

**Washburn Student Government Association  
Burdick/Wood Administration, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Present (Beginning)</b>	<b>Present (Final)</b>
<b>Vice-chair</b>	Abernathy	Y	Y
Senator	Anderson	Y	Y
Senator	Bansal	N	N
<b>Chairperson</b>	Brown	N	N
Senator	Brungardt	Y	Y
Senator	Cain	Y	N
Senator	(J) Carter	Y	Y
Senator	(M) Carter	Y	Y
Senator	Cattoor	Y	Y
Senator	Chaulagain	Y	Y
Senator	(E) Clark	Y	Y
Senator	(L) Clark	Y	Y
<b>Parliamentarian</b>	Durst	Y	Y
Senator	Giles	Y	Y
Senator	Ginn	Y	Y
Senator	Hammes	Y	Y
Senator	Hastings	Y	Y
<b>Vice-chair</b>	Kerney	N	N
Senator	McCreath	Y	Y
Senator	McFan	Y	Y
Senator	Meier	Y	Y
<b>Chairperson</b>	Morris	Y	Y
<b>Vice-chair</b>	Nadeau	Y	Y

Senator	Newfer	Y	Y
Senator	Proctor	Y	Y
Senator	Puerta	N	N
<b>Speaker</b>	Redington	Y	Y
Senator	Reynoldson	Y	Y
Senator	Ross	Y	Y
Senator	Sanner	Y	Y
Senator	Sharp	Y	Y
Senator	Smith	Y	Y
<b>Chairperson</b>	Timm	Y	Y
Senator	Yucesan	N	N

<b>Position</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Present (Beginning)</b>	<b>Present (Final)</b>
Special Events <b>Director</b>	Roth	Y	Y
Marketing <b>Director</b>	Coulter	Y	Y
Campus and Community Affairs <b>Director</b>	Jordan	Y	Y
Diversity Equity and Inclusion <b>Director</b>	Hinds	Y	Y
Legislative <b>Director</b>	Meseke	Y	Y
Budget <b>Director</b>	Lloyd	Y	Y
<b>Chief of Staff</b>	Ottman	Y	Y
<b>Vice President</b>	Wood	Y	Y
<b>President</b>	Burdick	Y	Y
<b>Advisor</b> <sup>2</sup>	Dr. G	Y	Y

- I. Call to Order – Vice President Bella Wood
- II. Roll Call – Chief of Staff Trevor Ottman
- III. Review of Proceeding Meeting Minutes
  - a. Minutes waived
- IV. Cabinet Reports
  - a. Dante Jordan, Campus & Community Affairs Director
    - i. March 4<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – Perfect Party to understand the importance of drinking safety
    - ii. Sexual Assault Awareness Month Vigil 7:30
    - iii. Take time for yourself
  - b. Kate Coulter, Communications & Marketing Director
    - i. Big Event and Promotional Content
    - ii. Headshots happened today but not that many people showed up
  - c. DeMarques Hinds, Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Director
    - i. Block Party March 28<sup>th</sup> 11-1
    - ii. Almost done planning the drag show
  - d. Kira Roth, Special Events Director
    - i. Big Event Sign Ups are open – April 12<sup>th</sup> is the date
    - ii. People in WSGA can join as individuals
    - iii. March 14<sup>th</sup> will be happening in the Union Underground
  - e. Cameron Meseke, Legislative Director
    - i. Packets and emails and headshots are due to him March 6<sup>th</sup>
  - f. Nick Lloyd, Budget Director
    - i. Grant system is reworked
    - ii. Taking a look at the new funding policy revamp documents
  - g. Trevor Ottman, Chief of Staff
    - i. Cars event is at 5:00pm on Friday- pizza provided
  - h. Bella Wood, Vice President
    - i. She's going to be out of the office a lot more- LCE, New York, Choir Concert- book through an email.
    - ii. Sorry about the large documents- it's a starting point, not the end-all be-all.
  - i. George Burdick, President

- i. April 16<sup>th</sup> 4:30 – we will hold senate in the House of Representatives where the new administration will gavel out.
    - ii. Switching up logos on WSGA
  - j. Dr. Grospitch, Advisor
    - i. Eating disorder awareness week – recognize that this is important
    - ii. April 11<sup>th</sup> will be a Spring Football Game
- V. Committee Reports
  - a. Taylor Redington, Internal Affairs Speaker
    - i. Senate Bill #164 – tabled until March 26<sup>th</sup>
    - ii. Findings accepted
  - b. Alex Timm, Allocations Chairperson
    - i. Senate Bill 153- reduced to 1,000
    - ii. All other bills approved
    - iii. Findings accepted
  - c. Kirstyn Brown, Campus and Community Affairs Chairperson
    - i. Kendall Abernathy fills in-
    - ii. Merger meeting with DEI on the Pink Pony Party
    - iii. Upcoming events, which is finalized
  - d. Dre Morris, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Chairperson
    - i. Skin care with OSID event
  - e. Nick Lloyd, Student Activity Fee Ad-Hoc Budget Director
    - i. Findings Accepted
- VI. New Business I:
  - a. SB 2024-25 #159 Kinesiology Club
    - i. Senate Bill Tabled
  - b. SB 2024-25 #160 Alpha Kappa Alpha
    - i. Requesting funding for travel.
    - ii. Rules had to be suspended (because Desiree is a member of senate introducing a funding request)
    - iii. Bill eventually passes
  - c. SB 2024-25 #161 Chemistry Club I
    - i. Outreach event
    - ii. Bill passes

- d. SB 2024-25 #162 Chemistry Club II
  - i. Dive into the reactivity and flammability of gasses
  - ii. March 12<sup>th</sup> Tuesday
  - iii. Outreach event
  - iv. Bill passes
- e. SB 2024-25 #163 Zeta Tau Alpha
  - i. Requesting funding for apparel – think pink event, making strides (5K) and an auction they do in the Spring
  - ii. Support their Zeta Foundation- which helps in their charity events.
- f. SB 2024-25 #153 Moore Project Grant
  - i. Creating a short film for future endeavors- hiring professional actors.
  - ii. Film is about former hitman has to assassinate his alter-ego who lives a normal live
  - iii. Andrew Mosher is directing the film, maybe there's something happening similarly at K-State
- g. SB 2024-25 #164 Governing Documents Revamp
  - i. Tabled until March 26<sup>th</sup>
- h. SB 2024-25 #165 Student Activity Fee Modernization Act
  - i. Piece of legislation to increase \$58.50 to \$70.
  - ii. WSGA is currently running a deficit, and we have had to pool reserves.
  - iii. Inflation and other economic issues have caused this change.
  - iv. CAB approved, Student Media Approved
  - v. D2 schools in the Midwest region- other school have typically higher or around \$70. It was raised to \$55 two years ago. The student activity fee will help us reinstate a lot of programs.
  - vi. Every student pays the activity fee.
  - vii. Is this fair to students who cannot go to campus?
    - 1. We don't have other fees on campus
  - viii. How big of a difference will this be from 2018?
    - 1. Purchasing power would create a difference of \$60,000 and other entities such as grants.

ix. We don't have to pay for a lot of other amenities, but this is a small drop in the bucket.

x. Bill gets approved

## VII. Public Forum I:

### a. Federal and State Action and How it Affects WSGA

i. Over the last couple of weeks, federal action has been chaotic.

ii. Some policies have been "worked"- not necessarily passed

1. Department of Education has had some changes

2. Due to Federal Action, Haskett has cut ~30% of its staff.

a. He's trying to find more information

3. "Dear Colleagues" Letter- the Department of Education sends out a letter to halt DEI programs (such as information on race)

iii. State Time!

1. Tenure Legislation

2. Tenure protects professors- after professors achieve it (rigorously), and basically have a property right. Therefore, professors who hold tenure are owed a due process hearing before getting fired.

3. A property right is important, and if it is to be stripped, it will reduce tenure to basically a "reward"

iv. Washburn's Response

1. Keeping an eye on things

2. We are under a "wait 48 hours and see what sticks" approach

3. Conversations are happening in Faculty Senate, but political organization is still being established

v. WSGA:

1. President Burdick went to speak in opposition at the Kansas Statehouse

2. Delta Gamma Crosswalk- the Kansas Department of Transportation is unsure about funding, but it fortunately has not been repealed or paused.

3. There's a seeming vendetta, federally, against higher education. Other institutions have threats to faculty, funding, and being undermined by the federal and state administrations.
- vi. What does WSGA do?
1. WSGA and SAC need to organize to be ready to respond to the future actions.
  2. WSGA members can be informed about the issues- NY Times, WSJ, KS reflector, the Chronicle of Higher Education are all solid sources
  3. Discuss the issues in classes, clubs, and with friends.
  4. President Burdick is working with SAC to try to set up more communications- there needs to be an expectation that we will be there together as a united entity.
- vii. Questions:
1. Reach out to Washburn Next-Gen advisors
  2. Have we considered reaching out student media
  3. He recommends that the Legislative Director do more research
  4. If we get into a situation where Washburn is affected?
    - a. Where is this going to fall? We have to look at the legislation piece by piece. If there are significant financial implications, then it will impact us.
    - b. Find the information and be active- who are you representing and what does that mean?
  5. Tenure: if we go again to the capitol- he'll try to reach out.
  6. George's Powerpoint is in teams.
  7. Students have asked Kendall about these issues- maybe we should inform students about sitting in the gallery and paying attention to what we do.
  8. Supporting students is great, and also supporting faculty- it pays off! They appreciate it
- b. End of the Year Awards

- i. Senator of the Year, New Senator of the Year, and Cabinet Member of the Year- this is all recognized at the banquet (April 16<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:30)
- ii. Dean Meredith Kidd award.
  1. Nancy from the union - 23-29
  2. Kirsti from the union - 8
  3. Louisa from Chartwells - 5
  4. Eric Moss - 2
  5. Leslie – 26
- iii. They exit by announcements

VIII. Announcements

- a. Vote for senator/cabinet member of the month
- b. Community Garden Club – this Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup>
- c. March 4<sup>th</sup> – Percentage Night
- d. Go Outside!
- e. Unfortunately Mock Trial didn't make it to nationals
- f. Men's Wearhouse has some great deals

IX. Roll Call

X. Adjournment





SENATE BILL 2024-25 #159  
Kinesiology Club  
ORIGINATOR: Burdick/Wood Administration  
SPONSOR: Burdick/Wood Administration  
STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: Kinesiology Club is requesting funding for their monthly club meeting, and

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

WHEREAS: Kinesiology Club is recognized by the Office of Student Involvement and Development as a registered student group of Washburn University.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE WSGA SENATE:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association shall allocate an amount not to exceed \$125.00 from the Student Organizations account to Kinesiology Club for their monthly club meeting.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage and bearing the signature of the WSGA President and Vice President.

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WSGA Vice President  
Presiding Officer of the Senate

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George Burdick  
WSGA President



SENATE BILL 2024-25 #160  
TITLE: Alpha Kappa Alpha  
ORIGINATOR: Burdick/Wood Administration  
SPONSOR: Burdick/Wood Administration  
STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: Alpha Kappa Alpha is requesting funding to attend the Alpha Kappa Alpha Midwest Regional Conference, and

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE WSGA SENATE:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association shall allocate an amount not to exceed \$1,300.00 from the Student Organizations account to Alpha Kappa Alpha for their Alpha Kappa Alpha Midwest Regional Conference.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage and bearing the signature of the WSGA President and Vice President.

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SENATE BILL 2024-25 #161  
TITLE: Chemistry Club I  
ORIGINATOR: Burdick/Wood Administration  
SPONSOR: Burdick/Wood Administration  
STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: Chemistry Club is requesting funding for a scientific demonstration, and

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

WHEREAS: Chemistry Club is recognized by the Office of Student Involvement and Development as a registered student group of Washburn University.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE WSGA SENATE:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association shall allocate an amount not to exceed \$100.00 from the Student Organizations account to Chemistry Club for a scientific demonstration.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage and bearing the signature of the WSGA President and Vice President.

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SENATE BILL 2024-25 #162  
TITLE: Chemistry Club II  
ORIGINATOR: Burdick/Wood Administration  
SPONSOR: Burdick/Wood Administration  
STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: Chemistry Club is requesting funding for their outreach event, and

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

WHEREAS: Chemistry Club is recognized by the Office of Student Involvement and Development as a registered student group of Washburn University.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE WSGA SENATE:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association shall allocate an amount not to exceed \$150.00 from the Student Organizations account to Chemistry Club for their outreach event.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage and bearing the signature of the WSGA President and Vice President.

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SENATE BILL 2024-25 #163  
TITLE: Zeta Tau Alpha  
ORIGINATOR: Burdick/Wood Administration  
SPONSOR: Burdick/Wood Administration  
STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: Zeta Tau Alpha is requesting funding for apparel, and

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE WSGA SENATE:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association shall allocate an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00 from the Student Organizations account to Zeta Tau Alpha for apparel.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage and bearing the signature of the WSGA President and Vice President.

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SENATE BILL no. 24-25 #153  
TITLE: Moore Project Grant  
ORIGINATOR: Burdick/Wood Administration  
SPONSOR: Burdick/Wood Administration  
STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: The Washburn Student Government Association sets aside money each year to fund student projects through Student Development Grants, and

WHEREAS: Miles Moore is requesting funding for their campus project grant, and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE WSGA SENATE:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association shall allocate an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00 from the Student Development Grant account for their film project.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage and bearing the signature of the WSGA President and Vice President.

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SENATE BILL 2024-25 #164  
TITLE: Governing Documents Revamp  
ORIGINATOR: Burdick/Wood Administration  
SPONSOR: Burdick/Wood Administration  
STATUS: Internal Affairs Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: The Washburn University Student Government Association (WSGA) shall be open to the campus community, and

WHEREAS: WSGA is governed by documents such as the WSGA Constitution and By-laws, and

WHEREAS: these documents should reflect the best practices of governing bodies and be easily understood by the public, and

WHEREAS: time and effort have been invested by the Administration in revamping these documents to make them more digestible and functional, and

WHEREAS: WSGA has the responsibility to ensure these documents are updated and can make modifications, then vote on these changes.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE WSGA SENATE:

SECTION ONE: The governing documents of the WSGA shall be updated to reflect the changes produced in the following documents titled “WSGA Constitution”, “WSGA Restated By-Laws”, “Standing Senate Rules”, “Senate Attendance Policy”, “Office Policy”, “Internal Affairs Policy”, “Funding Policy”, “Elections Policy”, “Cabinet Policy”, and “Awards Policy”.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage and bearing the signature of the WSGA President and Vice President.

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SENATE BILL 2024-25 #165  
TITLE: Student Activity Fee Modernization Act  
ORIGINATOR: Burdick/Wood Administration  
SPONSOR: Burdick/Wood Administration  
STATUS: Student Activity Fee Review Committee – Favorable

WHEREAS: The Washburn University Board of Regents (WUBOR) has authorized Washburn University of Topeka to levy a student activity fee, which shall be used to provide an academic and cultural environment in which every student may attain the highest possible level of growth and development, and

WHEREAS: Washburn Student Government Association (WSGA) shall be the primary agency responsible for recommending the dollar amount of the student activity fee and shall consider present and future enrollment trends, as well as economic conditions such as wages and inflation, and

WHEREAS: WSGA is currently running a deficit, and has already made substantial cuts to many of its line items to attempt to correct its financial deficit, and

WHEREAS: Despite budget cuts WSGA is still running a deficit, putting significant strain on student services and endangering operations, and

WHEREAS: The current Student Activity Fee for the Fiscal Year 24-25 is \$58.50.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE WSGA SENATE:

SECTION ONE: All students enrolled in any credit hours at Washburn University will be charged a base Student Activity Fee of \$70.00 each semester.

SECTION TWO: Should WUBOR increase tuition by any percentage, the Student Activity Fee will increase by that same percentage, not to exceed 3%.

SECTION THREE: A copy of this legislation shall be presented to the WUBOR by the WSGA President and Vice President in May to approve this change.

SECTION FOUR: This legislation shall become effective upon passage and bearing the signature of the WSGA President and Vice President.

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