government Association, shall be passed by a 2/3rds majority vote of the members present after a single reading a proper debate.

VI. Waiving the Rules

- a. During the course of any Washburn Student Government Association meetings, when the need arises and under the guidance of the Parliamentarian, the Senate shall have the ability by a 2/3rds majority vote to waive specific rules cited within this Senate Standing Rules or the greater By-Laws.
 - i. In order to waive any rule, the specific rule must be cited and the motion to waive shall be thoroughly explained.
 - ii. Once the reason for the waiving of the rule has passed, all rules shall be reinstated immediately and without the need for a vote of the Senate.

VII. Adoption of these Standing Senate Rules

- a. These Standing Senate Rules shall be held under the By-Laws of the Washburn Student Government Association.
- b. Passage and adoption of these Standing Senate Rules shall fall under the necessary requirements of any amendment to the By-Laws of the Washburn Student Government Association.

SB 21-22 #055

TITLE: Funding Policy Edit
ORIGINATOR: Senator Asamoah
SPONSOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration
STATUS: Allocations Committee- Favorable

WHEREAS: The Washburn Student Government Association Funding of Organization Policy is used for various fiscal functions, and

WHEREAS: The Washburn Student Government Association Funding of Organization Policy provides guidelines by which stipulations on fundings are placed, and

WHEREAS: the policy allocates specific amounts for various types of items, and

WHEREAS: it is necessary to define what items are intended for a given category to avoid confusion, misinterpretation and abuse of the policy.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association Funding of Organization Policy name will be changed to “The Washburn Student Government Association Funding Policy”

SECTION TWO: The Washburn Student Government Association Funding Policy shall be amended to read as indicated by the attached “Washburn Student Government Association Funding Policy (with Revisions)” document after passage.

SECTION THREE: This legislation will be effective upon passage.

Abby Trautman
WSGA President

Dylan Babcock
WSGA Vice President