

**Washburn Student Government Association
Smith/Campa Administration, 10/7/2020**

- I. Call to Order – Mayela Campa
- II. Roll Call – Wyatt Carter
- III. Review of Proceeding Meeting Minutes
- IV. Cabinet Reports
 - a. Campus & Community Affairs Director Babcock
 - b. Homecoming Director Trautman
 - c. Communications & Marketing Director Albertson
 - d. Diversity and Inclusion Director Moreno
 - e. Administrative Assistant and Technology Director Carter
 - f. Legislative Director Gurrero
 - g. Budget Director Rainey
 - h. Chief of Staff Caffrey
 - i. Vice President Campa
 - j. President Smith
 - k. Advisor Collier
- V. Committee Reports
 - a. Allocations Chairperson Hanes
 - b. Campus and Community Affairs Chairperson Smith
 - c. Communications Chairperson Kincaid
 - d. Internal Affairs – Speaker Christman
 - e. Diversity & Inclusion – Chairperson Rana
- VI. New Business I
 - a. SB 20-21 #040: Spookstober
 - b. SB 20-21 #041: National Domestic Violence Awareness Month
 - c. SR 20-21 #005: National Disability Employment Awareness Month
 - d. SR 20-21 #006: Indigenous Peoples’ Day
 - e. SR 20-21 #007: LGBT History Month
- VII. Public Forum I
 - a. Homecoming
- VIII. Public Forum II
 - a. Mental Health Days
- IX. New Business II
 - a. SR 20-21 #004: Mental Health Days
- X. Announcements
 - I. Roll Call
 - II. Adjournment

SB 20-21 #040

TITLE: Spooktober
ORIGINATOR: Smith/Campa Administration
SPONSOR: Allocations Committee
STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: Leadership Institute is requesting funding for Spooktober, and

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

WHEREAS: Leadership Institute is recognized by the Office of Student Involvement and Development as a registered student group of Washburn University, and

WHEREAS: registered student organizations are eligible to receive WSGA funds.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association shall allocate an amount not to exceed \$307.75 from the Student Organizations account for Spooktober.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

Victoria Smith
WSGA President

Mayela Campa
WSGA Vice President

SB 20-21 #041

TITLE: National Domestic Violence Awareness Month

ORIGINATOR: Smith/Campa Administration

SPONSOR: Smith/Campa Administration

STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: October is viewed as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and

WHEREAS: More than 10 million Americans suffer at the hands of loved ones each year, and women are twice as likely to be targets of this heinous crime as men, and

WHEREAS: The Washburn Student Government Association takes a stand to bring attention to the issue of domestic violence, and

WHEREAS: By taking a stand, The Washburn Student Government intends to remind the Washburn community that there are still countless people – victims and survivors, their children and families, their friends and family – impacted by domestic violence.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association recognizes National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

SECTION TWO: The Washburn Student Government Association shall allocate \$500 to the Victims Advocacy Fund.

SECTION THREE: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

Victoria Smith
WSGA President

Mayela Campa
WSGA Vice President

SR 20-21 #005

TITLE: National Disability Employment Awareness Month

ORIGINATOR: Diversity and Inclusion Committee

SPONSOR: Smith/Campa Administration

STATUS: Diversity and Inclusion Committee - Favorable

WHEREAS: National Disability Employment Awareness Month was declared in 1988 by the United States Congress for the month of October to raise awareness of the employment needs and contributions of individuals with all types of disabilities, and

WHEREAS: This year holds significance because it marks the celebration of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA), passed 30 years ago, and 75 years of National Disability Employment Awareness (NDEAM), and

WHEREAS: The Washburn Student Government Association recognizes that Washburn University has buildings that are not ADA compliant such as Carnegie, and

WHEREAS: In efforts of making Washburn University ADA compliant, the members of WSGA ask that if there is a plan in place, it shall be shared with students, faculty, and staff, and

WHEREAS: If no plan is in place, WSGA asks that the university develop a plan before the end of the 2020-2021 academic school year.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION ONE: After passage, a copy of this resolution will be handed to President Dr. Farley, Vice-President for Academic Affairs and Associate Professor Dr. JuliAnn Mazachek, Vice-President of Student Life Dr. Eric Grospitch, and Director of Diversity and Inclusion Danielle Dempsey-Swopes.

SECTION TWO: Assigned members of WSGA will follow up with those names listed above.

SECTION THREE: The Washburn Student Government Association recognizes the month of October as National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

SECTION FOUR: This Legislation shall become effective upon passage.

Victoria Smith
WSGA President

Mayela Campa
WSGA Vice President

SR 20-21 #006

TITLE: Indigenous Peoples' Day

ORIGINATOR: Diversity and Inclusion Committee

SPONSOR: Smith/Campa Administration

STATUS: Diversity and Inclusion Committee

WHEREAS: The holiday known as Columbus Day commemorates the Italian Explorer Christopher Columbus and his voyage to the "New World", and

WHEREAS: Columbus Day has been a federal holiday since 1937, and

WHEREAS: Washburn Student Government Association (WSGA) recognizes that the Indigenous Peoples of the lands that would later become known as the Americas have occupied these lands since time immemorial, and

WHEREAS: WSGA recognizes and values the many contributions made to our communities through indigenous peoples' knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, arts, and the deep cultural contribution, and

WHEREAS: WSGA promotes the closing of the equity gap for Indigenous Peoples through policies and practices that ensure greater access to higher education and opportunities, and honor our nation's indigenous roots, history, and contribution, and

WHEREAS: Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations sponsored International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas, and

WHEREAS: Kansas was home to eight Native American Tribes – The Arapaho, Comanche, Kansa, Kiowa, Missouri, Osage, Otoe, and Pawnee, and

WHEREAS: Kansas became home to many more Native American Tribes – the Cheyenne, Chippewa, Delaware, Illini, Iowa, Iroquois, Kaskaskia, Kickapoo, Munsee, Ottawa, Peoria, Piankashaw, Potawatomi, Quapaw, Sac and Fox, Shawnee, Seneca, Stockbridge, Wea, Wichita, and Wyandot due to the American policy of Indian Removal, and

WHEREAS: Kansas is now home to four Native American Reservations – The Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, Kickapoo Tribe of Indians in Kansas, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, and Sac and Fox Nation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION ONE: WSGA acknowledges and celebrates the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day.

SECTION TWO: WSGA supports the proposition that Indigenous Peoples' Day shall be an opportunity to celebrate the thriving cultures and values of the Indigenous Peoples.

SECTION THREE: WSGA encourages Washburn University's faculty senate to pass a similar resolution.

Victoria Smith
WSGA President

Mayela Campa
WSGA Vice President

SR 20-21 #007

TITLE: LGBT History Month

ORIGINATOR: Diversity and Inclusion Committee

SPONSOR: Smith/Campa Administration

STATUS: Diversity and Inclusion Committee

WHEREAS: In 1994, a coalition of education-based organizations in the U.S. designated October as LGBT History Month, and in 1995 a resolution passed by the General Assembly of the National Education Association included LGBT History Month within a list of commemorative months, and

WHEREAS: National Coming Out Day, October 11th, as well as the first “National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights” in 1979, are commemorated in the LGBTQ+ community during LGBT History Month, and

WHEREAS: LGBT History Month is an annual month-long observance of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender history, and the history of the gay rights and related civil rights movement, and

WHEREAS: LGBT History Month provides role models, builds community, represents a civil rights statement about the contribution of the LGBTQ+ community, and encourages honesty and openness about being lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and/or queer, and

WHEREAS: LGBT History is celebrated in Hungary, the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, Brazil, Greenland, and the city of Berlin, and

WHEREAS: WSGA aims to support the LGBTQ+ community to feel safe, supported, and represented within our communities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION ONE: WSGA proclaims October as LGBTQ+ History Month.

SECTION TWO: WSGA recognizes October 11th as National Coming Out Day.

SECTION THREE: WSGA Diversity and Inclusion Committee will be handing out flags, pins, and shirts on October 12th in commemoration of LGBTQ+ History Month.

Victoria Smith
WSGA President

Mayela Campa
WSGA Vice President

SR 20-21 #004

TITLE: Spring 2021 Mental Health Days

ORIGINATOR: Communications Committee

SPONSOR: Smith/Campa Administration

STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending, Campus and Community Affairs Committee – Pending, Communications Committee – Pending, Diversity and Inclusion Committee – Pending, Internal Affairs Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: Washburn University has removed Spring Break from the 2020-2021 academic calendar due to COVID-19 concerns, and

WHEREAS: Without the break, Martin Luther King Jr. Day is the only day off during the 16 week semester, and

WHEREAS: Breaks throughout a semester are crucial for the mental health and wellbeing of students and faculty, and

WHEREAS: There are over 1000 unique signatures on a petition imploring Washburn to add mental health days to the 2021 Spring Semester, and

WHEREAS: Washburn prides itself on being a university that cares for its students and their mental health, and

WHEREAS: The WSGA is the only legislative deliberative institution for students, therefore it is our duty to represent student voices and concerns regarding the issue of university resources for student success.

BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION ONE: WSGA recommends the Academic Calendar Committee reconvene and implement “Mental Health Days” which will take the form of one day breaks in the months of February, March, and April.

SECTION TWO: The Academic Calendar Committee may decide which days the break may be on each month, but WSGA recommends that the breaks be on a Monday or Friday.

SECTION THREE: Upon passage by the Student Senate and signature of the Student Body President, a copy of this resolution shall be sent to President Dr. Jerry Farley, Vice President for Student Life Dr. Eric Gropitch, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. JuliAnn Mazachek, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Jennifer Ball, and the Academic Calendar Committee.

Victoria Smith
WSGA President

Mayela Campa
WSGA Vice President