

Washburn University Student Government Association

Newfer/Clark Administration, September 16th, 2026

- I. Call to Order – Vice President Lillian Clark
- II. Roll Call – Chief of Staff Amya Carpenter
- III. Review of Proceeding Meeting Minutes
- IV. Cabinet Reports
 - a. Nick Lloyd, Campus & Community Affairs Director
 - i. Current Can Emporia numbers are 18,053. CCA has some fun events coming up. Blue face has been aquired for family day. We are also working on new signs and foam fingers. Union Underground committee is meeting on Wednesday's at Noon in the OSID conference room. Attended the Campus Safety Meeting to discuss safety issues on campus.
 - b. Taylor Redington, Communications & Marketing Director
 - i. Please vote on the design for WSGA merch and let me know what your size is. If you still have not had your headshot taken, please do so after Senate.
 - c. Merit Carter, Student Accessibility & Belonging Director
 - i. Hispanic Heritage Month Fiesta is September 24th 5-7. We will also be tabling with CCA and Special Events on September 23rd. Suicide and Mental Health tabling on
 - d. Aidan Hixson, Legislative Research Director
 - i. Nothing to Report
 - e. Prekshya Adhikari, Director of Operations
 - i. Processing P-cards for Cabinet and paying invoices. Setting up a meeting with Chartwells about past resolutions. I have been tabling for Nepal during some of my office hours, so if you need to reach me please email. Student Media needs the name of all Senators and their majors.
 - f. Julianna Reynoldson, Budget Director

- i. The first student org is using the direct funding apparel process. The new student activity codes are up and running. Going to transfer all past
 - g. Amya Carpenter, Chief of Staff
 - i. Senate Retreat went well! I will be out of the office for the rest of the week, so if you need anything, just reach out.
 - h. Lillian Clark, Vice President
 - i. Senate Retreat was a lot of fun. Attended the SAC meeting with all the other Kansas Universities. Tonight we have proposed changes to the audit process. Reminder that September 30th we have a full group picture at 5:30pm.
 - i. Caleb Newfer, President
 - i. SAC and President Mazachek were very impressed with the work WSGA is doing. Thank you to Senators for all the work you do. KBOR has created an AI committee which will have a student representative with voting powers. Trying to work on scheduling issues groups are having.
 - j. Dr. TLC, Advisor
 - i. Today was the Career and Internship Expo. Kudos to Juliana and Lillian for working with the finance office. If we win Can Emporia, I will take Taylor Redington's award winning apple pie to the face. Rest, hydrate, and repeat.
- V. Committee Reports:
 - a. Speaker Yucesan, Internal Affairs Committee
 - i. 11 absence appeals and one open senate seat application were approved.
 - b. Chairperson Smith, Allocations Committee
 - i. Looked over 6 funding requests.
 - c. Chairperson Barbary, Campus & Community Affairs Committee
 - i. Please sign up for tabling for Can Emporia. We have some fun events coming up.
 - d. Chairperson McFan, Student Accessibility & Belonging Committee

- i. Talked about different tabling dates for Fall Semester. Also figuring out logistics on new events. Working on a potential new project with Chairperson Smith
- e. Chairperson Bottom, Special Events Committee
 - i. Had to change the original plans. So, the new date for the Fall event is Nov. 12 and it's called "Bodsgiving."

VI. New Business I:

- a. SB 2026-27 #030: Tailgate Supplies
 - i. The bill is passed
- b. SB 2026-27 #031: Beta Week Supplies
 - i. The bill is passed.
- c. SB 2026-27 #032: Fall Guest Artists
 - i. The bill is tabled for one week.
- d. SB 2026-27 #033: Chemistry Club Bingo
 - i. The bill is passed.
- e. SB 2026-27 #034: Midwest Box Turtle Event
 - i. The bill is passed
- f. SB 2026-27 #035: Member Meeting
 - i. The bill is passed

VII. Public Forum I:

- a. Student Life Updates, Dr. Chestnut
 - i. There are 10 different departments under the Student Life Office. The offices range from Career Engagement, Student Health, Student Involvement, Residential Living, etc. Washburn has a 68% first year retention rate. The national average is 78%-85%. Washburn's Six-year graduation rate is 53%, while the national average is 63%. As a regional institution, we are doing pretty well. We are not very off the mark compared to regional schools. Student Life's priorities for this year are a belonging & student success strategy, a Washburn Student Success Collaborative, reimagining student on-boarding, and investing in the team behind it all. WSGA's input is welcome in assessing student needs across Washburn and the onboarding redesign. Each department has data that they use. We also do a large

national survey to assess students, but it only focuses on a special population. I want to make greater use of the data at the departmental level and use the national survey to inform a Washburn centered survey. There are also potential opportunities to have feedback in a way that is not a survey. Particularly, it would be very useful to conduct a survey to guide focus groups on qualitative data. The plan is too partnered with WSGA on the data assessment and reaches out to other student groups on redesigning aspects.

VIII. Public Forum II:

- a. WSGA Audit Reform, Director Reynoldson & Vice President Clark
 - i. We are looking to reform the way we audit WSGA and the organizations we fund. WSGA receives money from the student activity fee, then Senate decides where that money goes. We audit because 4 organizations are given a lump sum from the budget. We want to ensure that all student dollars are used responsibly. We ask organizations to report on expenditures/revenues. The current system of auditing in Spring causes many issues. The first is that the fiscal year runs from July 1st-June 30th meaning organizations are estimating how much they will spend by the end of the fiscal year. Additionally, the audit is not well attended by Senators because it was not mandatory. Lastly, the incoming administration must make a budget on a short timeline with incomplete information. The proposal is to shift the audit timeline. The audit will be held in September. We will also ask the organizations to present expenditures, revenues, and account balances from the complete fiscal year. In the Spring, we will develop an audit committee to evaluate the status of the 4 organizations and WSGA. The committee will be comprised of the Budget Director, two representatives from the allocation committee, one representative from Internal Finance, and one representative from each standing committee. They will produce a report to the Senate and the upcoming administration.

This change will make clear guidelines, increase Senate involvement in budget decisions, and be more efficient using student dollars.

- IX. New Business II:
 - a. SB 2026-27 #036: Comprehensive Audit Standards Reform Act
 - i. The bill is passed
 - b. New Senator Confirmation Vote, Mason Rutledge
 - i. Mason Rutledge is confirmed as a Senator
- X. Public Forum III:
 - a. Swearing in of New Senator
 - i. Mason Rutledge is sworn in as a Senator
- XI. Announcements
- XII. Roll Call – Chief of Staff Amya Carpenter
- XIII. Adjournment

Members Present at the Beginning of Senate Meeting

- Senator Arnold
- Chairperson Barbary
- Senator Berry
- Chairperson Bottom
- Senator Coulter-no
- Senator Fowler
- Senator Ginn
- Parliamentarian Hammes
- Senator Horselenberg
- Senator Krentz-no
- Chairperson Mcfan
- Senator Lopez Morales
- Senator Meier
- Senator Murray
- Senator Nanju
- Senator Partridge
- Senator Ross

- Senator Selm
- Chairperson Smith
- Senator Stevens
- Senator Vermillion
- Speaker Yucsan
- CCA Director Lloyd
- Marketing and Communications Director Redington
- SAB Director Carter
- Legislative Research Director Hixson
- Operations Director Adhikari
- Budget Director Reynoldson
- Chief of Staff Carpenter
- Vice President Clark
- President Newfer
- Advisor Dr. TLC

Members Present at the End of the Meeting

- Senator Arnold
- Chairperson Barbary
- Senator Berry
- Chairperson Bottom-no
- Senator Coulter
- Senator Fowler
- Senator Ginn
- Parliamentarian Hammes
- Senator Horselenberg
- Senator Krentz-no
- Chairperson Mcfan
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SENATE BILL 2026-27 #030

TITLE: Tailgate Supplies

ORIGINATOR: Director Reynoldson

SPONSOR: Speaker Yucesan

STATUS: Allocations Committee – Passed

WHEREAS, Kappa Sigma is requesting funding for their Tailgate Supplies; 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 \$250.00 from the Student Organizations account to Kappa Sigma for their Tailgate Supplies.

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 2026-27 #031
TITLE: Beta Week Supplies
ORIGINATOR: Director Reynoldson
SPONSOR: Speaker Yucesan
STATUS: Allocations Committee – Tabled

WHEREAS, Sigma Lambda Beta is requesting funding for their Beta Week Supplies; and

WHEREAS, Sigma Lambda Beta has fully complied with all applicable funding policies to this point in the allocation process; and

WHEREAS, Sigma Lambda Beta 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 \$100.00 from the Student Organizations account to Sigma Lambda Beta for their Beta Week Supplies.

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 2026-27 #032
TITLE: Fall Guest Artists
ORIGINATOR: Director Reynoldson
SPONSOR: Speaker Yucesan
STATUS: Allocations Committee – Passed

WHEREAS, WU Association of Percussionists is requesting funding for their Fall Guest Artists; and

WHEREAS, WU Association of Percussionists has fully complied with all applicable funding policies to this point in the allocation process; and

WHEREAS, WU Association of Percussionists 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 \$4,000.00 from the Student Organizations account to WU Association of Percussionists for their Fall Guest Artists.

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 2026-27 #033
TITLE: Chemistry Club Bingo
ORIGINATOR: Director Reynoldson
SPONSOR: Speaker Yucesan
STATUS: Allocations Committee – Passed

WHEREAS, Chemistry Club is requesting funding for their Chemistry Club Bingo; 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 \$140.00 from the Student Organizations account to Chemistry Club for their Chemistry Club Bingo.

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 2026-27 #034

TITLE: Midwest Box Turtle Event

ORIGINATOR: Director Reynoldson

SPONSOR: Speaker Yucesan

STATUS: Allocations Committee – Passed

WHEREAS, Midwest Box Turtle Club is requesting funding for their Midwest Box Turtle Event; and

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

WHEREAS, Midwest Box Turtle 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 \$5,000.00 from the Student Organizations account to Midwest Box Turtle Club for their Midwest Box Turtle Event.

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 2026-27 #035

TITLE: Member Meeting

ORIGINATOR: Director Reynoldson

SPONSOR: Speaker Yucesan

STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS, We Are F1rst is requesting funding for their Member Meeting; and

WHEREAS, We Are F1rst has fully complied with all applicable funding policies to this point in the allocation process; and

WHEREAS, We Are F1rst 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 We Are F1rst for their Member 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 2026-27 #036

TITLE: Comprehensive Audit Standards Reform Act

ORIGINATOR: Vice President Clark

SPONSOR: Chairperson Smith

STATUS: Internal Affairs Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: The Washburn Student Government Association Senate has final authority over any expenditure of Student Activity Fee monies; and

WHEREAS: money is typically allocated to both internal WSGA Operations and other campus organizations via an “off-the-top” transfer; and

WHEREAS: the Washburn Student Government Association seeks to establish clear guidelines regarding the audit process; and

WHEREAS: the Senate needs a report covering the full expenditures, revenue, and account balances of both the WSGA and all other WSGA accounts held by the University in order to complete a comprehensive audit and be efficient stewards of the Student Activity Fee monies;

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE WSGA SENATE:

SECTION ONE: The WSGA By-Laws be amended with the following changes:

ARTICLE II. FINANCES

SECTION 1. THE STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE

The Washburn University Board of Regents shall authorize Washburn University of Topeka to levy a Student Activity Fee, which shall be used to provide an academic and cultural environment in which every student may attain the highest possible level of growth and development. The WSGA Senate shall be the primary agency responsible for recommending the amount of the student activity fee and shall consider present and future enrollment trends when recommending any changes to the Washburn University Board of Regents. The WSGA Senate has final authority over any expenditure of Student Activity Fee monies.

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 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 2. FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS

The WSGA Funding Policy shall contain all guidelines and restrictions by which students' requests for funding shall be governed. These funds shall be allocated from the Student Activity Fee in the annual budget recommended by the WSGA President and approved by the WSGA Senate.

SECTION 3. INTERNAL OPERATIONS

All monies spent by WSGA will be dictated by the annual budget submitted as a proposal by the WSGA President which must be approved by the WSGA Senate. The WSGA Budget Director shall administer these funds, process any

expenditures, and manage all WSGA accounts. The WSGA Budget Director shall work with the Washburn University Business Office to ensure the WSGA follows the correct procedures and completes the necessary paperwork on all financial matters. The basic accounts from which all other accounts may be established are: “WSGA Operations” and “WSGA Reserves”. Monies allocated but not spent during the fiscal year shall revert to the designated reserve account when the next fiscal year’s allocated funds are received. The WSGA Budget Director shall always maintain at least \$10,000.00 in the reserve account.

SECTION 4. OPEN RECORDS REQUEST

Any WSGA member may request a record of any WSGA related payments or receipts from the WSGA Budget Director. This request should be addressed within three business days of submission.

SECTION 5. AUDITS

~~Each year, an audit shall be conducted covering the spending of the active Administration in March or April, examining all office expenditures and monies spent by the WSGA Cabinet, in addition to all WSGA accounts held by the University. A report shall be compiled by the WSGA Budget Director and provided to the WSGA Senate before the conclusion of their term that details information from all WSGA accounts. Any additional audits shall be requested at any time during the year if the Senate passes a proper resolution, or if deemed necessary by the President following investigation by an appropriate party.~~

Each year, an audit shall be conducted in September, covering the full expenditures, revenue, and account balances of the previous fiscal year of both the WSGA and all other WSGA accounts held by the University. Any additional audits may be requested at any time during the year if the Senate passes a proper resolution, or if deemed necessary by the President following investigation by an appropriate party.

Subsection 5.1: The Audit Committee

This committee is tasked with evaluating and proposing changes to the amounts through which the Student Activity Fee is distributed “off-the-top.” The committee shall hold two meetings during the spring semester to evaluate the expenditures, revenue, and account balances of the current fiscal year for the WSGA and the organizations that received Student Activity Fee monies “off-the-

top.” The committee shall be chaired by the WSGA Budget Director and composed of at least two representatives from the Allocations Committee, one representative from the Internal Finance Committee, and one representative from each of the WSGA Standing Committees.

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, must be invited to the meeting in which that organization’s funding is evaluated.

Following the completion of the two Audit Committee meetings, the WSGA Budget Director shall compile a report and provide it to both the WSGA Senate and the incoming WSGA Administration. The report shall detail the information evaluated by the committee and include a proposed amount for each “off-the-top” organization to receive for the next fiscal year.

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. All provisions of the WSGA By-Laws not expressly amended by this bill shall remain in full force and effect.

**Washburn University Student Government Association SAB
Committee, September 23, 2026**

- I. Call to order – Ka'hari McFan
- II. Roll call – Autumn Stevens
- III. New Business I
 - 1. Tabling for suicide prevention
 - a. Tabling for 1 day
 - i. September 29th 9:00-11:00am
 - 1. Union concourse
 - 2. Pins, bracelets, stickers, & zines
- 2. Form for tabling for October
 - a. Sent out form for everyone's availability for tabling
 - i. Breast cancer awareness month tabling
 - ii. Domestic violence awareness month tabling
 - b. Fill out the form on teams for any event or tabling ideas during the month of October
 - c. Please fill out the form for your availability for October tabling so we can get everything scheduled in time
- 3. October Museum Tour Event
 - a. Trying to find a way to present certain disabilities at the Mulvane
 - b. Still working on getting in contact with the Mulvane
 - i. Washburn A/B for location
- 4. November Thrifting Tour Event
 - a. Possible alternate name for the event
 - i. "Boutique"
 - b. Possible partnership with bods feeding bods
 - i. Makeup, gender affirming care, hygiene products

5. November Tabling

a. Possible ideas

- i. Men's mental health awareness month, transgender visibility week, Native American Heritage month, lung cancer awareness

- 1. Speakers for Native American Heritage month?
- 2. Reach out to Parker Whaley with URGE for Transgender Visibility week

a. November 13th-19th

6. Ka'hari's project with chairperson Smith

a. Meeting with Molly Steffes-Hermann

- i. Seeing if the SAB committee can support her with Bods Feeding Bods

- 1. Expressed concerns on not getting funding, influx of tangible donations, monetary funding needed
- 2. See if there is any way that committee funds can support her

a. Possible annual donations from SAB funds

7. Coffee Tabling Update

a. Dialogue coffee pre-packaged

- i. Pumpkin spice and vanilla!
- ii. September 23rd, east union lawn, 10:00am-12:00pm

8. SAB Fiesta! September 24th 5:00-7:00pm east union lawn

a. See you there!

9. Ka'hari attended Internal Affairs today, but Senator Lopez Morales will be stepping in to continue as our Internal Affairs representative

VI. Adjournment

Senators Present at the Beginning and End of Committee

- Chairperson Mcfan
- Vice Chair Stevens
- Senator Arnold
- Senator Berry
- Speaker Yucesan
- Senator Lopez Moralas

Washburn Student Government Association Campus and Community Affairs Committee Minutes

- I. Call to Order-Chairperson Barbery
- II. Roll Call-Vice Chairperson Meier
- III. Director Report- Director Lloyd
- IV. Chair Report- Chairperson Barbery
- V. New Business I
 - a. Teams Message Chairperson Barbery a good number to reach you at
 - b. Midterm Event- Painting Pumpkins on October 19th from 11-1.
 - c. 5k Can Emporia Run-met with Chris Herrera and he said good, it just needs to be approved by scheduling. The date options are Oct. 17th or Oct. 24th.
- VI. Old Business I
 - a. Can Emporia tabling dates
 - b. Director Lloyd Bodshop update
 - c. Tabling Merch update
- VII. Adjournment

Senators Present at Beginning and End of Committee

- Chairperson Barbery
- Vice Chairperson Meier
- Senator Selm
- Senator Partridge

Washburn University Student Government Association

Allocations Committee Meeting, September 16th, 2026

- I. Call to Order – Chairperson Smith
- II. Roll Call – Senator Sebastiaan Horselenberg
- III. New Business I:
 - a. SB 2026-27 #030: Tailgate Supplies
 - a. Requesting funding for ice, food, and games.
 - b. Motion to give favorable status: Senator Ginn. Second: Senator Vermillion.
 - b. SB 2026-27 #031: Beta Week Supplies
 - a. Requesting funding for event items.
 - b. Move Motion to amend funding request from \$100 to \$80: Senator Horselenberg. Second: Senator Ginn.
 - c. Motion to give favorable status: Senator Ginn, Second: Senator Vermillion.
 - c. SB 2026-27 #032: Fall Guest Artists
 - a. Motion to table to next week: Senator Ginn. Second: Senator Vermillion.
 - d. SB 2026-27 #033: Chemistry Club Bingo
 - a. Requesting funding for Bingo event.
 - b. Motion to amend \$140 to \$120,20. Second: Senator Ginn.
 - c. Motion to give favorable status: Senator Ginn. Second: Senator Vermillion.
 - e. SB 2026-27 #034: Midwest Box Turtle Event
 - a. Requesting funding for Midwest Box turtle event.
 - b. Motion to give favorable status: Senator Ginn. Second: Senator Vermillion.
 - f. SB 2026-27 #035: Member Meeting Announcements
 - a. Requesting funding for snacks for weekly meetings.
 - b. Motion to give favorable status: Senator Ginn. Second: Senator Vermillion.
- IV. Announcements

XI. Adjournment

Senators Present at Beginning and End of Committee

- Chairperson Smith
- Senator Horselenberg
- Senator Ginn
- Senator Vermillion