

**Washburn Student Government Association**  
**Burdick/Wood Administration, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

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

Senator	Newfer	Y	Y
Senator	Proctor	N	N
Senator	Puerta	Y	Y
<b>Speaker</b>	Redington	Y	Y
Senator	Ross	Y	Y
Senator	Sanner	Y	Y
Senator	Sharp	Y	Y
Senator	Smith	Y	Y
<b>Chairperson</b>	Timm	Y	Y
Senator	Yucesan	Y	Y

<b>Position</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Present (Beginning)</b>	<b>Present (Final)</b>
Special Events <b>Director</b>	Roth	Y	Y
Marketing <b>Director</b>	Coulter	Y	Y
Campus and Community Affairs <b>Director</b>	Jordan	Y	Y
Diversity Equity and Inclusion <b>Director</b>	Hinds	Y	Y
Legislative <b>Director</b>	Meseke	Y	Y
Budget <b>Director</b>	Lloyd	Y	Y
<b>Chief of Staff</b>	Ottman	Y	Y
<b>Vice President</b>	Wood	Y	Y
<b>President</b>	Burdick	Y	Y
<b>Advisor</b> <sup>2</sup>	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. Minutes get waived.
- IV. Cabinet Reports
  - a. Dante Jordan, Campus & Community Affairs Director
    - i. Tay-loring his transition report.
  - b. Kate Coulter, Communications & Marketing Director
    - i. Transition meeting
    - ii. Cabinet Member of the Month – Cameron Meseke
    - iii. Senator Member of the Month – Alex Timm
  - c. DeMarques Hinds, Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Director
    - i. Working on transitions and the Drag Show is next Friday.
  - d. Kira Roth, Special Events Director
    - i. Transitioning
    - ii. Big Event is happening this Saturday
    - iii. Please sign up if you are able to help carpool to the
  - e. Cameron Meseke, Legislative Director
    - i. Thanks everyone for a great year!
  - f. Nick Lloyd, Budget Director
    - i. Thanks everyone for a great year!
  - g. Trevor Ottman, Chief of Staff
    - i. Senate Social went well
    - ii. Check in on others
  - h. Bella Wood, Vice President
    - i. Make sure to write notes to new folks. The office schedule is going to be a bit different.
  - i. George Burdick, President
    - i. Direct Funding Policy- a little bit of confusion from committee.
    - ii. We're opening up open senate seat applications for the next administration.
  - j. Dr. TLC and Dr. Grospitch, Advisors
    - i. This time of the year is always bittersweet. As always rest hydrate repeat.
- V. Committee Reports

- a. Taylor Redington, Internal Affairs Speaker
    - i. We'll see how the open senate seat process shapes up
    - ii. Wrote transition report
  - b. Alex Timm, Allocations Chairperson
    - i. Washburn Strings tabled until next week. Everything was passed with favorable status.
    - ii. Findings Accepted
  - c. Kirstyn Brown, Campus and Community Affairs Chairperson
    - i. Stoffer Event
    - ii. Cookies and Cars 3-4 on the 24<sup>th</sup> of this month.
    - iii. Two Resolutions went through, both were given neutral status.
  - d. Dre Morris, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Chairperson
    - i. Hell of an opener
    - ii. Gaypril Tabling
    - iii. We'll be having a gratitude event
  - e. Kael Nadeau, Gustavson Above and Beyond Award Chairperson
    - i. Meeting on Monday they're deciding who will win.
- VI. New Business I:
- a. SB 2024-25 #187 Bookworm Bods
    - i. Requesting for monthly meeting- \$320.00
    - ii. Bill passes
  - b. SB 2024-25 #188 International Club
    - i. Requesting money for Dumpling Festival - \$1,500.00
    - ii. Bill passes
  - c. SB 2024-25 #189 Kappa Sigma
    - i. Requesting mone for movie night - \$1,000.00
    - ii. Minecraft Movie- open to the public as a Rush Event
    - iii. Bill passes
  - d. SB 2024-25 #190 Order of Omega
    - i. Purchase some graduation chords.
    - ii. Greek life organization that is internationally recognized. Each semester they honor a certain portion of the Greek Life population.
    - iii. Bill passes

- e. SB 2024-25 #191 Washburn Strings
  - i. Tabled
- f. SB 2024-25 #192 Direct Funding Act
  - i. Ever since the beginning of this year, there has been talks about this.
  - ii. Created a funding policy- limited to two direct requests - \$1,500, and then you will go through Senate, which subsequently goes through OSID. The direct funding policy is made to make for a more equitable funding process.
  - iii. Request \$500 and it only ends up costing \$400? Money actually never goes to the student hands, and OSID would be the ones who purchase the stuff.
  - iv. Senator Anderson expresses support
  - v. Chairperson Timm says theres loopholes: if an organization is just getting started- only two events with direct funding could to lead to just two events the entire semester.
  - vi. Senator Ross says that they just need to get it up and off the ground, and it will allow us to test the waters. It's also beneficial that it's on campus.
  - vii. How would OSID know if the bill is approved? We email OSID as to if it was approved; but it is up to the next administration.
  - viii. Why two requests? If something goes wrong, it's a smaller mess that we can reaccount for.
  - ix. Did the amendments get passed in committee? The ammendments were necessary for the bills to get through, as according to OSID.
  - x. The legislation is up for \$3,000 per organization per semester, which is more than what we're funding,
  - xi. Coulter-Durst would work on this bill.
  - xii. It only counts for *approved* requests.
  - xiii. President Burdick requests we table this indefinitely- as the ammendments would require a lot of changes. We wouldn't necessarily be passing this under this administration, but it wouldn't deprive anyone of the opportunity to use it.

xiv. It will be brought back up, as Ryan Durst says.

xv. Motion to table this bill indefinitely.

xvi. Bill dies.

g. SR 2024-25 #019 Unyielding Yearbook

i. Yearbook is not being made physically after this year. Jullian has talked with a lot of people, that they want to keep the yearbook going. Yearbooks really do preserve history. This is to go to the board above student media to take a glance at this.

ii. Were conversations had with the board as to why they want this? A concern is a lack of funding. What else do we expect the board to want to do?

iii. Refer to Jeremy Ford on why they're getting rid of the yearbook. It was a lot of money that wasn't being used, and it was a difficult decision. It was really either the yearbook or the magazine/newsletter. If there is support from faculty, it could be brought back.

iv. It seems like an ultimatum. Senator Ross says he'd rather see the yearbook go than the magazines and newspaper, due to the sheer amount of information that's getting spread.

v. A lot of people have said they didn't have a yearbook.

vi. On a collegiate level that could be sent out for a lower price, then there's really no way to supplement that.

vii. There's no charge for the yearbook. They've only printed a couple yearbooks previously.

viii. Doesn't appear that the resolution is necessary

ix. Some people express that they didn't know they had a yearbook.

x. If this decision stands, there will be no layoffs. If they have the yearbook, there will just be less time dedicated to this bill.

xi. It gives a weird message to say "do this" when they don't have enough resources.

xii. Motion to vote fails- so they have to revote on it.

xiii. Resolution gets tabled indefinitely.

h. SR 2024-25 #020 Topeka Metro Act

- i. A resolution promoting the use of the Topeka Metro.
- ii. You can't really "force" people to use the Topeka Metro.  
Would Topeka Metro really compensate for Lyft?
- iii. Would anyone reach out to Resliving? Well we have the Interim Directo right here, so please send out an email to Eric Grospitch, which is more openfolks.
- iv. Senator Ross doesn't really see the see the point in doing this.
- v. Senator Brungardt moves to add "Office of Student Life"
- vi. Resolution doesn't really do the job so much.
- vii. There are a lot of advertisements happenign that promote this service.
- viii. Senator Hastings wishes to change the sort of perception surrounding the metro, which helps to break this stigma.
- ix. Wants to propose some changes to give a "why" behind the resolution.
- x. How caan we put it out there when it's already out there and not force someone to ride it, because they won't?
  - 1. The idea is that if it is to get passed it would go around.
- xi. Resoluton gets tabled indefinitely

## VII. Public Forum I:

- a. Coulter/Durst Administration Changes
  - i. They're cabinet:
  - ii. Chief of Staff – Kira Roth
  - iii. Ad-hocs will be on the list
  - iv. There will be \$100,000 in the budget
  - v. The cabinet members will now be getting paid based on the hours they work.

## VIII. Announcements

## IX. Roll Call

## X. Adjournment

- a. We adjourn

Discussion Question:

Would you rather have unlimited bacon, but no games, or games, unlimited games, but no games?





SENATE BILL 2024-25 #187

TITLE: Bookworm Bods

ORIGINATOR: Burdick/Wood Administration

SPONSOR: Burdick/Wood Administration

STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: Bookworm Bods is requesting funding for their monthly meeting, and

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

WHEREAS: Bookworm Bods 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 \$320.00 from the Student Organizations account to Bookworm Bods for their monthly meeting.

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 that reads "Bella Wood".

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Bella Wood  
WSGA Vice President  
Presiding Officer of the Senate

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George Burdick".

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George Burdick  
WSGA President



SENATE BILL 2024-25 #188

TITLE: International Club

ORIGINATOR: Burdick/Wood Administration

SPONSOR: Burdick/Wood Administration

STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: International Club is requesting funding for a Dumpling Festival, and

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

WHEREAS: International 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 \$1,500.00 from the Student Organizations account to International Club for a Dumpling Festival.

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 #189

TITLE: Kappa Sigma

ORIGINATOR: Burdick/Wood Administration

SPONSOR: Burdick/Wood Administration

STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: Kappa Sigma is requesting funding for a movie night, and

WHEREAS: Kappa Sigma has fully complied with all applicable funding policies to this point in the allocation process, 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 \$1,000.00 from the Student Organizations account to Kappa Sigma for a movie night.

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 #190

TITLE: Order of Omega

ORIGINATOR: Burdick/Wood Administration

SPONSOR: Burdick/Wood Administration

STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: Order of Omega is requesting funding for graduation regalia, and

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

WHEREAS: Order of Omega 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 \$97.00 from the Student Organizations account to Order of Omega for graduation regalia.

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 #191

TITLE: Washburn Strings

ORIGINATOR: Burdick/Wood Administration

SPONSOR: Burdick/Wood Administration

STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: Washburn Strings is requesting funding for a Strings Masterclass and Performance, 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 \$900.00 from the Student Organizations account to Washburn Strings for a Strings Masterclass and Performance.

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 #192  
TITLE: Direct Funding Act  
ORIGINATOR: Burdick/Wood Administration  
SPONSOR: Senator Hastings  
STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: WSGA has the responsibility to allocate Student Activity Fee funds to students and student organizations through the Funding Policy, and

WHEREAS: not all student organizations can afford operation and upfront costs, which adds extra barriers when navigating the standard reimbursement process, and

WHEREAS: time and effort have been invested by the Administration and members of Senate in finalizing a Direct Funding Policy amendment for more equitable funding.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE WSGA SENATE:

SECTION ONE: The governing documents of the WSGA shall be updated to reflect the changes produced in the following document titled “Funding Policy – Direct Funding Amendment”.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage of the WSGA Senate and by 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 #019

TITLE: Unyielding Yearbook

ORIGINATOR: Senator Hastings

SPONSOR: Burdick/Wood Administration

STATUS: Campus and Community Affairs Committee - STATUS

WHEREAS: Washburn Student Media has produced yearbooks annually, a tradition going back over a century, and

WHEREAS: the yearbook brings students together, and remains one of the easiest ways to access records of Washburn History, and

WHEREAS: the academic year of 2024-2025 is currently set to the last yearbook set to be produced.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WSGA SENATE:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn University Student Government Association hereby supports the continuation of the Washburn University yearbook.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall be sent to President Mazachek, the entirety of her Cabinet, and the members of the Student Media Board.

SECTION THREE: This legislation shall become effective upon passage of the WSGA Senate and by 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 #020

TITLE: Topeka Metro Act

ORIGINATOR: Senator Hastings

SPONSOR: Burdick/Wood Administration

STATUS: Campus and Community Affairs Committee - STATUS

WHEREAS: Transportation is a common need amongst Washburn University Students and Staff, and

WHEREAS: Washburn University provides free Topeka Metro rides to all students, and

WHEREAS: Washburn University hosts students without other modes of transportation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WSGA SENATE:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn University Student Government Association encourages students to use Topeka Metro, between the hours of 6 am and 6 pm.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall be sent to the Marketing Director of WSGA, the Office of Student Involvement and Development, and Residential Living.

SECTION THREE: This legislation shall become effective upon passage of the WSGA Senate and by 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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WSGA President