

**Washburn Student Government Association
Burdick/Wood Administration, March 12th, 2025**

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

Senator	Proctor	N	N
Senator	Puerta	N	N
Speaker	Redington	Y	Y
Senator	Reynoldson	Y	Y
Senator	Ross	Y	Y
Senator	Sanner	Y	Y
Senator	Sharp	Y	Y
Senator	Smith	Y	Y
Chairperson	Timm	Y	Y
Senator	Yucesan	Y	Y

Position	Last Name	Present (Beginning)	Present (Final)
Special Events Director	Roth	Y	Y
Marketing Director	Coulter	Y	Y
Campus and Community Affairs Director	Jordan	Y	Y
Diversity Equity and Inclusion Director	Hinds	Y	Y
Legislative Director	Meseke	Y	Y
Budget Director	Lloyd	Y	Y
Chief of Staff	Ottman	Y	Y
Vice President	Wood	N	N
President	Burdick	Y	Y
Advisor ²	Dr. TLC	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. Meeting minutes waived.
- IV. Cabinet Reports
 - a. Dante Jordan, Campus & Community Affairs Director
 - i. Nothing to report
 - b. Kate Coulter, Communications & Marketing Director
 - i. Went to KBOR with George
 - ii. Blinky Board is dying- finalized purchase (will be revived)
 - c. DeMarques Hinds, Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Director
 - i. Meeting with WU Sisterhood on Denim Day-
 - ii. Working on transition reports
 - d. Kira Roth, Special Events Director
 - i. 96 people signed up for Big Event
 - ii. Noon to 1 in Union Underground for Elections
 - e. Cameron Meseke, Legislative Director
 - i. If you're wanting to write a bill or resolution- come talk to him.
 - ii. Come by to tabling for 12-2
 - f. Nick Lloyd, Budget Director
 - i. Audit is right after Senate
 - g. Trevor Ottman, Chief of Staff
 - i. Office hours have been good
 - h. Bella Wood, Vice President
 - i. George Burdick, President
 - i. He has given four speeches- wrapping up any final projects as an Executive.
 - j. Dr. TLC and Dr. Grospitch, Advisors
 - i. Elections are taking place- go out to vote.
 - ii. Drink water, rest, and repeat!
- V. Committee Reports
 - a. Taylor Redington, Internal Affairs Speaker
 - i. Keep turning in those absence appeals.
 - b. Alex Timm, Allocations Chairperson

- i. Marr Grant and Kapa Sig didn't have reps.
 - ii. All other bills were given favorable status
 - iii. Findings are accepted.
 - c. Kirstyn Brown, Campus and Community Affairs Chairperson
 - i. Next school week- WU Rocks (3 Days) 24th, 25th, 26th paint rocks and write letters of appreciation
 - ii. Pinky Pony Pary canceled- something will replace it.
 - d. Dre Morris, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Chairperson
 - i. Women's History Month Resolution receives favorable status.
 - ii. There will be interviews for women on women's history month.
 - iii. Findings are accepted.
- VI. Public Forum I:
- a. Topeka Metro Talk
 - i. Dr. Bearman is here to talk on his experience on the Topeka Metro Board. People said they have questions.
 - ii. What is Metro on Demand? Microtransit version of Uber or Lyft.
 - iii. How do they keep the metro safe? Firstly, under COVID, they had to think about the routes of the demographics they were targeting. Metro on Demand will find people and take them to bus stops and whatnot.
 - iv. 6-6 Hours on Topeka Metro are hindering to students. The ridership doesn't support it. They've also had the same budget for the last 8/9 years.
 - v. How can they get out the word that this is changing? They have pretty extensive hearings on how they spread the word.
 - vi. Data on how many people use it? It's been brought to WSGA
 - vii. They do have their own social media- yes they do
 - viii. Are there any safety measures? It's one of the safest places! We don't see very many issues.
 - ix. Dr. Bearman wouldn't vote no on increasing the bus schedule.
 - x. How do routes change? They are continually looking at ridership and running times to devise a route. A lot of these east-west ridership.

- xi. Would Topeka metro be available to partnering? It would be available.
- xii. There was no decision on making the Metro on Demand Available to Washburn Students
- xiii. They understand the personnel
- xiv. They have worked actively with Topeka Police Department, and are continuing to keep an eye on it. We're not in a big city, so it's not as big of a deal. They have been looking at security on the bus system. There are cameras on the bus. They are federally funded.
- xv. We need to make sure that we're up to date with students, and it would be great if we could continue that.
- xvi. Does the metro get paid to serve riders? They do.
- xvii. The fee hasn't been raised in a long time. Is there any plan? The board has been clear in their fares.
- xviii. Are we able to analyze the route? They do already track the route. Have they looked into routes that are near grocery stores? It's just the economics of the situation, and they do unfortunately have to reduce services. They have a struggle to get operators to run the system
- xix. What are the benefits and pay for drivers? \$25 an hour (goes up with experience). The average age of operators is 52. If he was young he wouldn't want a job that goes from 6-6.
- xx. Goals and plans for the next 5-10 years? Keep metro on the streets. Wake up everyday and hope for federal funding. Bring some electric busses. But he doesn't know if he can count on 5-10 years, it's scary. They've had some losses.
- xxi. Ride Smart with Lyft has had no real impact on swipes.
- xxii. What can we do to follow up? Come talk to them about the issues we face. Need people to come out to talk about the issues they face.
- xxiii. He'll take you out and ride with you at a small town if you want him to.
- xxiv. 16 busses.

VII. New Business I:

- a. SB 2024-25 #170 WU National Association for Music Education
 - i. Requesting funding for KMEA- great opportunity for students.
 - ii. Requesting for food, registration, and the hotel.
 - iii. Legislation Passes.
- b. SB 2024-25 #171 Marr Grant
- c. SB 2024-25 #173 Alpha Delta
 - i. Requesting for 1,478- for t-shirt, polo, and hoodie. It will be used for this year and continue to be used for ongoing years.
 - ii. Legislation Passes.
- d. SB 2024-25 #174 First Year Experience (FYE) Peer Educators
 - i. Requesting funding for \$350 for BBQ at the meeting. Each peer educator attends each month.
 - ii. Legislation Passes.
- e. SB 2024-25 #175 Washburn Association of Percussionists
 - i. Paying for percussionists to come and host professional musicians.
 - ii. Legislation Passes.
- f. SB 2024-25 #176 Forensic Sciences Club
 - i. Requesting funding for t-shirts. Looks for a motion to combine bills. SB 2024-25 #80: Forensic Science Club
- g. SB 2024-25 #177 Forensic Sciences Club I
 - i. Requesting funding to attend the KDAI (Kansas Department for the Association of Identification) conference (for the rooms).
 - ii. Combined bill gets approved.
- h. SB 2024-25 #178 Kappa Sigma
- i. SB 2024-25 #179 Sigma Phi Epsilon
 - i. Requesting funding for a concert, and the amount gets increased.
 - ii. \$1,600.00 gets increased 1,907.28
 - iii. Company that they reached out to had actually upcharged them.
 - iv. Bratwursts will be there.
- j. SR 2024-25 #014 Women's History Month
 - i. There are a lot of influential women on campus.

ii. This gets approved!

VIII. Announcements

- a. Election announcements, and ask about cabinet jobs.
- b. Ask about the foundation
- c. AD philanthropy week.

IX. Roll Call

- a. Silent roll call

X. Adjournment

- a. We adjourn.

AUDIT:

Cheer/Dance:

Budget is broken down in two ways

Cheer/Mascot: \$18,000 (they are looking to increase Cheer/Mascot to \$25,600) + \$5,558 = \$23,558

Dancing Blues: \$12,000 + 1,515 = \$13,515 (looking to increase to 14,400)

They are asking for more funding. They are needing some carts and five gallon jugs of water, and there is no where to really get those. They need mat movers. They are looking for \$800 a student.

They are looking to improve the Bod Squad.

WSGA's funding goes to transportation, hotels, dues/memberships, clothing and mascots, signs, palms, megaphones, etc.

New branding has also made it a bit difficult- need new backpacks for example.

Campus Activity Board:

Does CAB allocate funding for their events?

Within their report they start with 35,000 – and it has gradually gotten down to around 20,000.

A few components need updated: currency, amount in attendance, and when these events take place.

They're trying to keep some reoccurring events, just to keep the name alive. They kind of do need to, however, revitalize some things. Collaborating with more organizations might be helpful. Lego competition should be at the end of the month.

Student Media:

Salaries, training, technology, printing, office supplies, staff incentives (free food!), cameras, media memberships, media tools, office telephones, promotions, student initiatives.

Hire about 50-65 students for social media.

The relationship between Mass Media and Student Media is strong, but they are within two separate departments.

There is about \$80,000 extra, and we are wondering where that extra money might go.

How often do cameras need to be purchased or office sofas/computers.

They don't purchase new stuff too often, but there are occasional purchases, especially with this last year given new staff members.

Context on the yearbook:

They put so much money into the yearbook, but there wasn't as much interactivity or retention.

Student Media is trying to retain some members through giving stories that people find fun.

We aren't their only source of income

-3,020 comes from advertising

If ther

Increase in Executive Staff- why? Just having more need.

WSGA:

His low spring enrollment: He had an estimate for his difference in enrollment.

Looks like a pull from reserves may be necessary.



SENATE BILL 2024-25 #170
TITLE: WU National Association for Music Education
ORIGINATOR: Burdick/Wood Administration
SPONSOR: Burdick/Wood Administration
STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: WU National Association for Music Education is requesting funding to attend the Kansas Music Educators Association 2025 In-Service Workshop, and

WHEREAS: WU National Association for Music Education has fully complied with all applicable funding policies to this point in the allocation process, and

WHEREAS: WU National Association for Music Education 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 \$4,000.00 from the Student Organizations account to WU National Association for Music Education to attend the Kansas Music Educators Association 2025 In-Service Workshop.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Bella Wood'.

Bella Wood
WSGA Vice President
Presiding Officer of the Senate

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'George Burdick'.

George Burdick
WSGA President



SENATE BILL 2024-25 #171
TITLE: Marr 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 campus development through the Student Development Grant fund, and

WHEREAS: Joseph Marr is requesting a Campus Project Grant for the construction of a memorial to the Kappa Sigma house, and

WHEREAS: Joseph Marr has fully complied with all applicable funding policies to this point in the allocation process.

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 the construction of a monument.

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 #173

TITLE: Alpha Delta

ORIGINATOR: Burdick/Wood Administration

SPONSOR: Burdick/Wood Administration

STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: Alpha Delta is requesting funding for apparel, and

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

WHEREAS: Alpha Delta 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 \$1,478.00 from the Student Organizations account to Alpha Delta 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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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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George Burdick
WSGA President



SENATE BILL 2024-25 #174

TITLE: First Year Experience (FYE) Peer Educators

ORIGINATOR: Burdick/Wood Administration

SPONSOR: Burdick/Wood Administration

STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: FYE Peer Educators is requesting funding for their monthly meeting, and

WHEREAS: FYE Peer Educators has fully complied with all applicable funding policies to this point in the allocation process, and

WHEREAS: FYE Peer Educators 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 \$350.00 from the Student Organizations account to FYE Peer Educators for their monthly 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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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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George Burdick
WSGA President



SENATE BILL 2024-25 #175

TITLE: Washburn Association of Percussionists

ORIGINATOR: Burdick/Wood Administration

SPONSOR: Burdick/Wood Administration

STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: Washburn Association of Percussionists is requesting funding to host professional musicians, and

WHEREAS: Washburn Association of Percussionists has fully complied with all applicable funding policies to this point in the allocation process, and

WHEREAS: Washburn Association of Percussionists 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 \$2,036.96 from the Student Organizations account to Washburn Association of Percussionists to host professional musicians.

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

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George Burdick
WSGA President



SENATE BILL 2024-25 #176
TITLE: Forensic Sciences Club
ORIGINATOR: Burdick/Wood Administration
SPONSOR: Burdick/Wood Administration
STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: Forensic Sciences Club is requesting funding for apparel, and

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

WHEREAS: Forensic Sciences 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 \$472.38 from the Student Organizations account to Forensic Sciences Club for their 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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George Burdick
WSGA President



SENATE BILL 2024-25 #177
TITLE: Forensic Sciences Club I
ORIGINATOR: Burdick/Wood Administration
SPONSOR: Burdick/Wood Administration
STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: Forensic Sciences Club is requesting funding to attend the 2025 KDAI conference, and

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

WHEREAS: Forensic Sciences 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 \$1,200.00 from the Student Organizations account to attend the 2025 KDAI 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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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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WSGA President



SENATE BILL 2024-25 #178
TITLE: Kappa Sigma
ORIGINATOR: Burdick/Wood Administration
SPONSOR: Burdick/Wood Administration
STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: Kappa Sigma is requesting funding to attend a regional conference, and

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

WHEREAS: Kappa Sigma 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 \$1,440.00 from the Student Organizations account to Kappa Sigma to attend a 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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WSGA President



SENATE BILL 2024-25 #179

TITLE: Sigma Phi Epsilon

ORIGINATOR: Burdick/Wood Administration

SPONSOR: Burdick/Wood Administration

STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: Sigma Phi Epsilon is requesting funding for a concert, and

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

WHEREAS: Sigma Phi Epsilon 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 \$1,600.00 from the Student Organizations account to Sigma Phi Epsilon for a concert.

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

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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George Burdick
WSGA President



SENATE RESOLUTION 2024-25 #014
TITLE: Women's History Month
ORIGINATOR: Vice-Chair Kerney
SPONSOR: Burdick/Wood Administration
STATUS: Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee - STATUS

WHEREAS: Women's History Month is celebrated in March annually to honor the contributions and achievements of women throughout history, and

WHEREAS: Women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our society in countless recorded and unrecorded ways, and

WHEREAS: Women such as Dr. JuliAnn Mazachek, the 15th President of Washburn University, and Dr. Teresa L. Clouch, Associate Vice President of Student Life and Dean of Students, have demonstrated exceptional leadership and commitment to academic excellence and community engagement, as well as enhancing student experiences and advocating for an inclusive campus.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WSGA SENATE:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association hereby recognizes March as Women's History Month, also recognizing and honoring the vital role of women in American history.

SECTION TWO: The Washburn Student Government Association encourages educational institutions, community organizations, and individuals to observe Women's History Month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities that promote awareness and appreciation of women's contributions to our society.

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

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