

# **Washburn University Student Government Association**

## **Coulter/Durst Administration, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

- I. Call to Order – Vice President Ryan Durst
- II. Roll Call – Chief of Staff Kira Roth
- III. Review of Proceeding Meeting Minutes
- IV. Cabinet Reports
  - a. Taylor Redington, Campus & Community Affairs Director
    - i. Intro to Taylor, CCA Director position
    - ii. Information about Can Emporia
    - iii. Information about Perfect Party
    - iv. SOS Meeting Attendance
  - b. Belle Hammes, Communications & Marketing Director
    - i. Intro to Belle and MarComms Director
    - ii. Updates on the MarComms position
  - c. Chavanna Kerney, Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Director
    - i. Intro to Chavanna and DEI
    - ii. Update on events and things
  - d. Lillian Clark, Special Events Director
    - i. Info about Lillian and Special Events
    - ii. WU Fest celebrations and thank yous!
  - e. Caleb Newfer, Legislative Research Director
    - i. Intro to Caleb and the position
    - ii. Update on 1<sup>st</sup> Year Elections
  - f. Meredith Ginn, Budget Director
    - i. Intro to Meredith and Budget Director things
    - ii. Summer updates and she is working on the SOS meetings
  - g. Kira Roth, Chief of Staff
    - i. Intro to Kira and the position
    - ii. Updates and things
  - h. Ryan Durst, Vice President
    - i. Intro to Ryan and the Vice position
    - ii. Summer updates: LOTS of meetings and things
    - iii. This semester they have worked on important things as well
  - i. Kate Coulter, President
    - i. Intro to KC and the President Role!

- ii. Form about campus moves and renovations
      - 1. Form asking about the Union and the Rec
    - iii. Introduction to Bod Nation and what the goal is with this project
  - j. Dr. TLC and Dr. Grospitch, Advisors
    - i. Rest, Hydrate, Repeat!
- V. Student Media Report:
  - a. George Burdick, WSGA Correspondent
    - i. Introduction to George and why he is here
    - ii. “Gateway to the public”
      - 1. My job is not to make you look bad!
- VI. New Business I:
  - a. SB #026: Special Events Official Initialization
    - i. Move into Committee of the Whole
    - ii. LRD Newfer explains that this bill merely adds the changes into the By Laws
  - b. SB #027: McCreath Chairperson Appointment
    - i. Moved above reports
    - ii. Senator Brungardt moves to vote
    - iii. Bill passes
  - c. SB #028: Smith Chairperson Appointment
    - i. Moved above reports
    - ii. Senator Mcfan moves to vote
    - iii. Bill is passed
  - d. SB #029: Whaley Chairperson Appointment
    - i. Moved above reports
    - ii. Senator Brungardt moves to vote
    - iii. Bill is passed
  - e. SB #030: Ross Chairperson Appointment
    - i. Moved above reports
    - ii. Senator Bourell moves to vote
    - iii. Bill is passed
- VII. Committee Reports:
  - a. Chairperson McCreath, Allocations Committee

- i. One bill to discuss in committee, given favorable status
- b. Chairperson Smith, Campus and Community Affairs Committee
  - i. Discussion about committee goals and introduction with Director Redington
- c. Chairperson Whaley, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee
  - i. Getting to know each other and event brainstorming
- d. Chairperson Ross, Special Events Committee
  - i. Setting expectations and goals, WU Fest review, new committee going through the motions, volunteering event potential

#### VIII. Public Forum I:

- a. Swearing in of Chairpersons

#### IX. New Business II:

- a. SB #031: Kinesiology Club Funding Request
  - i. Requesting funding for pizza for a K club event!
  - ii. Event takes place in about 10 days and they would like to have pizza for the members for their first meeting
  - iii. Chairperson Ross: "Let them eat pizza"
  - iv. Senator Mcfan moves to vote
  - v. Bill is passed
- b. SB #032: Bylaw Additions
  - i. Legislative Research Director Newfer Introduces
    - 1. This is a piece of legislation to add in a non-voting stipulation to the By Laws to make it clear that ex-officio members do not vote
  - ii. Senator Lloyd further clarifies
  - iii. Senator Bourell moves to vote
  - iv. Bill is passed

#### X. Public Forum II:

- a. Bylaw Reminders
  - i. Legislative Research Director Newfer
    - 1. If you are the chair of a committee, you are allowed to vote in the senate, and you can also vote in your committee, though it is occasionally discouraged.

- ii. Senator Hastings asks how a tie is broken in the committee in the event that there is a tie.
    - 1. This is the same as a “majority no” vote. The motion would not pass
    - 2. It is not traditional for chairpeople to vote in committees. In the case of a tie, or if you feel it important under your discretion to vote, you are more than welcome to do so.
- b. Establishing Members of the Internal Affairs Committee
  - i. Speaker Timm moves to strike this from the agenda in favor of creating the Internal Affairs Committee at Senate Retreat
  - ii. So stricken from the agenda.
- c. Legislative Process
  - i. Legislative Research Director Newfer:
    - 1. There is now a form that you should use if you are wanting to create a piece of legislation! There is also a required meeting with Caleb. Caleb talks senate through the entire form and what each question is for.
    - 2. The form can be found on our website as well as our Teams for WSGA as well as the Instagram linktree
  - ii. Vice President Ryan Durst explains that we created this form in order to streamline the legislative process. We want to make sure we are on the same page and the LRD is always in the loop. The intention is not to deny any pieces of legislation. This is a pilot program and we can make changes as we go.
  - iii. Speaker Timm clarifies that the form is not required to create a piece of legislation
  - iv. Senator Brungardt asks if we need to specify what we would like this bill/resolution to look like
  - v. Senator Lloyd clarifies that bills and resolutions have different meanings and so specification would not be necessary
  - vi. Speaker Timm asks if this is also for external use, who would be able to introduce pieces of legislation. Someone does need to sponsor the piece of legislation. This will be determined at

discretion for each individual piece of legislation and each request.

- vii. Legislative Research Director Newfer demonstrates the music available on his form!

#### XI. Announcements

- a. Speaker Timm: Gallery can make announcements
- b. K Club: Free pizza
- c. Senator Bourell: URGE is having their first meeting on Thursday
- d. Senator Brungardt: Ethan has gone, the Writing Center is in Plass 116 and we will see you at the game on Saturday
- e. Chairperson Ross: go to the game on Saturday!
- f. Director Redington: Saturday, there is Community Garden Club
- g. Director Kerney: Meet the Greeks event
- h. Director Hammes: Swing Dancing club will be doing an event downstairs! Info about how to get WSGA to repost things
- i. Senator Hinds: BSU has a field day on Thursday
- j. Senator Lloyd: Pickleball Club is on Tuesdays and Saturdays. It's called the PickleBods
- k. President Coulter: Bod Nation will be at the first tailgate on Saturday
- l. Senator Barbery: the form should be put in Teams!
- m. Senator Mcfan: We should also get a link so that we can send it to people
- n. Speaker Timm: Silent Roll Call

#### XII. Roll Call – Chief of Staff Kira Roth

- a. Attendance Questions: If you were asked to bring something for a potluck or picnic, what would you volunteer to bring? What would you cook?

#### XIII. Adjournment

<b>Position</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Present (Beginning)</b>	<b>Present (Final)</b>
Senator	Adhikari	P	P
Senator	Barbery	P	P
Senator	Bourell	P	P
Senator	Brown	A	A
Senator	Brungardt	P	P
Senator	(M) Carter	P	P
Senator	Cattoor	A	A
Senator	Cervantes-Rorríguez	P	P
Senator	Giles	P	P
Senator	Hastings	P	P
Senator	Hinds	P	P
Senator	King	P	P
Senator	Lloyd	P	P
Chairperson	McCreath	P	P
Senator	McFan	P	P
Senator	Meier	A	A
Senator	Motes	P	P
Senator	O’Leary-Worsley	P	A
Chairperson	Ross	P	P
Parlimentarian	Sharp	P	P
Chairperson	Smith	P	P
Speaker	Timm	P	P
Senator	Yucesan	P	P
Chairperson	Whaley	P	P

<b>Position</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Present (Beginning)</b>	<b>Present (Final)</b>
Special Events <b>Director</b>	Clark	P	P
Marketing <b>Director</b>	Hammes	P	P
Campus and Community Affairs <b>Director</b>	Redington	P	P
Diversity Equity and Inclusion <b>Director</b>	Kerney	P	P
Legislative Research <b>Director</b>	Newfer	P	P
Budget <b>Director</b>	Ginn	P	P
<b>Chief of Staff</b>	Roth	P	P
<b>Vice President</b>	Durst	P	P
<b>President</b>	Coulter	P	P
<b>Advisor</b> <sup>2</sup>	Dr. TLC	P	P
<b>Advisor</b> <sup>2</sup>	Dr. G	X	X



SENATE BILL 2025-26 #026

TITLE: Official Initialization of Special Events

ORIGINATOR: Coulter/Durst Administration

SPONSOR: Coulter/Durst Administration

STATUS: Committee of the Whole - Passed

WHEREAS: The Washburn University Student Government Association (WSGA) shall be tasked with enriching campus and student life, and

WHEREAS: WSGA sponsored events are a critical part of student engagement and campus enrichment, and

WHEREAS: committees are the basis of all legislation and action from WSGA, and

WHEREAS: previous legislation regarding this committee failed to include the addition into the by-laws.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE WSGA SENATE:

SECTION ONE: Article IV, Section 3 of the WSGA by-laws shall be amended to include a subsection 3.4.

SECTION TWO: This Article IV, Section 3.4 of the WSGA by-laws shall be amended to read:

***SUBSECTION 3.4. SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE***

*The Special Events Committee shall be responsible for organizing sponsored special events to aid in enriching student life. This responsibility will also extend to any necessary and relevant legislation pertaining to the creation of these events for this purpose.*

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

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Ryan Durst  
WSGA Vice President  
Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Kate Coulter  
WSGA President





SENATE BILL 2025-26 #027  
TITLE: McCreath Chair Appointment  
ORIGINATOR: Coulter/Durst Administration  
SPONSOR: Coulter/Durst Administration  
STATUS: Committee of the Whole - Passed

WHEREAS: An Executive Board is essential to the functioning of Washburn Student Government Association, and

WHEREAS: the Washburn Student Government Association President is responsible for appointing the Cabinet, and

WHEREAS: Garrett McCreath is qualified to serve as Chair of the Allocations Committee.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE WSGA SENATE:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association Senate hereby confirms the appointment of Garrett McCreath to the Washburn Student Government Association Cabinet in the capacity of Chair of the Allocations Committee.

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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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Kate Coulter  
WSGA President



SENATE BILL 2025-26 #028  
TITLE: Smith Chair Appointment  
ORIGINATOR: Coulter/Durst Administration  
SPONSOR: Coulter/Durst Administration  
STATUS: Committee of the Whole - Passed

WHEREAS: An Executive Board is essential to the functioning of Washburn Student Government Association, and

WHEREAS: the Washburn Student Government Association President is responsible for appointing the Cabinet, and

WHEREAS: Tiana Smith is qualified to serve as Chair of the CCA Committee.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE WSGA SENATE:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association Senate hereby confirms the appointment of Tiana Smith to the Washburn Student Government Association Cabinet in the capacity of Chair of the Campus and Community Affairs Committee.

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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WSGA President



SENATE BILL 2025-26 #029  
TITLE: Whaley Chair Appointment  
ORIGINATOR: Coulter/Durst Administration  
SPONSOR: Coulter/Durst Administration  
STATUS: Committee of the Whole - Passed

WHEREAS: An Executive Board is essential to the functioning of Washburn Student Government Association, and

WHEREAS: the Washburn Student Government Association President is responsible for appointing the Cabinet, and

WHEREAS: Parker Whaley is qualified to serve as Chair of the DEI Committee.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE WSGA SENATE:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association Senate hereby confirms the appointment of Parker Whaley to the Washburn Student Government Association Cabinet in the capacity of Chair of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee.

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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WSGA President



SENATE BILL 2025-26 #030  
TITLE: Ross Chair Appointment  
ORIGINATOR: Coulter/Durst Administration  
SPONSOR: Coulter/Durst Administration  
STATUS: Committee of the Whole - Passed

WHEREAS: An Executive Board is essential to the functioning of Washburn Student Government Association, and

WHEREAS: the Washburn Student Government Association President is responsible for appointing the Cabinet, and

WHEREAS: Brennen Ross is qualified to serve as Chair of the Special Events Committee.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE WSGA SENATE:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association Senate hereby confirms the appointment of Brennen Ross to the Washburn Student Government Association Cabinet in the capacity of Chair of the Special Events Committee.

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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WSGA President



SENATE BILL 2025-26 #031  
TITLE: Kinesiology Club Funding Request  
ORIGINATOR: Coulter/Durst Administration  
SPONSOR: Coulter /Durst Administration  
STATUS: Committee of the Whole – Passed

WHEREAS: The Kinesiology Club is requesting funding for their September 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, and

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

WHEREAS: The Kinesiology 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 \$130.00 from the Student Organizations account to The Kinesiology Club is requesting funding for their September 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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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WSGA President



SENATE BILL 2025-26 #032

TITLE: Official Initialization of Special Events

ORIGINATOR: Coulter/Durst Administration

SPONSOR: Coulter/Durst Administration

STATUS: Committee of the Whole - Passed

WHEREAS: The Washburn University Student Government Association (WSGA) shall have legislation that matches the intent and practice of committees, and

WHEREAS: previous legislation regarding committees does not reflect current practice and intent.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE WSGA SENATE:

SECTION ONE: Article II, Subsection 1.1 of the WSGA by-laws shall be amended to read:

***SUBSECTION 1.1: THE STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE REVIEW COMMITTEE***

*This committee is tasked with evaluating and proposing any changes to the Student Activity Fee such as the fee itself or the amounts through which the fee is distributed "off-the-top." The committee shall be chaired by the WSGA Budget Director and be composed of at least one representative from each organization that receives money off-the-top from the Student Activity Fee, including Student Media/Publications, Campus Activities Board (CAB), and Spirit Squad. The Director of the Office of Student Involvement and Development, the Vice President of Student Life, and the Vice President of Administration and Treasurer may all act as ex-officio, non-voting, members of the Student Activity Fee Review Committee. Any findings of this committee regarding the fee amount charged to students must be presented to and approved by the WSGA Senate before a recommendation is made to the Washburn University Board of Regents.*

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

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