

Washburn Student Government Association
Burdick/Wood Administration, April 2nd, 2025

Position	Last Name	Present (Beginning)	Present (Final)
Vice-chair	Abernathy	Y	Y
Senator	Anderson	Y	Y
Senator	Bansal	Y	Y
Chairperson	Brown	Y	Y
Senator	Brungardt	Y	Y
Senator	Cain	Y	Y
Senator	(J) Carter	Y	Y
Senator	(M) Carter	Y	Y
Senator	Cattoor	Y	Y
Senator	Chaulagain	N	N
Senator	(E) Clark	Y	Y
Senator	(L) Clark	Y	Y
Parliamentarian	Durst	Y	Y
Senator	Giles	Y	Y
Senator	Ginn	Y	Y
Senator	Hammes	Y	Y
Senator	Hastings	Y	Y
Vice-chair	Kerney	Y	Y
Senator	McCreath	Y	Y
Senator	McFan	Y	Y
Senator	Meier	N	N
Chairperson	Morris	Y	Y
Vice-chair	Nadeau	Y	Y
Senator	Newfer	Y	Y

Senator	Proctor	Y	Y
Senator	Puerta	N	N
Speaker	Redington	Y	Y
Senator	Reynoldson	N	N
Senator	Ross	N	N
Senator	Sanner	N	N
Senator	Sharp	N	N
Senator	Smith	Y	Y
Chairperson	Timm	Y	Y
Senator	Yucesan	N	N

Position	Last Name	Present (Beginning)	Present (Final)
Special Events Director	Roth	Y	Y
Marketing Director	Coulter	Y	Y
Campus and Community Affairs Director	Jordan	Y	Y
Diversity Equity and Inclusion Director	Hinds	Y	Y
Legislative Director	Meseke	Y	Y
Budget Director	Lloyd	Y	Y
Chief of Staff	Ottman	Y	Y
Vice President	Wood	Y	Y
President	Burdick	Y	Y
Advisor ²	Dr. TLC	Y	Y

- I. Call to Order – Vice President Bella Wood
- II. Roll Call – Chief of Staff Trevor Ottman
- III. Review of Proceeding Meeting Minutes
 - a. Meeting minutes are waived.
- IV. Cabinet Reports
 - a. Dante Jordan, Campus & Community Affairs Director
 - i. Transition report is done- feel free to reach out to him.
 - ii. CCA is still hosting events
 - iii. Sexual Assault Awareness Vigil is Happening
 - b. Kate Coulter, Communications & Marketing Director
 - i. Fill out Cabinet Member of the Month and Senator of the Month
 - c. DeMarques Hinds, Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Director
 - i. Wrapping things up
 - d. Kira Roth, Special Events Director
 - i. Finishing things up
 - ii. Big Event is about finalized
 - iii. End of the Year Banquet is finished up
 - iv. Please come out!
 - e. Cameron Meseke, Legislative Director
 - i. Let him know about bills and resolutions- it ends next week.
 - f. Nick Lloyd, Budget Director
 - i. Nothing to report
 - g. Trevor Ottman, Chief of Staff
 - i. Come out to Senate Social 3-5pm
 - h. Bella Wood, Vice President
 - i. We're in transition land
 - ii. Stay off your phone
 - i. George Burdick, President
 - i. Direct funding is happening, we're just waiting for OSID
 - ii. Transition is happening 4-6 please be there
 - j. Dr. TLC and Dr. Grospitch, Advisors
 - i. Welcome! Make sure to rest, hydrate, and repeat.
- V. Committee Reports

- a. Taylor Redington, Internal Affairs Speaker
 - i. New stamp! Transition report done
 - b. Alex Timm, Allocations Chairperson
 - i. Every bill except one of the Chemistry Club bills was passed.
 - ii. Findings accepted
 - c. Kirstyn Brown, Campus and Community Affairs Chairperson
 - i. Cookies and Cars – right near where the International House has been. This is April 24th. Liquid N₂! Resolution given favorable status
 - 1. Findings accepted
 - d. Dre Morris, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Chairperson
 - i. Talked about some events, and some resolutions were passed
 - ii. Findings accepted.
- VI. Public Forum I:
- a. Campus Moves with Eric Just, Assistant VP for Facilities Services
 - i. Refer to document. Lots of moving around
 - ii. The blue on the document refers to completed projects
 - iii. The space by which Bennett will be a greenery or a bandstand
 - iv. Classrooms won't be moved to his knowledge
 - v. Web page directory will be updated
 - vi. They utilized both the input of folks and their executive decisions to make the project by the end of the time
 - vii. Are they changing up class schedules? Not to their knowledge, but they don't know for certain.
 - viii. It appears as though there are only a certain amount of "Plan B's" for the puzzle pieces. What happens when projects start exceeding budget limits? There's always a possibility of not opening on time. The tariffs will impact the cost. They maintain a project contingency.
 - ix. What happens when Kehene has a water break? What they do in these circumstances. They've moved projects over before and they evaluate it based on impact.
- VII. New Business I:
- a. SB 2024-25 #181 WU Swing Dancing Club

- i. T-Shirts \$1,469.00
 - ii. Bill passes
- b. SB 2024-25 #182 Sigma Phi Epsilon
 - i. Requesting funding for philanthropy T-Shirts (\$1,500)
 - ii. Move to a vote- bill passes
- c. SB 2024-25 #183 Biology Club
 - i. Trip to the Sedwick Zook; \$1,250.00 on April 12th
 - ii. Move to a vote- bill passes
- d. SB 2024-25 #184 Chemistry Club (I)
- e. SB 2024-25 #185 Chemistry Club (II)
 - i. Requesting funding for trip to Kansas Academy of Science.
 - ii. Move to a vote- bill passes
- f. SB 2024-25 #186 Chemistry Club (III)
 - i. Liquid nitrogen ice cream for Earth Day. ACS wants us to be attached to their theme of glaciers. Ice cream for all in Stoffer!
 - ii. Move to a vote- bill passes

VIII. Public Forum II:

- a. Washburn Student Bar Association Visit
 - i. Leaving Student Body President for the Law School- Thank you for helping them out. It's helped them expand and do more awesome things! He appreciates the help.
 - ii. New Law School President really values the community. He continues to foster a community between the buildings.
- b. Student Concern with Antonio Martinez
 - i. The impact we have on students is hard. What we do impacts all students. WSGA has passed the student senate fee from \$56.00 to \$70.00. Consider the specifics of the proposal. He says this hurts the most valuable students. In the past few years this has only happened a few times. Since Dr. TLC and Dr. G they haven't seen an increase of \$10, but this \$13 increase will cause a financial strain. Currently the 3% increase will leave the fee outside of the hands of students. 23% increase
 - ii. Every student pays it. These students can't even receive resources. This jump is irresponsible and risking pricing

students out of their education. The student activity fee is the one thing not covered under the Promise Scholarship. Tuition increased last year by 5% with the dismantling of the Department of Education, we will see more fees coming out of the student's pocket. We are going to see potentially consistent 3% increases that will raise our fee significantly. Let's see that we raise our fee this high- but we can't give that money back to students. We'll be at \$96 with the legislation. This fee increase was made with little student input. He was happy there was a committee, but he's sad that it didn't represent the student body. He wants every voice in the population to hear about it.

- iii. WUBOR has never denied a fee increase from student Senate. These fee increases will stay the same and will not go down. What we can do next? He's disappointed in the process and the Executive. Senate, you can propose amendments to the bill. You can change the process as it stands. Student Senate needs to take a more Student Centered approach. When you put a % increase on the fee- we don't have the power. Why would we do that? We don't know what will happen with universities, because we need to be cautious. \$30 is a month of meals.
- iv. Questions: What do we do when can't as WSGA afford to help student organizations? Also how can Student Government take the blame on this?
 - 1. Look at Internal Budgets- do we need this kind of stuff? \$5,000 for organizations and nameplates. We need to run an internal audit.
 - 2. He says we put out a link to these kinds of things, via email. Just like we did for elections.
- v. Are students really going to check email?
 - 1. There needs to be more output. When you put a handout, you have the option to participate. He just wanted us to try.
- vi. We see a voice from a low-income students.

1. It's written that it will increase to \$70 with a 3% increase. It will not raise at the \$58.50. We have ajn overneeds issue- because Lyft has overspent.
- vii. We will be emailing WUBOR letting them know not to increase greatly with the 3%
- viii. We have to ensure that students, especially those utilizing Lyft, have those opportunities. We must keep up with other entities around campus.
 1. Antonio says that we don't use Lyft/Ride Smart for Drunk Driving.
- ix. We have open meetings and have posted about that.
 1. He still says we should have extended our hand out
- x. Have you heard of Ichabods Moving Forward Fund?
 1. He doesn't like it- you need to use all of the FAFSA, and you can only use it once.
- xi. Ichabods Moving Forward is a subsidized loan that voted one.
- xii. Not many people showed up to the committee. This money is going back into student's hands.
- xiii. This does give students more power and ability to spend.
 1. Raising the student activity fee is not just about him. He's been told by 20+ students that they don't like it. He says that people struggle to speak in Senate.
- xiv. Comparatively speaking, people are going to schools with higher funds. She also urges him and people to come speak to Cabinet
- xv. Raising Student Activity Fee Takes Power Away From Senate?
 1. The 3% does that, as it is now out of our hands.
- xvi. We cut Lyft to its bones. This is an expense that he is able to afford especially compared to other schools. We need to regain some of our spending power.
 1. Antonio criticizes the purchasing of the nameplates and the nametags

- xvii. There's only so much we can do. We get a lot international students who utilize resources. We need to make changes. People need to come and advocate for themselves
 - 1. The involvement issue and the activity issue isn't the job of students. There are people who sit complicit and let it happen and he applauds the administration for doing this.
- xviii. What kind of students did he reach out to? What people did he reach out to?
 - 1. He didn't reach out to people. He's one of these people who had to take a pay cut.
- xix. How familiar are you on the process on this?
 - 1. He says that he believes the fee should be increased.
- xx. We utilized our resources- and we sent out a survey to lyft. This was over a fifth of the budget.
- xxi. Public Forum ends

IX. New Business II:

- a. SR 2024-25 #017 Self-Harm Awareness
 - i. This is a really important piece of legislation to honor those who may have experienced these kinds of things.
 - ii. We have really great counseling services.
 - iii. Resolution Passes
- b. SR 2024-25 #018 Gaypril
 - i. We celebrate Pride in April, because the academic year ends in May. We want to try to get the bell tower to be lit in rainbow.
 - ii. Amendment to change the name of committee from CCA to DEI. Amendment passes.

X. Announcements

XI. Roll Call

XII. Adjournment



SENATE BILL 2024-25 #181
TITLE: WU Swing Dancing Club
ORIGINATOR: Burdick/Wood Administration
SPONSOR: Burdick/Wood Administration
STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: WU Swing Dancing Club is requesting funding for apparel, and

WHEREAS: WU Swing Dancing Club has fully complied with all applicable funding policies to this point in the allocation process, and

WHEREAS: WU Swing Dancing 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 \$1,469.00 from the Student Organizations account to WU Swing Dancing Club for apparel.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bella Wood".

Bella Wood
WSGA Vice President
Presiding Officer of the Senate

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "George Burdick".

George Burdick
WSGA President



SENATE BILL 2024-25 #182

TITLE: Sigma Phi Epsilon

ORIGINATOR: Burdick/Wood Administration

SPONSOR: Burdick/Wood Administration

STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: Sigma Phi Epsilon is requesting funding for apparel, and

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

WHEREAS: Sigma Phi Epsilon 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 Phi Epsilon for apparel.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Bella Wood", written in black ink.

Bella Wood
WSGA Vice President
Presiding Officer of the Senate

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George Burdick
WSGA President



SENATE BILL 2024-25 #183

TITLE: Biology Club

ORIGINATOR: Burdick/Wood Administration

SPONSOR: Burdick/Wood Administration

STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: Biology Club is requesting funding to travel to the Sedgwick County Zoo, and

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

WHEREAS: Biology 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 \$1,250.00 from the Student Organizations account to Biology Club to travel to the Sedgwick County Zoo.

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

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Bella Wood
WSGA Vice President
Presiding Officer of the Senate

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George Burdick
WSGA President



SENATE BILL 2024-25 #184

TITLE: Chemistry Club (I)

ORIGINATOR: Burdick/Wood Administration

SPONSOR: Burdick/Wood Administration

STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: Chemistry Club is requesting funding for their Ad Astra event, and

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

WHEREAS: Chemistry 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 \$200.00 from the Student Organizations account to Chemistry Club for their Ad Astra event.

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

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Bella Wood
WSGA Vice President
Presiding Officer of the Senate

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "George Burdick".

George Burdick
WSGA President



SENATE BILL 2024-25 #185

TITLE: Chemistry Club (II)

ORIGINATOR: Burdick/Wood Administration

SPONSOR: Burdick/Wood Administration

STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: Chemistry Club is requesting funding to attend the Kansas Academy of Science, and

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

WHEREAS: Chemistry 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 \$1,810.00 from the Student Organizations account to Chemistry Club for to attend the Kansas Academy of Science.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bella Wood".

Bella Wood
WSGA Vice President
Presiding Officer of the Senate

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George Burdick".

George Burdick
WSGA President



SENATE BILL 2024-25 #186

TITLE: Chemistry Club (III)

ORIGINATOR: Burdick/Wood Administration

SPONSOR: Burdick/Wood Administration

STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: Chemistry Club is requesting funding to celebrate Earth Day, and

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

WHEREAS: Chemistry 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 \$150.00 from the Student Organizations account to Chemistry Club to make nitrogen ice cream.

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

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Bella Wood
WSGA Vice President
Presiding Officer of the Senate

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George Burdick
WSGA President



SENATE RESOLUTION 2024-25 #017

TITLE: Self-Harm Awareness

ORIGINATOR: Senator Mcfan

SPONSOR: Burdick/Wood Administration

STATUS: Campus and Community Affairs - STATUS

WHEREAS: A person who is not able to manage their sadness, stress, or emotional pain, can lead to self-injury as a coping mechanism to deal with their issues, and

WHEREAS: Self-Harm is not a mental illness but behavior, and

WHEREAS: self-injury can be done by anything that causes harm to a person, typically to order to manage or reduce distress or anxiety, distraction from painful emotions, sense of control over body, feeling or situation, or to feel anything, and

WHEREAS: Self-Harm is an addiction with symptoms of wounds, scars with patterns, impulsivity, self-talk of hopelessness, worthlessness, and helplessness. outbursts, mood swings, depression, struggle in relationships, with much more.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WSGA SENATE:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association implores students to make mental health a priority by normalization, spreading awareness, and bringing attention by social media, events, and conversations.

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

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WSGA Vice President
Presiding Officer of the Senate

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George Burdick
WSGA President



SENATE RESOLUTION 2024-25 #018

TITLE: Gaypril

ORIGINATOR: Senator Anderson and Senator Cattoor

SPONSOR: Burdick/Wood Administration

STATUS: Campus and Community Affairs - STATUS

WHEREAS: June is recognized as Pride Month in the United States, and

WHEREAS: Pride Month Commemorates the Stonewall Uprising in June 1969 and the Gay Pride Liberation March in 1970, and

WHEREAS: the first Pride Month became recognized by the United States government by President Bill Clinton in 1999, and

WHEREAS: due to the end of the 2024-2025 academic year in May, Washburn University students are not able to celebrate Pride Month on campus.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WSGA SENATE:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association recognizes April as Gaypril to celebrate LGBTQIA+ pride on campus.

SECTION TWO: The Washburn Student Government Association asks that the appropriate authorities allow the light colors of Kuehne Bell tower be lit in rainbow colors during the month of Gaypril.

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

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George Burdick
WSGA President