

**Washburn Student Government Association
Trautman/Babcock Administration, September 29, 2021**

- I. Call to Order – Dylan Babcock
- II. Roll Call – Quinn Leffingwell
- III. Review of Proceeding Meeting Minutes
- IV. Cabinet Reports
 - a. Campus & Community Affairs Director Hanes
 - b. Special Events Director Smith
 - c. Communications & Marketing Director Carter
 - d. Diversity and Inclusion Director Dorantes
 - e. Administrative Assistant Leffingwell
 - f. Legislative Director Young
 - g. Budget Director Rorstrom
 - h. Chief of Staff Caffrey
 - i. Vice President Babcock
 - j. President Trautman
 - k. Advisor Collier
- V. Committee Reports
 - a. Allocations Chairperson Buller
 - b. Campus and Community Affairs Chairperson Lopez
 - c. Communications Chairperson Cook
 - d. By-Laws – Speaker Wessel
 - e. Diversity & Inclusion Chairperson Ngatia
 - f. Nominations – Chief of Staff Caffrey
- VI. Old Business I
 - a. SB 21-22 #042: Virtual Suggestion Box
 - b. SR 21-22 #009: Social Media and Mental Health
 - c. SR 21-22 #010: Fossil Fuel Divestment in University Endowment Fund
- VII. New Business II
 - a. SB 21-22 #043: Yelland Appointment
- VIII. Public Forum I: Swearing in of New Senator
- IX. New Business I
 - a. SB 21-22 #044: Non-Standing Committees
 - b. SR 21-22 #011: Breast Cancer Awareness Month
 - c. SR 21-22 #012: Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- X. Announcements
- XI. Roll Call
- XII. Adjournment

SB 21-22 #042

Full Senate Meeting: September 22, 2021

TITLE: Virtual Suggestion Box

ORIGINATOR: Senator Nelson

SPONSOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration

STATUS: Communications Committee - Pending

WHEREAS: It is important to gain the feedback of the students of Washburn University, and

WHEREAS: It is also important to have the interests of the students of Washburn University in mind when crafting legislation for Washburn Student Government Association, and

WHEREAS: The ability to understand student opinions can be easily done through online surveys.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association shall create a Google Forms titled "Washburn Virtual Suggestion Box" that will allow a user to type in what changes, if any, they would like the Washburn Student Government Association to try to make, within reason and limitations.

SECTION TWO: The Google Forms shall be promoted through the social media accounts of the Washburn University Student Government Association.

SECTION THREE: The Google Forms shall be available for students to access for at least one week.

SECTION FOUR: After the closure of the Google Forms after at least one week of being available, the Marketing Director shall make a report to the Washburn Student Government Association about the results of the virtual suggestion box.

SECTION FIVE: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

Abigail Trautman
WSGA President

Dylan Babcock
WSGA Vice President

SR 21-22 #009
Full Senate Meeting: September 22, 2021

TITLE: Social Media and Mental Health
ORIGINATOR: Senator Nelson
SPONSOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration
STATUS: Communications- Pending

WHEREAS: Social media platforms such as Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, and TikTok play an increasingly large role in the life of American college students, and

WHEREAS: At the same time, social media can have an adverse effect on those who use it, including college students, and

WHEREAS: According to the mental health resource HelpGuide.org, excessive social media use can lead to feelings of loneliness, inadequacy about one's life and/or appearance, and

WHEREAS: Social media users may face additional risks such as cyberbullying and/or harassment, and

WHEREAS: The student body of Washburn University is committed to promoting healthy social media usage.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association shall promote best practices for healthy social media use through its own social media accounts and shall condemn online harassment that college students, especially women, face on social media.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

Abby Trautman
WSGA President

Dylan Babcock
WSGA Vice President

SR 21-22 #010
Full Senate Meeting: September 22, 2021

TITLE: Fossil Fuel Divestment in University Endowment Fund
ORIGINATOR: Senator Nelson

SPONSOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration
STATUS: Communications Committee - Pending

WHEREAS: According to the latest available records, as of June 30, 2020, Washburn University maintained a \$335,855 investment in mutual funds, and

WHEREAS: Climate change is a serious crisis facing current and future generations, and

WHEREAS: Fossil fuel companies promote consumption of products that worsen climate change, and

WHEREAS: Certain fossil fuel companies engaged in campaigns of disinformation to undermine support for action on climate change, and

WHEREAS: Harvard University recently announced that it would divest its \$42 billion endowment from fossil fuel investments,

WHEREAS: It is important for Washburn University to follow this example.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn University Student Government Association shall recommend that Washburn University divest any and all investments, including in mutual funds and corporate bonds, it may have in fossil fuel companies from the University's endowment fund.

SECTION TWO: The term "fossil fuel companies" shall refer to any company or corporation engaged in the refinement and retail sale of products such as gasoline, diesel, and natural gas.

SECTION THREE: A copy of this resolution shall be presented to Dr. Jerry Farley, President of Washburn University.

SECTION FOUR: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

Abby Trautman
WSGA President

Dylan Babcock
WSGA Vice President

SB 21-22 #043

TITLE: Yelland Appointment
ORIGINATOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration
SPONSOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration
STATUS: Nominations Committee - Favorable

WHEREAS: Qualified Senators are essential to the function of WSGA, and

WHEREAS: Zach Yelland is qualified to serve as a WSGA Senator, and

WHEREAS: Zach Yelland has met all necessary requirements set forth by the Nominating Committee.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association Senate hereby approves the appointment of Zach Yelland to serve in the capacity of Senator.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

Abby Trautman
WSGA President

Dylan Babcock
WSGA Vice President

SB 20-21 #044
Full senate Meeting:

TITLE: Non-Standing Committees
ORIGINATOR: Speaker Wessel
SPONSOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration
STATUS: By-Laws- Pending

WHEREAS: Section 1, Subsection G of the Washburn Student Government Association constitution requires senators to complete one office hour per week, and

WHEREAS: Failure to complete any time in the office in any given week will result in an assessment of ½ absences for WSGA senate, and

WHEREAS: Non-Standing committees' meetings currently do not count towards office hours; however, members are still using time performing work on behalf of the Washburn Student Government Association.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association shall add a new subsection in Section 1, subsection G titled 4. It shall read, "Non-Standing committee meetings count towards office hour minutes. If a meeting runs for 30 minutes that will account for ½ of an office hour and so forth.

SECTION TWO: The Washburn Student Government Association shall add a new subsection in Section 1, subsection G titled 5. It shall read, "Senators who fail to attend their Non-Standing committee meeting for the week still have the requirement of completing their full, one-hour office hour for the week."

SECTION THREE: This legislation shall become effective immediately after passage.

Abby Trautman
WSGA President

Dylan Babcock
WSGA Vice President

SR 20-21 #011

TITLE: Breast Cancer Awareness Month
ORIGINATOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration
SPONSOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration
STATUS: Communications Committee- Pending

WHEREAS: Since 1985, October has been nationally recognized as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, with the hope of making people throughout the country more knowledgeable about this global health issue, and

WHEREAS: North America is the region of the world with the highest rate of breast cancer-related cases, and

WHEREAS: Anyone can be diagnosed with breast cancer, regardless of sex, and

WHEREAS: According to the Susan G. Komen Organization, it is estimated that there will be 44,130 deaths due to breast cancer in 2021 in America, and

WHEREAS: According to the Susan G. Komen Organization, it is also estimated that there will be over 284,000 cases of invasive breast cancer in America, and

WHEREAS: It is important that we all do our part in becoming more knowledgeable about this global health issue and stand in solidarity with those currently diagnosed with breast cancer and survivors.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION ONE: Washburn Student Government Association stands in solidarity with those that have been diagnosed with breast cancer in the past, those currently fighting a breast cancer diagnosis, and the education of those who have never been diagnosed.

SECTION THREE: A copy of this legislation will be posted on social media to spread awareness.

SECTION THREE: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

Abby Trautman
WSGA President

Dylan Babcock
WSGA Vice President

SR 21-22 #012

TITLE: Domestic Violence Awareness Month

ORIGINATOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration

SPONSOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration

STATUS: Campus and Community Affairs Committee- Pending

WHEREAS: Since 1987, October has been nationally recognized as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, commonly known as “DVAM”, and

WHEREAS: According to the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, an average of twenty people per minute are physically abused by an intimate partner in the United States, and

WHEREAS: In an average year, 1 in 4 women and 1 in 9 men experience severe physical violence from an intimate partner as well as intimate partner sexual violence and/or intimate partner stalking resulting in negative impacts including injury, fearfulness, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, contraction of Sexually Transmitted Diseases, and more, and

WHEREAS: Women between the ages of 18-24 are most at risk to be abused by an intimate partner, and

WHEREAS: In 2019, Kansas law enforcement officers responded to 22,453 domestic violence incidents, and

WHEREAS: In 2019, it was determined from Kansas law enforcement records that one Domestic Violence murder occurred every 11 days, 1 hour, 27 minutes, and 16 seconds while one Domestic Violence incident occurred every 23 minutes, 25 seconds, and law enforcement made one Domestic Violence arrest every 47 minutes, 35 seconds.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION ONE: Washburn Student Government Association stands in support of survivors of Domestic Violence.

SECTION TWO: A copy of this legislation will be posted on social media to spread awareness and assist with prevention efforts.

SECTION THREE: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

Abby Trautman
WSGA President

Dylan Babcock
WSGA Vice President