

Washburn University Student Government Association
Coulter/Durst Administration, May 7th, 2025

Position	Last Name	Present (Beginning)	Present (Final)
Senator	Abernathy	X	X
Senator	Adhikari	Y	Y
Senator	Bourell	X	Y
Senator	Barbery	Y	Y
Senator	Brown	Y	Y
Senator	Brungardt	Y	Y
Senator	(M) Carter	Y	Y
Senator	Cattoor	Y	Y
Senator	Cervantes-Rodriguez	Y	Y
Senator	Giles	Y	Y
Senator	Hastings	Y	Y
Senator	Hinds	Y	Y
Senator	King	Y	Y
Senator	Lloyd	Y	Y
Senator	McCreath	Y	Y
Senator	McFan	Y	Y
Senator	Meier	X	X
Senator	Motes	Y	Y
Senator	O’Leary-Worsley	Y	Y
Senator	Ross	Y	Y
Parliamentarian	Sharp	Y	Y
Senator	Smith	Y	Y
Speaker	Timm	Y	Y

Senator	Whaley	Y	Y
Senator	Yucesan	Y	Y

Position	Last Name	Present (Beginning)	Present (Final)
Special Events Director	Clark	Y	Y
Marketing Director	Hammes	Y	Y
Campus and Community Affairs Director	Redington	Y	Y
Diversity Equity and Inclusion Director	Kerney	Y	Y
Legislative Research Director	Newfer	Y	Y
Budget Director	Ginn	Y	Y
Chief of Staff	Roth	Y	Y
Vice President	Durst	Y	Y
President	Coulter	Y	Y
Advisor ²	Dr. TLC	Y	Y
Advisor ²	Dr. G	X	X

ROLL CALL QUESTION:

- What is one conspiracy theory or cryptid that you believe in?
 - o Lea Michelle cannot read?

- I. Call to Order – Vice President Ryan Durst
- II. Roll Call – Chief of Staff Kira Roth
- III. Review of Proceeding Meeting Minutes
- IV. Cabinet Reports
 - a. Taylor Redington, Campus & Community Affairs Director
 - i. Success Week events are going really well! Ice Cream event is tomorrow (Thursday). Bods Feeding Bods is accepting lightly used school supplies.
 - b. Belle Hammes, Communications & Marketing Director
 - i. Working on Summer promo, apparel. Looking for volunteers to work on Cabinet Member of the Month
 - 1. Speaker Alex Timm and Director Hammes
 - c. Chavanna Kerney, Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Director
 - i. Lots of things happening and I will not be in the office during Finals week. Conversation with Chartwells about international food things. Finalized Chairperson things.
 - d. Lillian Clark, Special Events Director
 - i. WU Fest planning—passing around the dates and logos and things so folks can see. Lots of work on a new thing! Hopefully a standing committee for Special Events will go out soon, so there will be a chairperson application here too.
 - e. Caleb Newfer, Legislative Research Director
 - i. Messed up his own new title on the agenda, so that's crazy. Made the agendas. Bills were made and should hopefully pass; we want to make the Spring Elections Board tonight as well. There were some bylaw changes there as well.
 - f. Meredith Ginn, Budget Director
 - i. General funding requests, reimbursements, etc. New form for direct funding is happening. Chairperson is decided and they should learn tomorrow.
 - g. Kira Roth, Chief of Staff
 - i. Working on thinking about NSO's and other things.
 - h. Ryan Durst, Vice President

- i. Looking into summer planning. Who is working? What are the expectations? Summer meetings?
 - ii. Homecoming Public Forum will be happening later tonight; lots of logistics behind this have been happening
 - iii. Sending lots of emails and making sure that things have been updated as we change them.
 - i. Kate Coulter, President
 - i. This is officially our last senate of the Spring semester! Went to WUBOR, the Student Activity Fee increased was approved! Helping Directors send out emails for Chairpeople and things. This information will be shared with folks on Friday. Lots of meetings.
 - j. Dr. TLC and Dr. Grospitch, Advisors
 - i. Congrats to making it to this part of the semester! Bods Feeding Bods will also accept donations of dining dollars so that other folks in need can have them.
 - ii. Rest, Hydrate, Repeat. 😊
- V. New Business I:
- a. SB 2025-26 #023 Summer Stipend Revision 2.0
 - i. SB is given neutral status in Committee of the Whole.
 - ii. VP Durst breaks down the numbers and explains what things are being changed and why. The payment for working full time over the summer would be up to \$1,000, and half time would be about \$500.
 - iii. Senator Lloyd and Senator Cattoor: There seems to be a difference between what we are talking about in the by-laws and the bill.
 - iv. Senator Lloyd: So is this discretionary?
 - 1. This is only somewhat discretionary; it depends on how much a person works over the summer. This will be reflective of the workload that the administration needs.
 - v. Senator Hastings: This still seems kind of vague if the policy says 500 or 1000; maybe we should specify rather than keep it vague.

1. The answer to this is that it really does depend. We are not explicitly doing 1,000 or 500.
- vi. Senator Yucesan: Why is this not just an hourly wage?
 1. A stipend is easier to do a little bit. This will more than likely be the 500 or the 1,000. The other aspects are used in extreme cases, like in the event that someone says that they are going to work and then they just don't. This policy leaves us space to make that edit if we need to.
- vii. Senator Lloyd: There seems to be a new policy for over the summer, but it seems like this is a new thing that hasn't really been updated fully.
 1. This document is not the full edits. This looks like 5 hours per week are expected, and then we also change the payment amount.
 2. Another edit is made to make sure that folks are required to work up to 5 hours per week.
 3. ANOTHER edit is made to say that Internal Finance will approve any summer stipends.
- viii. The Bill is passed.
- b. SB 2025-26 #024 Election Board Adjustment
 - i. Director Newfer: This bill is going to change subsection 3.2 in the bylaws. Essentially, there are a certain number of positions that are supposed to be there, as well as a number of people that should be on the board. This is inaccurate. We would like to fix this to say that we would like to add speaker to the elections board to make this an odd number and make sure that we don't have to take anyone else.
 - ii. The bill is passed.
- c. SB 2025-26 #025 Establishing a Special Events Committee
 - i. Director Clark talks about what this would do.
 - ii. Senator Cattoor: I think this is a good idea. The only time we used to get an update was when they would come ask for money, so I think this is cool.
 - iii. The Bill is passed.

VI. Public Forum I:

a. Establishing Members of Fall Election Board

- i. This is a board that we need 3 senators to volunteer to be a part of. The board will handle the first year elections in the fall. We will have to have some discussions prior to the first meeting of next semester. The time commitment is relatively low.
- ii. Senator Hastings - 3
- iii. Senator Lloyd – 4 – 8**
- iv. Senator Hinds - 12**
- v. Senator Ross – 4 – 6
- vi. Senator Adhikari - 13**

b. Senator Committee Assignments

- i. President Coulter announces who is on which committee!
- ii. Check your emails if you applied for chairperson
- iii. We will not start having committee meetings until the fall semester.
- iv. A little bit of information about the Special Events Committee!
 1. The goal is to better represent the student body through our events. This fosters greater responsibility and ensures there is greater diversity in events. WU Fest, Homecoming, The Big Event, End of Year Banquet. This is a new committee, so you will have to be adaptable. This will be a committee where you are closer because you have to work pretty closely to plan the events.
- v. We will be looking for a couple of people from their committee right now to move into the Special Events Committee:
 1. Motes – Allocations, King - Allocations, Cervantes-Rodriguez - Allocations, Hinds - DEI, Yucasan - CCA, Ross - Allocations, Brown - CCA, Barbery – DEI
 2. You will know by the end of the week if you are moved or not, because we need to make sure that we keep the numbers as even as possible. If you NEED to move committees, then let us know! Chairperson applications will be going out tomorrow for the Special Events committee.

c. Homecoming Planning Committee:

- i. We are planning to make an Ad Hoc committee that is working on planning homecoming

- ii. This is something that we have not done before, so this is really a new thing.
- iii. The purpose of this is to partner with Student Life and WSGA to plan homecoming. WSGA will have a greater sense of ownership over homecoming.
- iv. Ad Hoc means “for this” so this committee is for homecoming. Anybody can be a part of an Ad Hoc committee.
- v. This will be made up of 4 student government members, counting Lillian. Any person is eligible.
- vi. Duties: plan Hoco events, one event per person. Director works with each person to plan specific events and make sure that things get done. You don’t have to work by yourself at all! This is also supported by Special Events committee
- vii. We are looking for people that are adaptable, want greater responsibility, want to network, and really do have the time at that point in the semester. There is a couple of meetings that are supposed to happen over the summer, and there are other non-scheduled meetings that you would have to go to.
- viii. Dr. G oversees, Lillian manages the Ad Hoc committee and chairs. Each member will be compensated for their work on the committee and they will not be paid until after completion of the event. You are also required to have more office hours every week.
- ix. If you want to participate, then you need to make sure to talk to Director Clark by the end of this week.
- x. There is a difference between Special Events Committee and the Homecoming Ad Hoc Committee. You can be in both, but you can also be in a different committee
- xi. Coulter: the money for the stipend will come from the Student Life office.
- xii. Cattoor: what is the reasoning for homecoming going under WSGA?
 - 1. President Coulter: It was under the VP, but then there was a VP that didn’t want to do it anymore. Student Life took it over. Kate and Kira got the position, but now they can’t do it anymore. It came back to WSGA because that just makes sense.
 - 2. Dr. TLC: we want to make sure that there is input from students when it comes to Homecoming.

- xiii. VP Durst: We want to make sure that it is clear that this is a partnership with Student Life. There is a whole committee what Washburn establishes, so it is not just WSGA.
- xiv. President Coulter: The stipend is not something that you are guaranteed. This depends on your work and how you do it. If you think that you are a good candidate, think about your communication styles. If you are not willing to communicate with certain people, then you may not be a good fit.
- xv. Director Hammes: remember that you are also going to have to participate in the events. You can help by being there and doing the things. You don't have to do both things.
- xvi. VP Durst: It is not just on one person to plan and this is something that we wanted to make sure was clear. Director Clark should not be in this alone. This makes the work more efficient.
- xvii. President Coulter: There is a difference between the Ad Hoc and the Special Events committee. Keep those differences in mind. You will still hopefully be involved in Homecoming.
- xviii. Senator Motes: Could we add another person to the committee if we wanted to add more events to that week?
 - 1. Dr. TLC: we have the events that we have because we want those to be the most student focused events.
- xix. Senator Lloyd: Were there any thoughts about using CAB?
 - 1. There is already a Homecoming Committee that is going to stay and they are already a part of that conversation
- xx. Senator Cattoor: Are these people just doing their one event or do they do more?
 - 1. Each person has one event that they are in charge of planning and it would have to be approved, but you also want to make sure that everything is running smoothly and everything. You have more than one job. This can also be tailored to the people on the committee. You aren't expected to plan more than one event, but you do help in other ways.
- xxi. President Coulter: There are other campus entities that will be planning events, so we don't want to take all of the events away from other people.
- xxii. You are focusing on your one event, Lillian is doing a lot of the outreach. The idea is that you know the things and can sell the

information to make sure that people go to the events. Make sure to offer insight to all of the things.

xxiii. Talk to Lillian by the end of the week so that we can decide who will be on this committee.

VII. Announcements

VIII. Roll Call – Chief of Staff Kira Roth

IX. Adjournment



SENATE BILL 2025-26 #023
TITLE: Summer Stipend Revision 2.0
ORIGINATOR: Coulter/Durst Administration
SPONSOR: Coulter/Durst Administration
STATUS: Committee of the Whole - Passed

WHEREAS: Select members of the Washburn Student Government Association (WSGA) Executive Cabinet are expected to carry out important duties during the summer term, including transition planning, budget preparation, meeting attendance, and student advocacy, and

WHEREAS: the current summer stipend of \$500 does not adequately reflect the level of commitment, time investment, and responsibilities required during this period, and

WHEREAS: increasing the summer stipend will ensure fair compensation for the hours worked and promote greater retention and accountability among Executive Cabinet members during the summer months, and

WHEREAS: an updated stipend amount of up to \$1,000 more accurately aligns with the workload expectations and ensures consistency with WSGA's values of equity and responsibility, and

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE WSGA SENATE:

SECTION ONE: The summer stipend for WSGA Executive Cabinet members shall be increased from \$500 to up to \$1,000, effective at the beginning of Summer 2025.

SECTION TWO: The WSGA Budget will reflect this change and allocate funds accordingly to support this adjustment.

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

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Ryan Durst
WSGA Vice President
Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Kate Coulter
WSGA President



SENATE BILL 2025-26 #024
TITLE: Election Board Adjustment
ORIGINATOR: Coulter/Durst Administration
SPONSOR: Coulter/Durst Administration
STATUS: Committee of the Whole - Passed

WHEREAS: The Washburn University Student Government Association (WSGA) shall have a decisive election board for first year elections, and

WHEREAS: WSGA is governed by documents including the WSGA By-laws, and

WHEREAS: there currently exists a discrepancy in the by-laws by assigning six voting members to a five-member election board, and

WHEREAS: an efficient and practical election board should consist of an odd number of members, 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: Subsection 3.2 of the WSGA by-laws shall be amended to read:

Subsection 3.2: Composition

The WSGA Student Election Board shall consist of a Spring Election Board and Fall Election Board with ~~five~~ **seven** members of the Washburn Student Government Association. Three of the seats shall be composed of Senators selected by the Senate through a nomination and election process. The final ~~two~~ **four** seats shall be reserved for the WSGA President, Chief of Staff, Legislative Research Director, and Speaker. A Chairperson shall be selected internally. ~~The Legislative Director shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Election Board to stay in the know about any election discussion.~~ No member of the Election Board should be a student running in the upcoming election, regardless of position. In the event the Chief of Staff, President, **Speaker**, or Legislative Research Director are candidates for office **or otherwise are unable to serve at the discretion of the appointee themselves**, they shall be replaced by a sworn-in WSGA member ~~appointed by the President~~ **elected by the Senate**.

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



Ryan Durst
WSGA Vice President
Presiding Officer of the Senate



Kate Coulter
WSGA President



SENATE BILL 2025-26 #025

TITLE: Establishing a Special Events Committee

ORIGINATOR: Coulter/Durst Administration

SPONSOR: Coulter/Durst Administration

STATUS: Committee of the Whole - Passed

WHEREAS: The Washburn University Student Government Association (WSGA) shall be tasked with enriching campus and student life, and

WHEREAS: WSGA sponsored events are a critical part of student engagement and campus enrichment, and

WHEREAS: committees are the basis of all legislation and action from WSGA.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE WSGA SENATE:

SECTION ONE: The "Special Events Committee" shall be established as a standing committee, designated for the purpose of enriching Washburn's campus through WSGA sponsored special events.

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

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