

**Washburn Student Government Association  
Trautman/Babcock Administration, November 10, 2021**

Position	First Name	Last Name	Present (Beginning)	Present (Final)
Vice-Chair	Mae	Atakpa	Y	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	N	N
Senator	Sierra	Jeter	Y	Y
Senator	Em	Jordan	Y	Y
Senator	Micaella	Jordan	Y	Y
Senator	Antonio	Martinez	N/A	Y
Senator	Cameron	Meseke	Y	Y
Vice-Chair	Ethan	Nelson	Y	Y
Senator	Brycen	Labertew	Y	Y
Senator	Trey	LaRue	Y	Y
Senator	Sumnima	Limbu	Y	Y
Campus & Comm. Affairs Chairperson	Daniel	Lopez	Y	Y
Senator	Keniel	Negron-Gonzalez	N	N
Diversity and Inclusion Chairperson	Elizabeth	Ngatia	Y	Y
Senator	Zay	Perkins	N	N
Senator	Emma	Teply	Y	Y
Parliamentarian	Zac	Surrutt	Y	Y
Speaker	Jayce	Wesell	Y	Y
Senator	Kati	Woltje	Y	Y
Senator	Zach	Yelland	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. Worked on resolution and senator initiatives

- ii. Helping Daniel with success week
    - iii. Bought chocolate from Switzerland
  - b. Special Events Director Smith
    - i. Wrapped up Homecoming
      - 1. Wrote article for newsletter
    - ii. Looking ahead to next semester
    - iii. Attended march on inclusion
  - c. Communications & Marketing Director Carter
    - i. Sent out newsletter
    - ii. Updated social media
  - d. Diversity and Inclusion Director Dorantes
    - i. Presented at Alpha Phi
    - ii. Working on podcast
    - iii. Working
  - e. Administrative Assistant Leffingwell
    - i. Need to change credit hour requirement and change Above and Beyond award
  - f. Legislative Director Young
    - i. N/A
  - g. Budget Director Rorstrom
    - i. Reimbursed various orgs
    - ii. Working on funding policy updates
  - h. Chief of Staff Caffrey
    - i. Will be tabling two senator appointments
    - ii. Putting up plaque in Ichabod's Courtyard
    - iii. Please fill out retreat feedback form in your email
    - iv. Chief of Staff position applications will be opening soon
  - i. Vice President Babcock
    - i. Preparing for upcoming meetings
    - ii. Working on dining services student surveys
    - iii. Senators: please do not sit in cabinet members' chairs/desks
    - iv. Thanks to all who attended the March on Inclusion
      - 1. There is an open position to sit on the ADA committee
  - j. President Trautman
    - i. Please be on time to committee meetings
    - ii. All senate seats will be full after next meeting!
    - iii. Only two more mandatory meetings after tonight
  - k. Advisor Collier
    - i. Organizations can start scheduling venues for the spring semester right now
    - ii. Shoutout to Daija Coleman on the March on Inclusion
- V. Committee Reports
  - a. Allocations Chairperson Buller

- i. Gave favorable status to two funding bills
  - b. Campus and Community Affairs Chairperson Lopez
    - i. Preparing for success week
      - 1. Finalizing dates for events
    - ii. Got all giveaways ordered
    - iii. Gave favorable status to one bill
  - c. Communications Chairperson Cook
    - i. Chatted about how WSGA can help student counseling services
    - ii. Gave favorable status to two bills
    - iii. Looking into giving out umbrellas
  - d. Internal Affairs: Speaker Wessel
    - i. Gave favorable status to the Hanes Appointment
  - e. Diversity & Inclusion Chairperson Ngatia
    - i. Talked about plans for next semester
    - ii. Looking to collaborate with other orgs
  - f. By-Laws – Speaker Wessel
    - i. Gave favorable status to two bills
  - g. Nominations: Chief of Staff Caffrey
    - i. Gave favorable status to three bills
- VI. New Business I
  - a. SB 21-22 #060: Kandel Appointment
    - i. Tabled
  - b. SB 21-22 #061: Martinez Appointment
    - i. Passes
  - c. SB 21-22 #062: Wood Appointment
    - i. Tabled
- VII. Public Forum I: Swearing in of New Senators
- VIII. New Business II
  - a. SR 20-21 #015: Accessibility in Carnegie Hall
    - i. Passes
  - b. SR 21-22 #016: Veterans Day Resolution
    - i. Passes
  - c. SR 21-22 #017: The Seasonal Blues
    - i. Passes
  - d. SB 21-22 #063: Success Week
    - i. Passes
  - e. SB 21-22 #064: WSGA Constitutional Amendments
    - i. Discussed; will vote next week
  - f. SB 21-22 #065: WSGA By-Law Amendments
    - i. Passes
  - g. SB 21-22 #066: GPA Requirements Amendment
    - i. Fails
- IX. **Roll Call Vote:**

Position	First Name	Last Name	For	Against	Abstained
Vice-Chair	Mae	Atakpa	Y		
Senator	Tevin	Asamoah	Y		
Senator	Alisha	Bahjracharya	Y		
Senator	Ajar	Basnet	Y		
Allocations Chairperson	Daniel	Buller		N	
Senator	George	Burdick		N	
Communications Chairperson	Katherine	Cook		N	
Senator	Nilam	Dangi		N	
Senator	Ana	Estrada-Vargas		N	
Senator	Cody	Dannar		N	
Vice-Chair	Tomi	Francis-Ramirez		Y	
Senator	Claudia	Fury	Y		
Senator	Jacob	Howell			
Senator	Sierra	Jeter		N	
Senator	Em	Jordan		N	
Senator	Micaella	Jordan		N	
Senator	Antonio	Martinez		N	
Senator	Cameron	Meseke	Y		
Vice-Chair	Ethan	Nelson	Y		
Senator	Brycen	Labertew		N	
Senator	Trey	LaRue		N	
Senator	Sumnima	Limbu		N	
Campus & Comm. Affairs Chairperson	Daniel	Lopez	Y		
Senator	Keniel	Negron-Gonzalez			
Diversity and Inclusion Chairperson	Elizabeth	Ngatia		N	
Senator	Zay	Perkins			
Senator	Emma	Teply		N	
Parliamentarian	Zac	Surrutt	Y		
Speaker	Jayce	Wesell		N	
				N	
Senator	Kati	Woltje			
				N	
Senator	Zach	Yelland			

a. SB 21-22 #067: Senate Eligibility Requirements  
i. Fails

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Vice-Chair	Mae	Atakpa	Y		
Senator	Tevin	Asamoah			A
Senator	Alisha	Bahjracharya	Y		
Senator	Ajar	Basnet		N	
Allocations Chairperson	Daniel	Buller	Y		
Senator	George	Burdick	Y		
Communications Chairperson	Katherine	Cook		N	
Senator	Nilam	Dangi			A
Senator	Ana	Estrada-Vargas	Y		
Senator	Cody	Dannar	Y		

Vice-Chair	Tomi	Francis-Ramirez	Y	
Senator	Claudia	Fury		N
Senator	Jacob	Howell		
Senator	Sierra	Jeter		N
Senator	Em	Jordan		N
Senator	Micaella	Jordan		N
Senator	Antonio	Martinez		N
Senator	Cameron	Meseke	Y	
Vice-Chair	Ethan	Nelson	Y	
Senator	Brycen	Labertew		N
Senator	Trey	LaRue		N
Senator	Sumnima	Limbu	Y	
Campus & Comm. Affairs Chairperson	Daniel	Lopez		A
Senator	Keniel	Negron-Gonzalez		
Diversity and Inclusion Chairperson	Elizabeth	Ngatia		N
Senator	Zay	Perkins		
			Y	
Senator	Emma	Teply		
Parliamentarian	Zac	Surritt	Y	
Speaker	Jayce	Wesell	Y	
				N
Senator	Kati	Woltje		
				N
Senator	Zach	Yelland		

- ii.
- b. SB 21-22 #068: Hanes Appointment
  - i. Passes
- c. SB 21-22 #069: Gamma Phi Omega
  - i. Passes
- X. Announcements
- XI. Roll Call
- XII. Adjournment

SB 21-22 #060

TITLE: Kandel 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: Rajesh Kandel is qualified to serve as a WSGA Senator, and

WHEREAS: Rajesh Kandel 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 Rajesh Kandel to serve in the capacity of Senator.

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

SB 21-22 #061

TITLE: Martinez 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: Antonio Martinez is qualified to serve as a WSGA Senator, and

WHEREAS: Antonio Martinez 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 Antonio Martinez to serve in the capacity of Senator.

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

SB 21-22 #062

TITLE: Wood 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: Bella Wood is qualified to serve as a WSGA Senator, and

WHEREAS: Bella Wood 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 Bella Wood to serve in the capacity of Senator.

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 20-21 #015

TITLE: Accessibility in Carnegie Hall

ORIGINATOR: Daija Coleman

SPONSOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration

STATUS: Campus and Community Affairs Committee – Favorable

WHEREAS: According to Daija Coleman, often the argument is that Carnegie Hall cannot be changed because it is a historical site; however, according to: Preservation Brief 32: Making Historic Properties Accessible, “Historic Properties are not exempt from the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA),” and

WHEREAS: According to Daija Coleman, Dr. Carolyn Carlson has been fighting for the accessibility of Carnegie Hall for the last 17 years, and

WHEREAS: According to Daija Coleman, the “elevator” that is currently located in Carnegie Hall, has broken down twice with Daija Coleman inside throughout her time at Washburn without an accessible way of communicating a way out for those trapped inside, and



WHEREAS: According to Daija Coleman, a current Washburn student with mobility challenges has explained to Daija that they would rather crawl up the three floors than have the class be moved to another location due to the social repercussions of the class.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION ONE: Washburn Student Government Association recognizes the importance of accessibility and inclusion of people with mobility challenges in buildings and facilities on Washburn University's campus with a current focus on Carnegie Hall.

SECTION TWO: Washburn Student Government Association will also promote the events addressing this issue through our social media.

SECTION THREE: Washburn Student Government Association calls the Washburn Administration to act on this information provided.

SECTION FOUR: Upon passage, this shall be sent to the Washburn Administration including but not limited to Dr. Farley, Dr. Grospitch, Dr. Bluml, and Dr. Mazachek.

SECTION FIVE: 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 #016

TITLE: Veterans Day Resolution

ORIGINATOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration

SPONSOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration

STATUS: Communications Committee – Favorable

WHEREAS: Veterans Day is a National Holiday recognized by the Government of the United States of America, and

WHEREAS: Veterans Day is a day of recognition and honor to those who have served in the armed forces of the United States of America, and

WHEREAS: Washburn University has students and staff who have bravely served and continue to serve this nation, and

WHEREAS: The Washburn Student Government Association wishes to thank and honor those who have risked their lives for the safety of our country.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association recognizes and honors all veterans at Washburn University and around the country and will pay tribute to all veterans on Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

SECTION TWO: The Washburn Student Government Association shall show appreciation to the veterans of Washburn University and the United States of America by utilizing its social media resources.

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 #017

TITLE: The Seasonal Blues

ORIGINATOR: Senator Em Jordan

SPONSOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration

STATUS: Communications Committee – Status Favorable

WHEREAS: Washburn Student Government must support its student body and faculty struggling with seasonal blues and raise awareness for healthy coping mechanisms for those struggling with the seasonal blues, and

WHEREAS: During the months of November and December, seasonal blues increase, often leading to higher rates of depression and anxiety, and

WHEREAS: Students may face discrimination in unsupportive households, further increasing holiday blues, and

WHEREAS: According to a survey, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) reported that approximately 24% of people with a diagnosed mental illness find that the holidays make their condition “a lot” worse and 40% “somewhat” worse, and

WHEREAS: Forbes magazine reported the leading factors of seasonal blues are family issues, high expectations, grief, and financial and emotional stress.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association recognizes and stands with those who struggle with the seasonal blues because of distance, grief, financial stress, emotional stress, and lack of acceptance by utilizing social media and Washburn University faculty, staff, and administration, specifically counseling services to address these issues.

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

SB 21-22 #063

TITLE: Success Week

ORIGINATOR: Campus and Community Affairs Chairperson Lopez

SPONSOR: Trautman/ Babcock Administration

STATUS: Allocations Committee – Favorable

WHEREAS: Campus and Community Affairs is requesting funding for Success Week events, and

WHEREAS: Campus and Community Affairs will be handing out food and drinks at these success week events, which will occur December 6<sup>th</sup>- December 10<sup>th</sup>.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association shall allocate an amount not to exceed \$2,000 from the Senate Committees Line Item.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

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Abigail Trautman  
WSGA President

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Dylan Babcock  
WSGA Vice President

SB 21-22 #064

TITLE: WSGA Constitutional Amendments

ORIGINATOR: Parliamentarian Surritt

SPONSOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration

STATUS: Constitutional and By-Law Review Committee - Pending

WHEREAS: The Washburn Student Government Association maintains a Constitution and a set of By-Laws as its governing documents, and

WHEREAS: Those governing documents of the Washburn Student Government Association are accessible to the public so as to create an environment of transparency and accountability, and

WHEREAS: Those governing documents should be organized and easy to understand by the general public, and

WHEREAS: In their current forms, those governing documents are not so organized and this should be corrected.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE: Article I, Section 5 of the Constitution shall be amended to add “or a designated representative.” at the end of the section.

SECTION TWO: The sentence stating “The Cabinet will be made up of the President, Vice President and those appointed members as defined in Chapter Three, Sections One through Sixteen of the WSGA By-laws.” shall be struck from Article II, Section 2.

SECTION THREE: Article II, Section 4 shall be struck from the Constitution.

SECTION FOUR: Wording related to the WSGA President shall be struck from Article II, Section 7.

SECTION FIVE: Relocate Sections 8, 10, and 14 from Article II to new Sections in Article III.

SECTION SIX: Add new Section under Article III to say “The WSGA President shall establish Ad-Hoc Committees when deemed necessary. These Ad-Hoc Committees shall be comprised of WSGA Senators and non-senators and these student representatives shall report to the WSGA President.”

SECTION SEVEN: Article III, Section 1 shall be divided up so that each of the three sentences stands as their own Section.

SECTION EIGHT: The section and subsection order and titles shall be readjusted as is appropriate.

SECTION NINE: This legislation shall become effective upon passage after the proper second reading.

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Abby Trautman  
WSGA President

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Dylan Babcock  
WSGA Vice President

SB 21-22 #065

TITLE: WSGA By-Law Amendments

ORIGINATOR: Parliamentarian Surritt

SPONSOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration

STATUS: Constitutional and By-Law Review Committee - Pending

WHEREAS: The Washburn Student Government Association maintains a Constitution and a set of By-Laws as its governing documents, and

WHEREAS: Those governing documents of the Washburn Student Government Association are accessible to the public so as to create an environment of transparency and accountability, and

WHEREAS: Those governing documents should be organized and easy to understand by the general public, and

WHEREAS: In their current forms, those governing documents are not so organized and this should be corrected.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE: Chapter 1, Section 1, Subsection B.2.v shall be amended to replace “a 5 to 0, 4 to 1, or 3 to 2” with “at least a simple majority.”

SECTION TWO: Chapter 1, Section 1, Subsection F.1 shall be amended to add “author or” just before the word “sponsor.”

SECTION THREE: Chapter 1, Section 1, Subsection F.3 shall be amended to add “author or” just before the word “sponsor.”

SECTION FOUR: Chapter 1, Section 1, Subsection G.2 shall be relocated to Chapter 3, Section 5 as a new Subsection under Subsection A.

SECTION FIVE: The section and subsection order and titles shall be readjusted as is appropriate.

SECTION SIX: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

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Abby Trautman  
WSGA President

Dylan Babcock  
WSGA Vice President

SB 21-22 #066

TITLE: GPA Requirements Amendment

ORIGINATOR: Parliamentarian Surratt

SPONSOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration

STATUS: Constitutional and By-Law Review Committee - Pending

WHEREAS: The Washburn Student Government Association maintains a Constitution and a set of By-Laws as its governing documents, and

WHEREAS: Those governing documents set forth the Election Rules and, within them, the qualifications for office in The Washburn Student Government Association, and

WHEREAS: All Cabinet members, except the President and Vice President, must maintain a 2.5 GPA to gain and hold office, where the President and Vice President must have a 3.0 GPA, and

WHEREAS: The President and Vice President positions, as with the other Cabinet positions, are responsible for countless events, programs, and duties outside of the regular responsibilities of being students, and

WHEREAS: It would be fair to set the GPA requirements for all of Cabinet, including the President and Vice President, at the same level.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE: Chapter 5, Section 1, Subsection C shall be amended to state: “The President must maintain a minimum enrollment of six (6) credit hours, at Washburn University, each semester of their term. Vice President must maintain a minimum enrollment of six (6) credit hours, at Washburn University, each semester of their term. The President must serve for the full academic year, both Fall and Spring semesters. The elected Vice President must at least serve for the Fall Semester. Both President and Vice President must have at least a ~~3.0~~ 2.5 cumulative grade point average, have at least a ~~2.75~~ 2.5 grade point average in the semester prior to taking office, and must maintain a minimum ~~3.0~~ 2.5 cumulative grade point average to continue to hold office.”

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

SB 21-22 #067

TITLE: Senate Eligibility Requirements  
ORIGINATOR: Vice-Chair Nelson  
SPONSOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration  
STATUS: By-Laws Committee - Pending

WHEREAS: All Washburn students, if they are enrolled in one or more courses, must pay the \$55 Student Activity Fee, and

WHEREAS: The By-Laws of the Washburn Student Government Association currently reads in the last sentence of Section 1(a) of Election Rules, “Senators must maintain a minimum enrollment of six (6) credit hours, each semester of their term,” and



WHEREAS: This language in the By-Laws of the Washburn Student Government Association could unfairly limit the eligibility of Washburn students from serving on the government body that represents them.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE: The last sentence of Section 1(a) of Election Rules of the By-Laws of the Washburn Student Government Association shall read “Senators must maintain a minimum of three (3) credit hours, each semester of their term.”

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

SB 21-22 #068

Full Senate Meeting: November 10, 2021

TITLE: Hanes Appointment

ORIGINATOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration

SPONSOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration

STATUS: Internal Affairs – Pending

WHEREAS: An Executive Board is essential to the functioning of Washburn Student Government Association, and

WHEREAS: Per Article VI Section 2 of the Washburn Student Government Association Constitution, if the office of Vice President becomes vacant, the President shall appoint a nominee who shall take office upon confirmation by a 2/3 vote of the WSGA Senate, and

WHEREAS: Current Washburn Student Government Association Vice President, Dylan Babcock, will be vacating the position during the regular senate meeting on Wednesday, December 1, 2021, and

WHEREAS: Shayden Hanes is qualified to fill this vacancy and serve as the Washburn Student Government Association Vice President.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association Senate hereby approves the appointment of Shayden Hanes to the Washburn Student Government Association in the capacity of Vice President.

SECTION TWO: Shayden Hanes shall be sworn in as the Washburn Student Government Association Vice President following the gaveling out of Vice President Dylan Babcock at the regular senate meeting on Wednesday, December 1, 2021.

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