

Washburn University Student Government Association
Coulter/Durst Administration, October 8th, 2025

- I. Call to Order – Vice President Ryan Durst
- II. Roll Call – Chief of Staff Kira Roth
- III. Review of Proceeding Meeting Minutes
 - a. Waived
- IV. Cabinet Reports
 - a. Taylor Redington, Campus & Community Affairs Director
 - i. Can Emporia! Director Newfer will put the QR code on the board so that you can volunteer to help table for Can Emporia. We still have a month, so please help us win!!! Taylor and Lillian will be out of office from Sunday → Sunday, so please reach out now if you have any questions!
 - b. Belle Hammes, Communications & Marketing Director
 - i. Next Wed at 4:30, we will be doing a TikTok; if you are interested please meet in the office. We have also made lots of other posts. Enjoy your fall break, please take care of yourself! Please let me know if you need content made about 4 days in advance, and about 1-2 days if you just need something reposted.
 - ii. Senator and Cabinet Member of the Month and our monthly newsletter!
 - c. Chavanna Kerney, Student Accessibility and Belonging Director
 - i. Chavanna won 1st place at her powerlifting competition!
 - ii. Breast Cancer awareness tabling has been approved. Sip and Paint went well! We are working on finalizing the second international food showcase.
 - d. Lillian Clark, Special Events Director
 - i. Lillian and Taylor will be out all next week, so please reach out now if you need anything. The Hoco volunteer form is due tonight! You will get an email tomorrow with more details and information about this volunteering. We will also need some folks now to help with parade lineup. If anybody has a trailer that they would like to let Danny and Kate borrow for the

parade, please let them know! Please do go to the Hoco events!!! Big thank you's to specific folks.

- e. Caleb Newfer, Legislative Research Director
 - i. We're back at the front of the room! The legislative form does exist and please do use it! The governing documents are also there and you can take a look at them whenever. Please be thinking about where you would like to see various advocacy days take place so they are the most effective.
- f. Meredith Ginn, Budget Director
 - i. Lots of new student organizations! Campus is growing and this is wonderful. We do have a bill this evening about how we pay chartwells payments, and I think that it is worth supporting!
- g. Kira Roth, Chief of Staff
 - i. Please fill out the forms that are in the Teams!
 - ii. Please continue to be kind to one another and uphold this senate.
- h. Ryan Durst, Vice President
 - i. Ryan and Kate sat in on the VP of SEM interviews, and those were really cool to see. They are looking forward to seeing who the university will choose. This week, Ryan will meet with the Mulvane student advisory board to talk about the courtyard behind the Mulvane to see if we can use that as some outdoor study space.
- i. Kate Coulter, President
 - i. Ryan and Kate sat in on the VP of SEM interviews and they are excited to see who the university picks.
 - ii. Next week, President Mazachek will be here, so we will be in business formal.
 - iii. Ryan and Kate just got the numbers of enrollment, so they are in the super early stages of trying to get the budget updated.
 - iv. Please be attentive and respectful as we move through the evening.
- j. Dr. TLC, Advisor

- i. Thank you for being willing to take on Homecoming! Lillian is doing a wonderful job, so please make sure to put those events on the calendar and show up and support.
- ii. Today we were wearing purple for DV awareness month.
- iii. Rest, Hydrate, Repeat 😊

V. Committee Reports:

- a. Parliamentarian Sharp, Internal Affairs Committee
 - i. IA met today and it was cool 😊
- b. Chairperson Brungardt, Allocations Committee
 - i. 5 funding requests and 1 bill. All are given favorable status. SB68 had a small amendment.
 - ii. Findings are accepted.
- c. Chairperson Smith, Campus & Community Affairs Committee
 - i. CCA is preparing for Success Week, so they have tentative events that they would like to host this year. Times and days will be updated as we get closer.
- d. Chairperson Whaley, Student Accessibility and Belonging Committee
 - i. Thank you for senator of the month! SAB is working on planning a Day of the Dead celebration with various crafts. The Speak your Truth poetry night happens next week. They will give out little infographics for the month. Chairperson Whaley shares some fun facts about the various heritage/awareness months happening in October!
- e. Chairperson Ross, Special Events Committee
 - i. Senator Motes!
 - ii. Events talked about details for Bod Bash. They talked about Hoco logistics; we still need a trailer... Freebie giveaways and when certain things will be given away.
- f. Chairperson Brungardt, Voter Registration Ad-Hoc Committee
 - i. This Ad Hoc has done 1 registration drive so far. Tomorrow, they will do another drive with LoudLight; there will be ice cream! The registration deadline happens next week. The committee will be dissolved after their final event tomorrow.

VI. New Business I:

- a. SB #068: Anderson Grant
 - i. Emma went to a conference in St. Olaf in Minnesota to present research about her independent study. She did have to drive there and stay a couple of nights, so she is requesting this funding to cover her travel costs.
 - ii. Senator Bourell: What was the independent study for?
 - 1. Dr. Modellmog 😊
 - iii. SB#68 is approved.
- b. SB #069: ByteBods
 - i. ByteBods are requesting funding for the Hackathon. The event will be 24 hours and then afterward there will be awards. They are requesting funding for food, caffeine, gas, and a rental car to drive to the Hackathon in Kansas City. You have to build a working platform in 24 hours.
 - ii. SB69 is approved.
- c. SB #074: Cor Christi Catholic Center – SEEK26
 - i. Cor Christi is requesting funding to attending SEEK26; a conference with speakers and other events, a spiritual trade show, live podcasts and TedTalks.
 - ii. Senator Bourell: What exactly will the 5,000 be for?
 - 1. This information was in the info we submitted for Allocations. We are requesting the full amount just to make sure that all students possible can go.
 - iii. SB74 is approved.
- d. SB #075: Sigma Phi Epsilon – Apparel
 - i. SigEp is requesting the maximum amount of apparel so that they can get ¼ zips.
 - ii. President Coulter: What color is the apparel?
 - 1. The crest will be in color, but the sweater will be in black.
 - iii. SB75 – Apparel is approved.
- e. SB #076: Kinesiology Club Meeting

- i. They are having their 2nd meeting on the 23rd over lunch, so they host the meeting as ask for money to supply pizza for the event.
- ii. VC Cattoor: What kind of pizza?
 - 1. The same as last time probably
- iii. Senator Motes: What was the attendance like on the first meeting
 - 1. 30-35 people!
- iv. Senator Motes: So how many pizzas are you getting?
 - 1. However many we can get with the funding I guess
- v. SB76 is approved

VII. Public Forum I:

- a. Chris Herrera, Campus Safety Director
 - i. Campus Moves: Why all the moving?
 - 1. Your building is no longer there! Updates to buildings, brings departments together, more convenient for students, creates room for growth. This is good!
 - ii. What do I do on campus? Safety Director/Insurance Manager
 - 1. He does a lot of work to make a lot of different events work so that we can make sure that we have fun, but *safely*.
 - iii. How do I stay connected with the campus?
 - 1. Read lots of the campus newsletters and try to keep a pulse on lots of different things. My office is right down the hall in the union so that I can stay out and closer to the students.
 - 2. If we never see Mr. Herrera, that is good! We want everything to be as safe as possible so that we can make sure that we all can come and have good, *safe* fun 😊 I don't even want you to know that I'm here, I just want you to know that I am doing my job.
 - iv. Director Redington: Who makes the calls on iAlert?
 - 1. This depends! Sometimes the NWS will send a notification and iAlert will send something automatically.

There is a board of about 10 people that have the ability to send out this kind of message and it just depends on what is going on and who can do it the fastest.

- v. VCP Cattoor: Does parking safety fall under Mr. Herrera as well? Lots of people were parking in spots that were not real parking spots, have you noticed that there has been an increase in this?
 - 1. Yes, but this is a good problem because it's a problem because we are growing. If you see someone where they should not be, do feel free to get ahold of WUPD.
- vi. Director Hammes: In the event that someone does not have a device that they can get an iAlert on, how will they be notified?
 - 1. We are working on some of that. We want to make sure that people are notified. There is potential for the sound system in Yager Stadium to be used, but we could also do an update to the blue help phones so that they would have an intercom on them so that you can make announcements on there, as well.
- vii. Director Hammes: Some of the phones in the village do not work, is that on purpose?
 - 1. This is likely as a result of the switch to Teams. Please let me know which ones are not working so that we can get those fixed!
- viii. Senator Lloyd: When they did the iAlert test, the phone flagged it as spam. Is this something that they are still working on testing?
 - 1. They will be doing another test here before too long, but if it is still not working, you want to make sure to let someone know
- ix. Director Kerney: Who are we allowed to park in particular lots?
 - 1. This is open parking at any time. This reserved spot is only right in front of Plass.

- x. President Coulter: I have a couple questions regarding your role. Are you a one-person show? Do you have someone that helps you at Tech?
 - 1. They usually don't have someone at Tech to help, but President Mazachek is working to unite the campuses a little bit more. They have a person over there that checks their AED's and whatnot, but there are some things that are also under Mr. Herrera.
- xi. President Coulter: Do you still check the blue light safety systems and have you talked about adding any more to campus?
 - 1. Yes, they are tested every month. As far as adding more, there is definitely a possibility. They used to be wired in with phone lines, but we now have wifi and solar power ones, so adding more phones would be a little easier.
- xii. Director Clark: Thank you from WSGA! You have a lot to do with every event that we host to keep everything safe. You have always been incredibly kind and helpful and we appreciate all that you do!
- xiii. Senator Stevens: What are the blue light phones?
 - 1. These are emergency phones that have a button on them and the button will connect you automatically to WUPD. We have some that are a little older, so Chief Enos is looking at getting some that are a little more visible and upgraded.
- xiv. VCP Cattoor: Just to elaborate, when ambassadors take people on tours, they have people comment and say that they don't think that they look like they would even work. :/
- xv. There is one that is not operating near the construction site of the Advisors Excel building. We are aware of that one and this is why we want to just start updating all of them.
- xvi. Senator Adhikari: Have you and your team thought about a classroom intercom system to make sure that all students are safe?

1. We have thought about this. They have sent out a request for information and they are looking for options for different security and monitoring. Some of buildings have the capability to do an announcement, so they are looking for a way to get the ability to make a building announcement from one area on campus.
- xvii. Director Hammes: My boyfriend is not from Kansas. Thought world was ending. It was not.
- b. Sean Bird, Dean of University Libraries and Center for Student Success
- i. I would be just tickled to answer any questions that you may have!
 - ii. VCP Cattoor: Whose job is it to get signs on doors? It gets kind of confusing...
 1. This is a project that is happening in the marketing and PR office. We want to use our new branding and make sure that signage is consistent across all of campus so we know how to exit buildings and how to find things.
 - iii. Director Kerney: In a lot of WU101 classes, librarians talk about the databases. Are we thinking other ways to tell folks that this is actually a real person and librarian?
 1. We live in an information age and it is important to us to make sure that WU grads are able to be well-versed in information management. We have doubled down on WU101 to make sure that there are common definitions and processes so that everyone is getting a uniform education. Some of the departments are also given a librarian to make sure that everyone is getting all of the information that they need in that department. We want to make sure that people are questioning where they are getting information and that they are literate in that information. WU101 gives them the opportunity to ask those questions and gain those skills for the first time.

- iv. Director Hammes: Were you able to go to the Banned Books presentation yesterday and what did you think about it?
 - 1. I READ BANNED BOOKS!!! 😊
- v. Director Hammes: with the Ed building being tacked onto the Plass building, it does not seem very accessible and I wonder what we could be doing differently...
 - 1. I agree! Every student in the nation probably believes that where they are is special, and that's good for them. I think that Washburn is special. We have a lot of conversations about how to make every space the best we possibly can. We always want to make sure that spaces are safe and accessible. There were also talks about using the 3rd floor as a school library so that future educators can use this space to practice for their future careers.
- vi. Director Kerney: What is the difference between the Dean of University Libraries versus the VP of the library? What is your position?
 - 1. Usually VPs are administrative offices. There are VPs for lots of things here at Washburn. Dean is an academic position. There are also lots of Deans for all of the schools here at Washburn. Washburn decided that there would be a Dean of Libraries. This is his position. He reports directly to the Provost.
- vii. Senator Adhikari: It is obvious that the library is a pretty commonly used space, so has there been any discussions about whether or not we increase the hours of operation for the library?
 - 1. This is a question that is most-commonly asked. They review this information every year. They think about this a lot and they always take this suggestion very seriously. They will look at the end of this term to see if there is anything that they can do. Their concerns are: does a library have to have a professional in it during open hours? Should there be security? Does it matter if the

library is not open but other parts of the building are open? How does this look? It is very important to get the answers to this question right. This is a conversation that is had with the provost almost constantly. Please do continue these conversations!

viii. Director Redington: What time of day does the library see the most traffic? And which level of the library seems to be the busiest?

1. The main level is the busiest from about 9-4. I used some screen time to take a picture of all of the tables being filled in the main floor of the library this morning. This is thrilling!

c. MK Hunt & Heather Pope-Joy, Student Accessibility Services

- i. We assist students with disabilities to help them get accommodations. We do this on both campuses.
- ii. Access Barrier Report Form: We want to make sure that all of our accessibility systems are working, so we have a form that is out where you can report any problems that you see on campus.
- iii. We are working on revamping our Instagram – please follow us @wu-accessibility.
- iv. We are working on various events and we want some higher-ups on the campus to use a mobility aid for a day to see what this experience is actually like.
- v. Director Hammes: If someone has an issue in their class where they notice that it is not accessible for them or others, how would they go about fixing this?
 1. It depends on the situation. If there is a physical issue, please reach out to the office. If you are colorblind, reach out to us at the accommodations email so that we can make sure we get you some help.
- vi. Director Redington: Taylor has the QR code to the survey on her desk!

- vii. Senator Bourell: Are you and the office in cahoots with the safety department and facilities etc. on accessibility on campus?
Because it's... not perfect
 - 1. Yes, this is something that we are working on. Even though we are pushing for that, having people that bring it up will always be helpful.
- viii. Senator Mcfan: Is mobility day going to be something that we do this semester?
 - 1. This is something that has to happen next semester because accessibility day is in March.
- ix. Senator Mcfan: Is this only going to be for the higher-ups?
 - 1. We are open to other people participating
- x. Chairperson Whaley: Are there any other initiatives, other than the form, that you are working on to get information?
 - 1. This is the main thing right now because there are 2 faculty members and over 400 students that they are working with this semester. They can only do so much.
- xi. Chairperson Whaley: Notetaking is an accommodation, and they have a new system!
 - 1. You can use this new system and you can get a summary, a quiz, and lots of other helpful tools. This is super limited still and it is first come, first serve. We want to get a universal license so more folks can use it!
- xii. Director Newfer: Have any other regulations, aside from ADA compliance, been put into place on campus?
 - 1. ADA compliance is the bare minimum, so we are always working toward that. There is also Universal Design. This is a lot of the newer accessibility tools that are incorporated into web design and other things like that.
- xiii. Director Hammes: Is there anything that we can do to increase our scope to Tech?
 - 1. Yes, this is something that we are working on!

- xiv. Senator Stevens: Thank you for all that you do! You really do make things a lot easier for a lot of students on campus and this makes a huge difference 😊

VIII. New Business II:

a. SB #077: Chartwells Payment Efficiency Act

- i. A lot of funding requests that come through are to request funding for Chartwells food. After the event has happened, they pay the invoice personally, send the invoice to Meredith, and then Meredith has to pay the agency account to reimburse the student. This can strain the finances of students on campus and can take up to three weeks. This would allow the student to just turn in the invoice to Meredith and would skip the middleman and allow us to just pay Chartwells directly, rather than doing a reimbursement.
- ii. SB77 is approved.

IX. Public Forum II:

a. Speaker Nominations

- i. Taylor: A wee bit of background and information about the role!
 1. You are the representative of the senators and senate.
 2. You are the chairperson of the Internal Affairs committee
 - a. You also attend the Executive Board, as chair
 3. Chair Committee of the Whole
 - a. This does not happen very often anymore!
 4. You also have a little more to do with the agenda – if anything needs to be a late add, this is a determination that **you** get to make!
 5. This also requires a few more office hours. Three happen in the office and two are senate.
 6. This is a lot of fun! You get to work a little more behind the scenes! You should totally do it! Taylor will help you and walk you through your little transition report.

- ii. We are going to do discussion, but you are allowed to stay in the room for this whole process. We are all going to have 2 votes if there are under 5 nominees. Over 5, we are going to let you have 3 votes. PLEASE be respectful and kind. It is okay to have questions or be hesitant.
- iii. ELIGIBLE PARTIES:
 - 1. Senator Motes
 - a. Vote 1: 5
 - 2. Senator Bourell
 - a. Vote 1: 10
 - b. Vote 2: 4
 - 3. Senator Lloyd
 - a. Vote 1: 9
 - b. Vote 2: 6
 - c. Vote 3: 8
 - 4. Senator Adhikari
 - a. Vote 1: 5
 - 5. Senator Yucesan
 - a. Vote 1: 9
 - b. Vote 2: 4
 - 6. Senator McGill
 - a. Vote 1: 8
 - 7. Senator Giles – SPEAKER!!!
 - a. Vote 1: 12
 - b. Vote 2: 7
 - c. Vote 3: 11

- X. Announcements
- XI. Roll Call – Chief of Staff Kira Roth
- XII. Adjournment

Position	Last Name	Present (Beginning)	Present (Final)
Senator	Adhikari	P	P
Senator	Barbery	A	A
Senator	Bottom	P	P
Senator	Bourell	P	P
Chairperson	Brungardt	P	P
Vice Chairperson	Carter	P	P
Vice Chairperson	Cattoor	P	P
Senator	Cervantes-Rodriguez	A	P
Senator	Crim	P	P
Speaker	Giles	P	P
Senator	Hastings	A	A
Senator	Hinds	P	P
Vice Chairperson	King	A	A
Senator	Lloyd	P	P
Senator	McFan	P	P
Senator	McGill	P	P
Senator	Meier	P	P
Senator	Motes	P	P
Senator	O’Leary-Worsley	P	P
Chairperson	Ross	A	A
Parliamentarian	Sharp	P	P
Senator	Smith	P	P
Chairperson	Smith	P	P
Senator	Stevens	P	P

Senator	Yucesan	P	P
Chairperson	Whaley	P	P

Position	Last Name	Present (Beginning)	Present (Final)
Special Events Director	Clark	P	P
Marketing Director	Hammes	P	P
Campus and Community Affairs Director	Redington	P	P
Student Accessibility and Belonging Director	Kerney	P	P
Legislative Research Director	Newfer	P	P
Budget Director	Ginn	P	P
Chief of Staff	Roth	P	P
Vice President	Durst	P	P
President	Coulter	P	P
Advisor ²	Dr. TLC	P	P

Roll Call Question:

- What word is a synonym for “gift”, and also a homograph of a word that people say to mean that they are here? (present)
- Give me an unhinged email signoff
 - o Peace out, brussels sprouts
 - o I just work here,
 - o With pizzaz



SENATE BILL 2025-26 #068

TITLE: Anderson Grant

ORIGINATOR: Chairperson McCreath

SPONSOR: Chairperson McCreath

STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: Emma Anderson is requesting a Student Grant for the Latin Americanists Conference, 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 \$749.00 from the Student Grant account for the Latin Americanists Conference.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage by the WSGA Senate, subject to the veto power of the WSGA President as outlined in the Constitution.



SENATE BILL 2025-26 #069

TITLE: ByteBods

ORIGINATOR: Chairperson McCreath

SPONSOR: Chairperson McCreath

STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: ByteBods is requesting funding for the Hack Midwest Hackathon, and

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

WHEREAS: ByteBods 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 \$310.00 from the Student Organizations account to ByteBods for Hack Midwest Hackathon.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage by the WSGA Senate, subject to the veto power of the WSGA President as outlined in the Constitution.



SENATE BILL 2025-26 #074
TITLE: Cor Christi Catholic Center – SEEK26
ORIGINATOR: Chairperson Brungardt
SPONSOR: Chairperson Brungardt
STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS, Cor Christi Catholic Center is requesting funding for their SEEK26 conference fees; and

WHEREAS, Cor Christi Catholic Center has fully complied with all applicable funding policies to this point in the allocation process; and

WHEREAS, Cor Christi Catholic Center 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 \$5,000.00 from the Student Organizations account to Cor Christi Catholic Center for their SEEK26 conference.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage by the WSGA Senate, subject to the veto power of the WSGA President as outlined in the Constitution.



SENATE BILL 2025-26 #075

TITLE: Sigma Phi Epsilon - Apparel

ORIGINATOR: Chairperson Brungardt

SPONSOR: Chairperson Brungardt

STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS, Sigma Phi Epsilon is requesting funding for their 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 their apparel.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage by the WSGA Senate, subject to the veto power of the WSGA President as outlined in the Constitution.



SENATE BILL 2025-26 #076
TITLE: Kinesiology Club Meeting
ORIGINATOR: Chairperson Brungardt
SPONSOR: Chairperson Brungardt
STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS, Kinesiology Club is requesting funding for food for their October club meeting; and

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

WHEREAS, 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 Kinesiology Club for food for their October club meeting.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage by the WSGA Senate, subject to the veto power of the WSGA President as outlined in the Constitution.



SENATE BILL 2025-26 #077

TITLE: Chartwells Payment Efficiency Act

ORIGINATOR: Senator Lloyd

SPONSOR: Senator Lloyd

STATUS: Allocation Committee – Pending

WHEREAS, many student organizations regularly utilize Chartwells for catering and event services at Washburn University; and

WHEREAS, the current funding process can cause delays in event preparation due to the need for reimbursement rather than direct payment; and

WHEREAS, the Washburn Student Government Association (WSGA) is responsible for efficiently managing the allocation and disbursement of student activity funds; and

WHEREAS, the WSGA Funding Policy authorizes the Budget Director to oversee proper payment and documentation of expenses incurred by student organizations.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE WSGA SENATE:

SECTION ONE: Chapter Five Amendments

- Section One (a)(2) shall be added and shall state: Upon receipt of a valid Chartwells invoice, the WSGA Budget Director may process direct payment to Chartwells on behalf of the requesting student organization. Such payment shall be made from the WSGA General Account, subject to the approved funding legislation.

SECTION TWO: The Budget Director shall be tasked with updating Funding Policy on the website, Teams, and WSGA office.

SECTION THREE: This legislation shall become effective upon passage by the WSGA Senate, subject to the veto power of the WSGA President as outlined in the Constitution.