

**Washburn University Student Government Association
Newfer/Clark Administration, April 29th, 2026**

- I. Call to Order – Vice President Lillian Clark
- II. Roll Call – Chief of Staff Amya Carpenter
- III. Review of Proceeding Meeting Minutes
- IV. Cabinet Reports
 - a. Nick Lloyd, Campus & Community Affairs Director
 - i. May have to cancel part of Summerfest but will know for sure by 12:00pm. Creating a Chartwells inflation tracker for a better understanding of pricing for students. Morgan Hall no longer has a printer, so CCA will be working on getting one back. Starting to plan Can Emporia.
 - b. Taylor Redington, Communications & Marketing Director
 - i. Livestream is live. Participated in AI panel.
 - c. Caitlyn Crim, Special Events Director
 - i. Ice cream for late night breakfast on May 11th. Beginning nitial plans for WU fest. Chairperson application closes soon, so apply if interested.
 - d. Merit Carter
 - i. Making zines for AAPI month. Chairperson application is open and due May 1st.
 - e. Aidan Hixson, Legislative Research Director
 - i. Appreciates Senate’s patience as he does the agenda
 - f. Prekshya Adhikari, Director of Operations
 - i. Now has an email, wsga.office@washburn.edu. Working with student organizations to ensure they have good experiences with WSGA. Created a feedback form to hear people’s feedback on WSGA.
 - g. Julianna Reynoldson, Budget Director
 - i. Keeping up with the email and reimbursements. After tonight, we will be at 96% of allocated funds which will be addressed next week.
 - h. Amya Carpenter, Chief of Staff

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- i. Out of office for a conference Monday and Tuesday. Working on office operations and introducing new senators to WSGA.
 - i. Lillian Clark, Vice President
 - i. Everyone is transitioned. Chairperson applications are open, so talk to Directors if you are interested. Many cabinet members are locked out of emails, so if you need anything, send it to their personal emails.
 - j. Caleb Newfer, President
 - i. Going through budget tonight.
 - k. Dr. TLC, Advisor
 - i. Isaiah Bryant-Collier stepping in for Dr. TLC this week.
- V. New Business I:
 - a. SB 2026-27 #003: Bonner Leadership Institute 2026
 - i. The bill is passed
 - b. SB 2026-27 #004: IFC Summer Recruitment
 - i. The bill is passed
 - c. SB 2026-27 #005: Royals Game for Summer Rush
 - i. The bill is passed
 - d. SB 2026-27 #006: FYE Monthly Meeting
 - i. The bill is deferred to Internal Finance Committee
 - e. SB 2026-27 #007: Tabling Supplies
 - i. The bill is passed
 - f. SB 2026-27 #008: Cinco De Mayo Dinner
 - i. The bill is passed.
- VI. Public Forum I:
 - a. A.I. Committee Update, Dr. Worsley
 - i. Participated in AAC&U Institute on AI, Pedagogy, and Curriculum. Developed a communication strategy for Washburn with multiple departments and stakeholders. Developed an AI SharePoint site called Washburn Gen AI Essentials that has a list of guidelines and expectations of AI usage in the classroom. In Summer of 2026, a Basic AI Literacy Bootcamp Pilot will

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take place with multiple faculty members. Formed an AI Common Tools Workgroup. Beginning to look at governance structure but is still in the early stages.

VII. New Business II:

- a. SB 2026-27 #001: WSGA Senate Sovereignty Act
 - i. Senator Ross-The bill states that WSGA is sovereign from the Executive branch and should decrease the chances of administrative overreach. Any changes to the agenda must be made by the Senate as a whole, not by Executive discretion.
 - ii. Director Hixson- This bill might cause confusion and delay in Senate proceedings. Agendas are usually created with considerations for guests' time.
 - iii. VP Clark- We work with the Speaker each week on the agenda. Senators can still currently move any item they deem appropriate to move. If the bill passes, Senate will have to adjust every single week. Public Forum was first last week because senators would not have been sworn in to perform business.
 - iv. Senator Ross- Last week's agenda caused issues with senate sovereignty because the cabinet voted. The senate should still hold power over the agenda, not cabinet.
 - v. Special Events Director Crim- Every cabinet that voted ran as a senator before being sworn in as cabinet
 1. Senator Ross-Senate still needs to be sovereign and separate from the Executive
 - vi. Speaker Yucesan- The agenda was released on Monday. Mostly Senate never changes the agenda. This bill causes more work.
 - vii. The bill fails to pass
- b. SB 2026-27 #002: WSGA Ichabod Crossing Act

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- i. 16 Crosswalk signs containing Ichabod's will be placed around campus. The bill requests funds from reserves to purchase the sign and cover labor costs.
 - ii. The bill is passed
- VIII. New Business III:
 - a. New Senator Confirmation Vote, Makynzie Murray
 - i. Tabled for one week
- IX. Public Forum II:
 - a. Swearing in of New Senator
 - i. Tabled for one week
- X. Public Forum III:
 - a. Initial Budget Proposal, President Newfer & Vice President Clark
 - i. Presentation of the proposed 2026-2027 WSGA Budget.
- XI. New Business IV
 - a. SB 2026-27 #009: FY27 Budget Proposal
 - i. The bill is passed
- XII. Announcements

XIII. Roll Call – Chief of Staff Amya Carpenter

XIV. Adjournment

Position	Last Name	Present (Beginning)	Present (Final)
Senator	Arnold	P	P
Senator	Barbery	P	P
Senator	Berry	P	P
Senator	Bottom	P	P
Parliamentarian	Hammes	A	P
Senator	Horselenberg	P	P
Senator	Ginn	P	P
Senator	Lightbourne	P	P
Senator	Meier	P	P
Senator	Mcfan	P	P
Senator	Nanju	P	P
Senator	Ross	P	P
Senator	Selm	P	P
Senator	Smith	A	A
Senator	Stevens	P	P
Speaker	Yucesan	P	P

Position	Last Name	Present (Beginning)	Present (Final)
Director of Operations	Adhikari	P	P
Special Events Director	Crim	P	P
Marketing Director	Redington	P	P

Campus and Community Affairs Director	Lloyd	P	P
Student Accessibility and Belonging	Carter	P	P
Legislative Director	Hixson	P	P
Budget Director	Reynoldson	P	P
Chief of Staff	Carpenter	P	P
Vice President	Clark	P	P
President	Newfer	P	P
Advisor	Dr. TLC	A	A



SENATE BILL 2025-26 #003
TITLE: Summer Leadership Institute 2026
ORIGINATOR: Budget Director Reynoldson
SPONSOR: Speaker Yucesan
STATUS: Committee of the Whole – Neutral

WHEREAS, Bonner Leader Program is requesting funding for their Summer Leadership Institute 2026; and

WHEREAS, Bonner Leader Program 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 \$3,000.00 from the Student Organizations account to Bonner Leader Program for their Summer Leadership Institute 2026.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage by the WSGA Senate, subject to the veto power of the WSGA President as outlined in the Constitution.



SENATE BILL 2025-26 #004
TITLE: IFC Summer Recruitment
ORIGINATOR: Budget Director Reynoldson
SPONSOR: Speaker Yucesan
STATUS: Committee of the Whole – Neutral

WHEREAS, Interfraternity Council is requesting funding for their IFC Summer Recruitment;
and

WHEREAS, Interfraternity Council 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 Interfraternity Council for their IFC Summer Recruitment.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage by the WSGA Senate, subject to the veto power of the WSGA President as outlined in the Constitution.



SENATE BILL 2025-26 #005
TITLE: Royals Game for Summer Rush
ORIGINATOR: Budget Director Reynoldson
SPONSOR: Speaker Yucesan
STATUS: Committee of the Whole – Neutral

WHEREAS, Kappa Sigma is requesting funding for their Royals Game for Summer Rush; 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 \$1,040.00 from the Student Organizations account to Kappa Sigma for their Royals Game for Summer Rush.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage by the WSGA Senate, subject to the veto power of the WSGA President as outlined in the Constitution.



SENATE BILL 2025-26 #006
TITLE: FYE Monthly Meeting
ORIGINATOR: Budget Director Reynoldson
SPONSOR: Speaker Yucesan
STATUS: Committee of the Whole– Neutral

WHEREAS, FYE Peer Educators is requesting funding for their FYE 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 \$718.03.00 from the Student Organizations account to FYE Peer Educators for their FYE Monthly Meeting.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage by the WSGA Senate, subject to the veto power of the WSGA President as outlined in the Constitution.



SENATE BILL 2025-26 #007
TITLE: Tabling Supplies
ORIGINATOR: Budget Director Reynoldson
SPONSOR: Speaker Yucesan
STATUS: Committee of the Whole – Neutral

WHEREAS, Sigma Lambda Gamma is requesting funding for their Tabling Supplies; and

WHEREAS, Sigma Lambda Gamma 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 Sigma Lambda Gamma for their Tabling Supplies.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage by the WSGA Senate, subject to the veto power of the WSGA President as outlined in the Constitution.



SENATE BILL 2025-26 #008
TITLE: Cinco de Mayo Dinner
ORIGINATOR: Budget Director Reynoldson
SPONSOR: Speaker Yucesan
STATUS: Committee of the Whole – Neutral

WHEREAS, Spanish Club is requesting funding for their Cinco de Mayo Dinner; and

WHEREAS, Spanish 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 \$500.00 from the Student Organizations account to Spanish Club for their Cinco de Mayo Dinner.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage by the WSGA Senate, subject to the veto power of the WSGA President as outlined in the Constitution.



SENATE BILL 2026-27 #001
TITLE: WSGA Senate Sovereignty Act
ORIGINATOR: Sen. Ross
SPONSOR: Parliamentarian Hammes
STATUS: Committee of the Whole – Neutral

WHEREAS, The powers within the WSGA Senate should be unaffected by action taken by the current cabinet and administration; and

WHEREAS, The agenda being set up incorrectly can allow members of cabinet to influence how senate goes about business

WHEREAS, Clarifying wording in relation to the order of the agenda would remove any chance of cabinet overreach.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE WSGA SENATE:

SECTION ONE: The Senate of the Washburn Student Government Association finds and hereby reaffirms and recognizes its sovereign authority to deliberate and render decisions independently, without reliance upon or intervention of the administration and cabinet.

SECTION TWO: Chapter 1, Section 5 of Standing Senate Rules shall be amended to read:

The order of WSGA Full Senate meetings ~~shall be based~~ must follow the order laid out on the following outline:

SECTION THREE: This legislation shall become effective upon passage by the WSGA Senate, subject to the veto power of the WSGA President as outlined in the Constitution.



SENATE BILL 2025-26 #002
TITLE: WSGA Ichabod Crossing Act
ORIGINATOR: Taylor Redington, Nick Lloyd
SPONSOR: Chairperson Ross
STATUS: Campus and Community Affairs Committee – Neutral

WHEREAS, Washburn University prioritizes the safety and well-being of its students, faculty, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, pedestrian traffic is high in various areas across campus, creating a need for increased visibility and awareness for crossing zones; and

WHEREAS, incorporating Washburn-themed “Ichabod Crossing” signage would both enhance pedestrian safety and promote school spirit through visible branding; and

WHEREAS, the installation of such signage would serve as a long-term investment in campus safety infrastructure while fostering a stronger sense of community identity; and

WHEREAS, the Washburn Student Government Association has the authority to allocate funds to initiatives that benefit the student body.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE WSGA SENATE:

SECTION 1: PURPOSE

The purpose of this initiative is to increase pedestrian safety awareness while simultaneously promoting Washburn University school spirit through creative and visible signage.

SECTION 2: ALLOCATION

The Washburn Student Government Association shall allocate an amount not to exceed \$4,000 from the Student Government budget for the design, production, and installation of “Ichabod Crossing” signs across various locations on campus.

SECTION 3: IMPLEMENTATION

The WSGA shall collaborate with appropriate university departments, including Facilities Services and Campus Safety, to determine optimal placement locations and ensure compliance with all campus regulations and safety standards.

SECTION 4: REPORTING

Upon completion of the project, a brief report shall be submitted to the WSGA Senate detailing expenditures, placement locations, and overall impact.

SECTION 5: EFFECTIVE DATE

This legislation shall become effective upon passage by the WSGA Senate, subject to the veto power of the WSGA President.



SENATE BILL 2025-26 #009

TITLE: FY27 Budget Proposal

ORIGINATOR: President Newfer
SPONSOR: Speaker Yucesan
STATUS: Committee of the Whole – Neutral

WHEREAS, We need a budget

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE WSGA SENATE:

SECTION ONE:

The attached “Budget Proposal for FY27DRAFT” shall become the document used as the official fiscal year 2026-27 Budget.

SECTION TWO:

This legislation shall become effective upon passage by the WSGA Senate, subject to the veto power of the WSGA President.