

Washburn University Student Government Association
Coulter/Durst Administration, October 1st, 2025

- 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. Perfect Party went well! We picked up Piano Smash supplies earlier and we are really excited!
 - b. Belle Hammes, Communications & Marketing Director
 - i. Perfect Party was great! There are lots of great photos. Blinky Board is updated, so if you need promotion on there, let me know! Headshots are on their way to you! There is an apparel form going around so we can make sure that we are getting you the size that you would like. The WSGA Current and Awards of the Month are being pushed back because we couldn't get responses. Please respond to those forms!
 - c. Chavanna Kerney, Student Accessibility and Belonging Director
 - i. Happy Breast Cancer Awareness Month! We are working on the next steps for the International Food Showcase. We have cool bracelets and things again! I will not be in on Friday but I will be making up those hours on Thursday.
 - d. Lillian Clark, Special Events Director
 - i. Public Forum about Homecoming later! Great Bod Bash and Perfect Party!
 - e. Caleb Newfer, Legislative Research Director
 - i. There have been changes made to the templates on the Teams and we have a resolution tonight that has those changes reflected fully. The events in the last couple of weeks have been great! Updates have been made to the governing documents, and you should be able to access them in Teams. I've been helping to write legislation and things are going well!
 - f. Meredith Ginn, Budget Director

- i. Usual stuff for Meredith. Lots of funding request prep and reimbursement and things. Lots of new organizations have been created in the last couple of weeks!
 - g. Kira Roth, Chief of Staff
 - i. Thank you for being here! Keep up the great work! Suggestions Box is live at the front of the office. Senate Social Form is on the Teams. The Mid-Semester Check-In form will be live after senate on the Teams; please do fill that out! Senator Autumn Stevens is our Senator Task Superstar for our end of September!
 - h. Ryan Durst, Vice President
 - i. Lots of little but still important things. Congrats to Kate on Bods Banquet and all the things that come with that!
 - i. Kate Coulter, President
 - i. Lots of Bods Banquet work and lots of the same work as usual has happened.
 - j. Dr. TLC, Advisor
 - i. Be aware that it is Domestic Violence Awareness Month: there are a lot of events happening so remember that. Homecoming happens this month as well, so remember to take care of yourself and use your time in the way that is best for you.
- V. Committee Reports:
- a. Speaker Timm, Internal Affairs Committee
 - i. Parliamentarian Sharp – We gave favorable status to SR#03.
 - 1. These findings are accepted
 - b. Chairperson McCreath, Allocations Committee
 - i. Allocations has 8 bills. Two are tabled. All remaining bills are given favorable status. Some can be combined.
 - 1. These findings are accepted.
 - c. Chairperson Smith, Campus & Community Affairs Committee
 - i. This Friday on the Union Lawn from 11-1 you can smash a piano in support of Can Emporia! If you are available to help setup, that would be wonderful! Please reach out if you are

available. We are working on looking at student discounts for students; please let us know if you have any suggestions!

- d. Chairperson Whaley, Student Accessibility and Belonging Committee
 - i. Director Kerny's email has been changed! Please email the new email address. There are a lot of awareness months, so be aware! We will be working on tabling and collecting donations for various projects and things going through the committee. We will interview students about Hispanic Heritage Month and will be doing a series of other events. Favorable status was given to SR#4 and SR#5
 - 1. The findings of the committee are accepted.
- e. Chairperson Ross, Special Events Committee
 - i. Lillian came to committee this week and brought in the merchandise! If you have not taken a picture with the hat, please do so! (we are doing this for content). We will be making the picture frame for Bod Bash and we will get the supplies for that and everything. We have the lawn board and top hat, so if you are helping with that, please do help! We will be tabling at the football game prior to the homecoming game!

VI. Public Forum I:

- a. Molly Steffes-Herman, Associate Director Counseling Services and Advocacy

VII. New Business I:

- a. SB #061: Washburn Association of Percussionists
 - i. The Percussionists, Composers, and Piano and Organ Society are all collaborating together for the same event. They will have a multiple day event where they will have a series of presenters and concerts. There will be a lot of really cool opportunities for all of these incredible musicians.
 - ii. Vice Chair Brungardt motions to combine SB 61, 62, and 63.
 - 1. The bills are combined.
 - iii. SB#73 is passed.
- b. SB #062: Washburn Association of Composers
 - i. SB#73 is passed.

- c. SB #063: Washburn Piano and Organ Society
 - i. SB#73 is passed.
- d. SB #068: Anderson Grant
 - i. Tabled
- e. SB #069: ByteBods
 - i. Tabled
- f. SB #070: Kinesiology Club
 - i. Requesting funding for shirts. They do have shirts every year. They increased the price so that they would have enough money to cover the shirts, regardless of the design that they chose.
 - ii. Parliamentarian Sharp: Can we see the design of the shirts?
 - 1. We could pass our phone around?
 - 2. No, that is okay. You don't have to pass your phone around.
 - iii. President Coulter: You don't have to pass your phone around. Just wear the shirt to senate sometime and we would all be so proud.
 - iv. Bill is passed.
- g. SB #071: Washburn Strings
 - i. The organization is requesting funding for the annual Baroque Bash. The event is this Saturday, October 4th. The event is a large group of musicians that group together and work on a piece and then they will give a performance later in the day. They use the money for the instructors, accompanists, shirts, and food from Chartwells.
 - 1. Vice Chair Brungardt: How much of that funding is being used for the shirts?
 - a. It is currently at \$2,000, but we will decrease the amount of money being used for the shirts.
 - 2. Senator Lloyd: You can only be reimbursed for \$1,500 for apparel, so be weary of that when making this request.
- h. SB #072: PickleBods

- i. Organization is requesting funding for equipment and tournament. They would like to get paddles and balls that they plan to order in bulk and use these supplies for at least the coming year.
- ii. Senator Lloyd: They will buy 20 paddles, pickleballs, nets, and other supplies.
- iii. Vice Chair Brungardt: We cannot allow senators to speak on funding requests.
- iv. Director Newfer: You can also just vote to suspend the rules
- v. Parliamentarian Sharp: You can always defer to a senator if they do know more about the request, which is perfectly reasonable and allowed.
- vi. VCP Brungardt: So does this rule encompass all sworn-in members, including Cabinet?
- vii. VP Durst: If this is a thing that is continued, please do feel free to have these conversations and talk about this in your committee or talk to someone and we will work to find a way to resolve the issue.
- viii. Bill is passed.

VIII. Public Forum II:

- a. Director Clark, Senator King, Senator Giles, Homecoming Update
 - i. This year, WSGA is overseeing Homecoming again! This is a collaboration with Student Life, so this is a presentation about what the Hoco Committee has been working on! WSGA will be participating in:
 - ii. Top Hat: Belle will be leading the efforts. Helpers include: Taylor, Ryan, Caleb, Yaressi, Alyssa, Haley, Parker, Madeline, Kendall, Shaylee, Colton
 - iii. Office Décor: Prekshya and Kira will lead. Helpers are: Caleb, Kate, Belle, Seth, Danny, Alyssa, Haley, Parker, and DeMarques.
 - iv. Lawn Board: Alyssa and Caitlyn will lead. Helpers are: Ryan, Caleb, Danny, Parker, Ashton, Kendall, Shaylee, and Colton.

- v. Parade: Kate and Danny will lead. Helpers will be: Shaylee, Autumn, Prekshya, Apollo, DeMarques, Alyssa, Caitlyn, Yaressi, Caleb, and Belle.
- vi. HOCO SCHEDULE:
 - 1. Bod Bash – Tuesday – 6-8pm – North Union Lawn
 - 2. Scorch on the Porch - Wednesday – 11-1 – Memorial Union
 - 3. Yell Like Hell – Thursday – 7-9 – White Concert Hall
- vii. Please help push out the marketing that will come out next week!
- viii. Freebies!! – We have super cool freebies. The hat looks great! The tote bags are adorable! And the shirts are so cool!
 - 1. You can get these by volunteering at events. Hats are for participating (Bod Bash and YLH) and the tote bags are the same.
- ix. Each group that signed up is assigned a color and they are bringing in donations, so they are supposed to put a sticker on all of their cans so that we can make sure that all of the donations so that they actually get all the points and everything.
 - 1. Director Redington: There are also some that will have letters.
- x. Chairperson Ross: Does money also count?
 - 1. Yes, this will also count, but they will just make sure to specify the organization when they are submitting it.
 - 2. If you don't specify what it's for, it will not count!
- xi. BOD BASH – Senator King
 - 1. 8 total senators are needed to help with the event. It will count as an office hour and you will also get a shirt! We are collaborating with the Swing Dancing Club and we want to make it similar to a party and there is also going to be food, drinks, and live music. Set up will start at 5:30pm.
 - 2. President Coulter: How many volunteers do we need?

- a. So we have a form that will be going out and we only need the volunteers that we already specified.
- 3. Senator McGill: Do you get a shirt if you just try to volunteer?
 - a. No, you've gotta be there.
- 4. Director Redington: Bod Bash is the LAST CHANCE for any Can Emporia collection, so you can also help with tabling for that!
- 5. Senator Meier: Does this count as an office hour?
 - a. Yes.
- 6. Senator Stevens: Does this count as a senator task?
 - a. Yes.
- xii. Scorch on the Porch – Shaylee Giles
 - 1. This will also count as an office hour and you will get a shirt! The food will be a barbeque sort of thing! Pulled pork, mac and cheese, desserts, and other things! We will need help, but we are not sure on numbers quite yet since we will also have WU staff helping.
 - 2. Chairperson Smith: Can my brother come?
 - a. Students, Faculty, and Staff usually but we will let you know
 - 3. Senator Mcfan: Where is the food coming from?
 - a. Chartwells
 - 4. Chairperson Ross: Where are the freebies coming from?
 - a. The whole thing is free. Food and activity, but those are the freebies.
 - 5. Chairperson Whaley: Is there a date for this?
 - a. October 22, 11-1
 - 6. This will be on the same form for volunteers, but we want to see how many external volunteers we get first.
 - 7. President Coulter: This is Chartwells, not potluck, right?
 - a. Yes.
 - 8. Parliamentarian Sharp moves to extend the Public Forum but 10 minutes.

- a. This passes.
- xiii. Yell Like Hell – Lillian Clark
 - 1. Duties include: handing out shirts and freebies, running scores to judges, doing other things. We don't know how many volunteers we will need, but we do know that this is what they will be doing.
 - 2. We toured White Concert Hall today with a tech to check on lighting and all the things. This is a different space, but we do think that it will be really fun!
 - 3. If you are interested, you are always welcome to watch and attend! The volunteers for this will be on that same volunteer form.
 - 4. Chairperson Ross: Last YLH, there was a big gap between the end of the event and the scores. Are we doing anything to make this time shorter?
 - a. We can't really do the same thing this year, but there is a lot of other engagement that we can do in the meantime to make sure that we aren't making people bored. There will also be a DJ! I promise that we have taken this into consideration.
 - 5. THERE ARE NO OUTSIDE FOOD OR DRINKS ALLOWED IN THIS SPACE.
 - 6. Thank you for listening! Please show up to the events! I promise that it will be a lot of fun 😊
 - 7. Senator Cervantes-Redriguez: I guess we can put the Ichabod in a costume!
- xiv. President Coulter: Director Clark said show up, and I am saying it again! Please do show up since we are the ones that are doing it!
- xv. VP Durst: I also want to say that. Please please please make sure that we represent ourselves well and support Lillian and the committee.
- xvi. Director Hammes: Where did you get that picture, Lillian?

xvii. Director Clark: Starting October 12th, Lillian and Taylor with NOT be in the country!!!

b. Senator Cervantes-Rodriguez, Hispanic Heritage Month

- i. For the last couple of weeks, I have been trying to bring awareness to Hispanic Heritage Month, so we wanted to do a public forum to bring more awareness to why this is particularly important this year.
- ii. I refuse to let my family grow up the way that I did; we will not be shamed for being Hispanic.
- iii. We found out that the Hispanic population makes up the second highest demographic here on campus.
- iv. There have been a lot of attacks on the Hispanic Community. There are current programs that also attack Hispanic Americans. There are multiple sheriff's offices in the state of Kansas that carry out this attack and work for ICE. The SC recently ruled that ICE can use various methods to essentially racially profile.
- v. What can we do? We can recognize, support, and educate.

c. Senator Meier: Thank you for taking the time to make this presentation and share this information with senate.

d. VP Durst: Thank you for doing this. This is a big month and an important time to be able to support this. There is a lot going on in the news and we have a duty to pay attention and support those that need it the most.

e. Senator Cervantes-Rodriguez: We have a resolution going through tonight, and this resolution will be based on the verbiage that the governor's proclamation uses.

IX. New Business II:

a. SR #003: Recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month

- i. This year's theme is "Honoring the past, inspiring the future." The resolution is important because this is something that really affects the community. There is a lot happening and the Shawnee Co Sherriff's office does support ICE and other issues that directly affect this community.

- ii. Vice Chair Brungardt: Make sure that we are aware of spacing and use unanimous consent.
 - 1. This was amended in IA, so we are all good!
 - iii. Resolution is passed.
- b. SR #004: Domestic Violence Awareness
 - i. Senator Mcfan: DV is a huge problem. DV is not just romantic relationships, it can be in any relationship. This resolution is to acknowledge this on campus and the Topeka community
 - ii. Chairperson Ross: → Director Redington: Someone should make a friendly amendment
 - iii. Chairperson Ross: slash should be added in and/or in the 3rd whereas.
 - iv. Parliamentarian Sharp: We do still need to vote on these amendments through the senate. There is still a process here.
 - v. Senator Lloyd: A period should be added at the end of Section 1. Originator accepts. No objections.
 - vi. Parliamentarian Sharp → VP Durst: This is also very important. There are a lot of things that happen that go unseen, so it is important to make sure that we recognize these things.
 - vii. Resolution is passed.
- c. SR #005: Freedom of Gender Expression
 - i. Chairperson Whaley: This resolution explains that gender-expansive folks exist, so we need to do a better job of recognizing these folks, even though they are not recognized in legal terms.
 - ii. Senator Bourell: This is super important for so many reasons. Often, these folks are discriminated against and this makes them feel incredibly unwelcome, so we want to make sure that we vote to support this so we can make sure that we keep these spaces open for everyone.
 - iii. Director Newfer: This is a great opportunity to show all of the changes that we are making to the template for legislation.
 - iv. Parliamentarian Sharp: This isn't in the law, but what does Washburn do?

1. Dr. TLC: We follow the law
- v. VP Durst: the university follows the law but we want to make sure that we are being representative of all of the folks on campus. Just because WU follows the law, does not mean that WSGA has to.
- vi. Vicechair Brungardt: Changing the name of the DEI committee was to take a target off of our back, but will this resolution put the target right back?
 1. Dr. TLC: These resolutions represent what these bodies support. There are people across many campuses that are supporting this same kind of movement. This work remains the same; we are still to support all students. WU has always been open to all people. Those that came before us have still worked to help and be there for you, so please know that we will always be there for you. This resolution would remind everyone that we do still want to be there for our peers and colleagues.
 2. Thank you Dr. TLC!! <3
- vii. Chairperson Whaley: The point of WSGA is for students to serve students, so if you are here, this means that you want to support all students.
- viii. The resolution is passed.
- X. Announcements
- XI. Roll Call – Chief of Staff Kira Roth
- XII. Adjournment

Position	Last Name	Present (Beginning)	Present (Final)
Senator	Adhikari	A	A
Senator	Barbery	P	P
Senator	Bottom	P	P
Senator	Bourell	P	P
Senator	Brown	A	A
Vice Chairperson	Brungardt	P	P
Vice Chairperson	Carter	P	P
Vice Chairperson	Cattoor	A	A
Senator	Cervantes-Rodriguez	P	P
Senator	Crim	A	A
Senator	Giles	P	P
Senator	Hastings	A	A
Senator	Hinds	P	P
Vice Chairperson	King	P	A
Senator	Lloyd	P	P
Chairperson	McCreath	P	P
Senator	McFan	P	P
Senator	McGill	P	P
Senator	Meier	P	P
Senator	Motes	P	P
Senator	O’Leary-Worsley	A	A
Chairperson	Ross	P	P
Parliamentarian	Sharp	P	P
Senator	Smith	P	P

Chairperson	Smith	P	P
Senator	Stevens	P	P
Speaker	Timm	A	A
Senator	Yucesan	P	P
Chairperson	Whaley	P	P

Position	Last Name	Present (Beginning)	Present (Final)
Special Events Director	Clark	P	P
Marketing Director	Hammes	P	P
Campus and Community Affairs Director	Redington	P	P
Student Accessibility and Belonging Director	Kerney	P	P
Legislative Research Director	Newfer	P	P
Budget Director	Ginn	P	P
Chief of Staff	Roth	P	P
Vice President	Durst	P	P
President	Coulter	P	P
Advisor ²	Dr. TLC	P	P

Roll Call Question:

- What is a roll call question that you like?
- If you had to do show and tell on one object right now, what would it be?



SENATE BILL 2025-26 #061

TITLE: Washburn Association of Percussionists

ORIGINATOR: Chairperson McCreath

SPONSOR: Chairperson McCreath

STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: Washburn Association of Percussionists is requesting funding for Masterclasses and a Concert, 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 \$1200.00 from the Student Organizations account to Washburn Association of Percussionists for Masterclasses and a Concert.

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 #062

TITLE: Washburn Association of Composers

ORIGINATOR: Chairperson McCreath

SPONSOR: Chairperson McCreath

STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: Washburn Association of Composers is requesting funding for Masterclasses and a Concert, and

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

WHEREAS: Washburn Association of Composers 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 \$1000.00 from the Student Organizations account to Washburn Association of Composers for Masterclasses and a Concert.

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 #063

TITLE: Washburn Piano and Organ Society

ORIGINATOR: Chairperson McCreath

SPONSOR: Chairperson McCreath

STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: Washburn Piano and Organ Society is requesting funding for Masterclasses and a Concert, and

WHEREAS: Washburn Piano and Organ Society has fully complied with all applicable funding policies to this point in the allocation process, and

WHEREAS: Washburn Piano and Organ Society 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 Washburn Piano and Organ Society for Masterclasses and a Concert.

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 #068

TITLE: Anderson Grant

ORIGINATOR: Chairperson McCreath

SPONSOR: Chairperson McCreath

STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: Emma Anderson is requesting a Student Grant for the Latin Americanists Conference, and

WHEREAS: Emma Anderson 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 \$749.00 from the Student Grant account for the Latin Americanists Conference.

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 #069

TITLE: ByteBods

ORIGINATOR: Chairperson McCreath

SPONSOR: Chairperson McCreath

STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: ByteBods is requesting funding for the Hack Midwest Hackathon, and

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

WHEREAS: ByteBods 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 \$310.00 from the Student Organizations account to ByteBods for Hack Midwest Hackathon.

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 #070

TITLE: Kinesiology Club

ORIGINATOR: Chairperson McCreath

SPONSOR: Chairperson McCreath

STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: Kinesiology Club is requesting funding for their Fall Apparel, 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 \$645.00 from the Student Organizations account to Kinesiology Club for their Fall Apparel.

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 #071

TITLE: Washburn Strings

ORIGINATOR: Chairperson McCreath

SPONSOR: Chairperson McCreath

STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: Washburn Strings is requesting funding for their Baroque Bash, and

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

WHEREAS: Washburn Strings 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 \$3000.00 from the Student Organizations account to Washburn Strings for their Baroque Bash.

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 #072

TITLE: PickleBods

ORIGINATOR: Chairperson McCreath

SPONSOR: Chairperson McCreath

STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: PickleBods is requesting funding for Supplies, and

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

WHEREAS: PickleBods 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 \$358.12 from the Student Organizations account to PickleBods for 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 RESOLUTION 2025-26 #003

TITLE: Recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month

ORIGINATOR: Senator Cervantes-Rodriguez

SPONSOR: Senator Cervantes-Rodriguez

STATUS: Internal Affairs Committee - STATUS

WHEREAS: Hispanic Heritage Month is a time to honor the rich cultural heritage, traditions, and contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans who have profoundly influenced our campus and continue to shape its future; and

WHEREAS: Hispanic Heritage Month begins on September 15th and ends on October 15th; and

WHEREAS: the themes

of this year's Hispanic Heritage Month "Collective Heritage: Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future," highlight the profound contributions of Hispanic and Latino communities to the fabric of American society, and in particular to the Washburn campus; and

WHEREAS: according to the Kansas Board of Regents, as of Academic Year 2024, Hispanic and Latino students account for 13.8% of the Washburn student population; and

WHEREAS: the Hispanic and Latino student population is the second highest population behind the White student population (61%); and

WHEREAS: Latinos have been tireless leaders in the fight against racism and discrimination not only in securing their own rights and access to equal opportunity but have also campaigned to create a fairer and more just society for all Americans.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WSGA SENATE:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association recognizes Hispanic Heritage Month and the contributions that the Hispanic and Latino community has made to our campus.

SECTION TWO: Upon passage, this resolution shall be forwarded to the Kansas Hispanic and Latino American Affairs Commission and President Mazachek and the Washburn University Administration.

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 RESOLUTION 2025-26 #004

TITLE: Domestic Violence Awareness

ORIGINATOR: Senator Mcfan

SPONSOR: Senator Mcfan

STATUS: Student Accessibility & Belonging Committee - STATUS

WHEREAS, domestic violence is not just physical, it includes a range of behaviors such as sexual abuse, emotional abuse, financial abuse, and psychological abuse, and

WHEREAS, a significant number of homicides are related to domestic violence. In the U.S., about half of female homicide victims are killed by a current or former male intimate partner, and

WHEREAS, social isolation, fear, shame, and lack of resources are common barriers and or factors that prevent a person from leaving a domestic violence situation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WSGA SENATE:

SECTION ONE: WSGA will bring awareness and action by hosting events and posting on social media, to provide information and resources to all Washburn students

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 RESOLUTION 2025-26 #005

TITLE: Freedom of Gender Expression

ORIGINATOR: Chairperson Whaley

SPONSOR: Senator Bourell

STATUS: Student Accessibility and Belonging - STATUS

WHEREAS, it is crucial that WSGA emphasizes and facilitates an environment of belonging and inclusivity; and

WHEREAS, gender expansive individuals exist at Washburn and have always existed; and

WHEREAS, discrimination, sexual assault, and other transgressions are legally hindered by a perceived gender binary.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WSGA SENATE:

SECTION ONE: Washburn Student Government Association (WSGA) recognizes all genders as valid and accepts this truth.

SECTION TWO: Upon passage, this resolution shall be forwarded to President Mazachek and the Washburn University Administration for review and consideration.

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.