

**Washburn Student Government Association**  
**Burdick/Wood Administration, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Present (Beginning)</b>	<b>Present (Final)</b>
<b>Vice-chair</b>	Abernathy	Y	N
Senator	Anderson	Y	Y
Senator	Bansal	Y	Y
Senator	Billquist	Y	Y
<b>Chairperson</b>	Brown	Y	Y
Senator	Brungardt	Y	Y
Senator	Cain	N	N
Senator	Carter	Y	Y
Senator	Cattoor	N	N
Senator	(E) Clark	Y	Y
Senator	(L) Clark	Y	Y
Senator	Davis	N	N
<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	N	N
Senator	Lungwa	N	N
Senator	McCreath	Y	Y
Senator	McFan	Y	Y
Senator	Meier	Y	Y
<b>Chairperson</b>	Morris	N	N
<b>Vice-chair</b>	Nadeau	Y	Y

Senator	Newfer	Y	Y
Senator	Nino-Elliott	Y	Y
Senator	Proctor	Y	Y
<b>Speaker</b>	Redington	Y	Y
Senator	Ross	Y	Y
Senator	Sanner	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>	Dr. TLC	Y	Y
<b>Advisor</b> <sup>2</sup>	Dr. G	Y	N

- I. Call to Order – Vice President Bella Wood
- II. Roll Call – Chief of Staff Trevor Ottman
- III. Review of Proceeding Meeting Minutes
  - a. Waived
- IV. Cabinet Reports
  - a. Dante Jordan, Campus & Community Affairs Director
    - i. Been ironing out success week. Went to Topeka Metro Board Meeting. Revising what he wants to do for next year.
  - b. Kate Coulter, Communications & Marketing Director
    - i. Foot is still broken. Sent an email about blinker board. Working on the current.
  - c. DeMarques Hinds, Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Director
    - i. Mostly been preparing for workshops in January.
  - d. Kira Roth, Special Events Director
    - i. Working on Ichabod of Honor.
  - e. Cameron Meseke, Legislative Director
    - i. Thank you all for such a great year! Up to 100 bills and resolutions.
  - f. Nick Lloyd, Budget Director
    - i. Busy week. Topeka metro meeting was successful. Local board meeting was fun. Direct funding of student organizations, getting closer and closer to a verdict.
  - g. Trevor Ottman, Chief of Staff
    - i. Spring Retreat is on February 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - h. Bella Wood, Vice President
    - i. Office hours for Senators. We have some games planned for success week.
  - i. George Burdick, President
    - i. Meeting with Ad-Hoc committees. If you are interesting in running, please stop by and talk to him. Changes to Chartwells.
  - j. Dr. TLC and Dr. Grospitch, Advisor
    - i. There was a meeting on Shared Governance. Take care of yourself.
- V. Committee Reports

- a. Alex Timm, Allocations Chairperson
    - i. Findings Accepted.
  - b. Kirstyn Brown, Campus and Community Affairs Chairperson
    - i. Success Week Events.
    - ii. Findings Accepted for a resolution.
  - c. Dre Morris, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Chairperson
    - i. Belle gives report, they have Truckers Against Trafficking happening.
  - d. Emma Anderson, Elections Ad-Hoc Committee Chairperson
    - i. Findings accepted.
  - e. Alex Timm, Student Activity Fee Ad-Hoc Committee Chairperson
    - i. They have come to a conclusion regarding Lyft.
- VI. Public Forum I:
- a. Provost Fritch Forum
    - i. Back to remind us about his role.
    - ii. Have some fun! String symphony plays on Friday. We have some really good sports teams. Go out and support.
    - iii. Lots of construction on campus. The numbers on campus don't really match. He's asking students how/when they could communicate with them.
      - 1. We talk about social media and posts on there as a means of communication.
    - iv. Henderson is being relocated.
    - v. Renaming of Mabee
    - vi. Artificial Intelligence and a program to help people with tech backgrounds.
    - vii. KBOR likes Washburn and are making tech programs easier.
    - viii. Textbooks are being ordered quickly. You also do not need to go to the store to purchase textbooks.
    - ix. What if people get wrongly in trouble for AI? You can take it up with the faculty, and then you can talk to people above.
    - x. He is unsure if it shows you the price.

VII. New Business I:

- a. SB 2024-25 #114 Washburn Piano and Organ Society
  - i. Proposing funding for reception “Winter Piano Recital”
  - ii. Motion to vote- Bill passes.
- b. SB 2024-25 #115 Club Mathematica
  - i. December 5<sup>th</sup> final meeting of the semester for hot coco.
- c. SB 2024-25 #116 French Club
  - i. Workshop trip to Guadeloupe.
  - ii. Motion to vote- Bill passes.
- d. SB 2024-25 #117 Anderson Grant
  - i. Model UN conference in Ecuador.
  - ii. Motion to vote- Bill passes.
- e. SR 2024-25 #009 Campus Crosswalk for SW MacVicar Ave
  - i. Lillian Clark speaks about a cross walk directly near the Delta Gamma house.
  - ii. No specific timeline yet, but there should be something by the end of the administration.
  - iii. Braxton Copley is responsible for this as an important stakeholder.
  - iv. Resolution passes.
- f. They add Public Forum for Elections
  - i. Clarifications of the language. We go into grammar.
  - ii. Best practices: Changed four weeks to six weeks for the season. The candidates must disclose who works on the teams of the candidates. Polling places can’t be within 15 feet of candidates. Tickets can’t table on behalf of WSGA. Student election board changes in Spring.
- g. SB 2024-25 #118 Elections Modernization
  - i. 100% yay

#### VIII. Public Forum II:

- a. Student Activity Fee Ad-Hoc Committee Findings
  - i. Lyft is not being used as much for drunk driving.
  - ii. They have changed Lyft from \$8 per ride to \$6 per ride and now the change is 24/7 385 to from Friday at 6pm to Monday at 9pm.

- iii. Encourages use of Topeka Metro and gives people a chance on the weekend for groceries, entertainment, and religious activities.
- iv. It gets contentious, as people argue the weekdays are important, especially for international students.
  - v. Jullian tries to keep the questions limited to the methodology.
  - vi. Senate remains discussing the equitability of the data.
  - vii. Criticism for how many people saw the survey.
- viii. Senator Bansal says that the day restrictions are too strict.
  - ix. Time gets extended.
  - x. Alex Timm argues that this was better than what we had devised.
  - xi. Did the committee time the restriction hours around the Topeka Metro? Jullian says that was our biggest decision.
- xii. Belle urges the need for a much more consistent international ride program. The dollar amount was set once as a one time thing.
- xiii. Nick repeats his announcement, Topeka Metro is using Metro on Demand, but it didn't sound as if it was the most planned out. Topeka Metro hits grocery centers.
- xiv. Was there anything outside of the metro?
  - 1. It originally started with Taxi Cabs, but it had failed miserably. So they transitioned to Lyft, and more people use the Metro.
- xv. Ethan Clark reminds us to remember the purpose behind this is to stop the deficit.
- xvi. This had been decided. President Burdick informs us that this "Lyft Bill" had given the authority to the Executive to make the decision. He appreciates the vote.
  - 1. He argues the Executive has the authority
- xvii. Alex says this is the best of a bad row of choices.
- xviii. Bella informs us that there would be an email out to the student body.
- xix. They try to extend time, but it fails.

IX. Announcements

X. Roll Call

XI. Adjournment



SENATE BILL no. 24-25 #114

TITLE: Washburn Piano and Organ Society

ORIGINATOR: Burdick/Wood Administration

SPONSOR: Burdick/Wood Administration

STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: Washburn Piano and Organ Society is requesting funding for their Winter Piano Recital, 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 \$150.00 from the Student Organizations account to Washburn Piano and Organ Society for their Winter Piano Recital.

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 no. 24-25 #115

TITLE: Club Mathematica

ORIGINATOR: Burdick/Wood Administration

SPONSOR: Burdick/Wood Administration

STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: Club Mathematica is requesting funding for their meeting, and

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

WHEREAS: Club Mathematica 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 \$161.03 from the Student Organizations account to Club Mathematica for their meeting.

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 no. 24-25 #116

TITLE: French Club

ORIGINATOR: Burdick/Wood Administration

SPONSOR: Burdick/Wood Administration

STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: French Club is requesting funding for their trip to Guadeloupe, and

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

WHEREAS French 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 \$3,500.00 from the Student Organizations account to French Club for their Guadeloupe.

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 no. 24-25 #117

TITLE: Anderson Grant

ORIGINATOR: Burdick/Wood Administration

SPONSOR: Burdick/Wood Administration

STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: The Washburn Student Government Association sets aside money each year to fund student projects through Student Development Grants, and

WHEREAS: Emma Anderson is requesting a Student Development Grant for the Model UN Conference in Ecuador, 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 \$4,000.00 from the Student Development Grant account for the Model UN 2024 Ecuador trip.

SECTION TWO: This bill shall become effective upon the passage of the Senate 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 #010

TITLE: Campus Crosswalk for SW MacVicar Ave

ORIGINATOR: Senator L. Clark

SPONSOR: Burdick/Wood Administration

STATUS: Campus and Community Affairs Committee - Pending

WHEREAS: There are no crosswalks for students to use while crossing SW MacVicar Avenue near the Fraternity/Sorority Life houses of Delta Gamma, Sigma Phi Epsilon and Alpha Delta, and

WHEREAS: the lack of crosswalks has incited major concern throughout recent years based on the need for a safe and efficient street crossing option, and

WHEREAS: the City of Topeka has previously contracted a study in which the findings highlight a need for crosswalks based on the average car speed and traffic volume on the street.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WSGA SENATE:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association hereby supports the addition of crosswalks across SW MacVicar Avenue.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall be sent to President Mazachek, the entirety of her Cabinet, and Braxton Copley with the City of Topeka at a time deemed necessary by the WSGA President.

SECTION THREE: 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 #118  
TITLE: Elections Modernization  
ORIGINATOR: Senator Anderson  
SPONSOR: Burdick/Wood Administration  
STATUS: Elections Ad-Hoc Committee – Favorable

WHEREAS: It is the responsibility of the Washburn Student Government Association to adopt the best practices when handling all matters, and

WHEREAS: the election rules designated by the Washburn Student Government Association By-laws do not best reflect modern election practices or norms, and

WHEREAS: effective changes would help the Washburn Student Government Association hold effective student elections each academic year.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE WSGA SENATE:

SECTION ONE: The By-laws shall be updated to reflect changes based on the document, “Election Modernization Changes”.

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