

**Washburn Student Government Association  
Hanes/Leffingwell Administration, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

- I. Call to Order – Vice President Leffingwell
- II. Roll Call – Administrative Assistant Yelland
- III. Review of Proceeding Meeting Minutes
- IV. Cabinet Reports
  - a. Campus & Community Affairs Director Wood
  - b. Wellness Director Chaffin
  - c. Communications & Marketing Director Cook
  - d. Diversity and Inclusion Director Jeter
  - e. Administrative Assistant Yelland
  - f. Legislative Director LaRue
  - g. Budget Director Buller
  - h. Chief of Staff Wessel
  - i. Vice President Leffingwell
  - j. President Hanes
  - k. Advisor Collier
- V. Committee Reports
  - a. Allocations - Chairperson Meseke
  - b. Campus and Community Affairs - Chairperson Jordan
  - c. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion - Chairperson Estrada
  - d. Health and Wellness - Chairperson Martinez
  - e. Internal Affairs - Speaker Burdick
- VI. Public Forum I: Hanes and Leffingwell Administration Update
- VII. New Business I:
  - a. SB 22-23 #070: Pi Kappa Delta
  - b. SB 22-23 #071: Washburn Players
  - c. SR 22-23 #005: Student Worker Minimum Wage Increase
  - d. SR 22-23 #006: Recycling Money for Students
- VIII. Announcements
- IX. Roll Call
- X. Adjournment



SENATE BILL no. 22-23 #070  
TITLE: Pi Kappa Delta  
SPONSOR: Allocations Committee  
STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: Pi Kappa Delta is requesting funding for Hoodies, and

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

WHEREAS: Pi Kappa Delta is recognized by the Office of Student Involvement and Development as a registered student group of Washburn University, and

WHEREAS: registered student organizations are eligible to receive WSGA funds.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association shall allocate an amount not to exceed \$560.00 from the Student Organizations account for Hoodies.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

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Quinn Leffingwell  
WSGA Vice President  
Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Shayden Hanes  
WSGA President

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Date



SENATE BILL no. 22-23 #071

TITLE: Washburn Players

SPONSOR: Allocations Committee

STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: Washburn Players is requesting funding for Hadestown Tickets, and

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

WHEREAS: Washburn Players is recognized by the Office of Student Involvement and Development as a registered student group of Washburn University, and

WHEREAS: registered student organizations are eligible to receive WSGA funds.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association shall allocate an amount not to exceed \$1,343.00 from the Student Organizations account for Hadestown Tickets.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

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Quinn Leffingwell  
WSGA Vice President  
Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Shayden Hanes  
WSGA President

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SENATE RESOLUTION no. 22-23 #005

TITLE: Student Worker Minimum Wage Increase

SPONSOR: Health and Wellness Committee

STATUS: Health and Wellness Committee - Pending

WHEREAS: Students who work on campus are more likely to feel connected to other students, succeed academically, and graduate on time, and

WHEREAS: The majority of student worker jobs at Washburn University begin at a wage of \$7.25 per hour and at an average of \$8.00 per hour, and

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Living Wage Calculator for Topeka, KS<sup>1</sup> shows that the living wage for an adult with no children is \$15.87 per hour, and

WHEREAS: The Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Living Wage Calculator for Topeka, KS shows that the minimum wage for student workers at Washburn University is only \$1.06 more per hour than the poverty wage, which is \$6.19 per hour, and<sup>2</sup>

WHEREAS: As of September 30<sup>th</sup> 2022, there were more than 100 vacant positions for student employment, according to the Washburn University Human Resources Department, and<sup>3</sup>

WHEREAS: 85% of Washburn University students polled supported an increase in student worker minimum wage even if the overall number positions for students decrease, and<sup>4</sup>

WHEREAS: From data collected by Washburn Student Government Association (WSGA), the overwhelming majority of Washburn University students polled by WSGA have expressed desire to work on campus but can make a better hourly wage working off campus.<sup>5</sup>

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WSGA SENATE:

SECTION ONE: Washburn Student Government Association urges the administration of Washburn University to increase the minimum wage for student worker positions.

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<sup>1</sup>“Living Wage Calculator.” *Living Wage Calculator - Living Wage Calculation for Topeka, KS*. Accessed November 11, 2022. <https://livingwage.mit.edu/metros/45820>.

<sup>2</sup>“Living Wage Calculator.” *Living Wage Calculator - Living Wage Calculation for Topeka, KS*. Accessed November 11, 2022. <https://livingwage.mit.edu/metros/45820>.

<sup>3</sup> Data obtained by WSGA from Teresa Lee, Director of Human Resources at Washburn University.

<sup>4</sup> [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Ulm9KtZy7Y4IBQaho2JoE\\_8M-nDd-ixnrAS0weyxGG0/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Ulm9KtZy7Y4IBQaho2JoE_8M-nDd-ixnrAS0weyxGG0/edit?usp=sharing)

<sup>5</sup> [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Ulm9KtZy7Y4IBQaho2JoE\\_8M-nDd-ixnrAS0weyxGG0/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Ulm9KtZy7Y4IBQaho2JoE_8M-nDd-ixnrAS0weyxGG0/edit?usp=sharing)

SECTION TWO: A copy of this resolution shall be posted on all Washburn Student Government Association social media accounts.

SECTION THREE: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Interim President Marshall Meek, Vice President of Treasury Luther Lee, Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Laura Stephenson, Vice President of Student Life Dr. Eric Grospitch, and Director of Human Resources Teresa L. Lee.

SECTION FOUR: This resolution shall become effective upon passage of the Senate and bearing the signature of the WSGA President.

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Quinn Leffingwell  
WSGA Vice President  
Presiding Officer of the Senate

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Shayden Hanes  
WSGA President

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SENATE RESOLUTION no. 22-23 #006

TITLE: Recycling Money for Students

SPONSOR: Senator Bergin

STATUS: Campus and Community Affairs Committee - Tabled

WHEREAS: Many Washburn University students have voiced a desire for Washburn University to improve their recycling program in general, and

WHEREAS: Washburn University staff members specializing in environmental issues such as **Dr.** Kellis Bayless and Kristine Hicks have been made aware of this resolution, and

WHEREAS: Pursuant to Article I. Section 3 of the Washburn Student Government Constitution “The purpose of this organization shall be to provide organized self-government, services, and projects to benefit the Students of Washburn,” and

WHEREAS: The Vision Statement of Washburn University is “Washburn University is a premier public Midwest regional teaching institution recognized as a community leader in providing a superior student-centered, teaching-focused learning experience, preparing graduates for success in their chosen profession and stimulating economic vitality,” and

WHEREAS: The Washburn Core Values of Excellence, Accountability, Collaboration, and Innovation states respectively that “serving our scholarly community by delivering consistently high-quality programs, teaching, service, and scholarship”, “ensuring academic, programmatic, and fiscal integrity and value through prudent management of resources entrusted to the University”, “working toward common goals with others in the University and the community while valuing teamwork, participation, and diversity of ideas and perspectives”, and “encouraging, considering, and supporting development of ideas by fostering individual ingenuity and creativity and creating an environment with opportunities for growth and change”, and

WHEREAS: Washburn University’s Strategic Plan for Learner Success fifth point states that “Fiscal and Operational Excellence – Be responsible stewards of all resources – people, financial, environmental, and physical – by developing and streamlining processes Washburn University’s Strategic Plan for Learner Success fifth point and practices to more nimbly meet the evolving needs of faculty, staff and students while using resources efficiently, innovatively, and effectively.”, and

WHEREAS: Washburn University’s Strategic Plan for Learner Success fifth point letter “b” states that, “Continuously evaluate student recruitment and retention strategies to be supportive of student success and growth in enrollment,” and

WHEREAS: Washburn University's Sustainability Program states that "Washburn is committed to sustainability, conservation and continuous improvement," and "The University also realizes an economic advantage if we consume wisely, reduce waste and reduce our energy footprint," and

WHEREAS: The Washburn University website also states that "Washburn University Collects Single Stream Recycling! (ALL materials in one bin.)" and "The same items, Shawnee County residential curbside recycling collect, may be deposited into the Washburn University "single stream" recycling," and

WHEREAS: Johnson County Community College's Center for Sustainability "has remained active in daily recycling and composting efforts, reusing campus equipment and construction waste division that has kept 64% of materials out of landfills and amassed over \$450,000 for student scholarships", with "\$273,090 has been earned from recycling revenue since 1994", plus "JCCC saved \$205,785 between 2010 and 2020 by reducing the amount of trash hauled," and

WHEREAS: Washburn University currently loses money by paying Shawnee County to recycle but can instead make money through selling cans, aluminum, metals, and plastics, etc., and

WHEREAS: Washburn University could create a self-funding program where students can volunteer to sort the recycling and can be compensated from the self-funding program and/or student clubs/organizations such as Eco Bods can give shirts funded by the Washburn Student Government Association for doing this instead of single stream for Topeka, and

WHEREAS: More recycling and more scholarships can serve as a win-win by helping with Washburn University's student environment, public relations, recruitment and retention.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WSGA SENATE:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association requests Washburn University improves its recycling efforts to be consistent with the Washburn University Vision Statement, Core Values, Strategic Plan, and website by seriously considering the different aspects listed in this resolution.

SECTION TWO: The Washburn Student Government Association requests Washburn University allocates some of new the proceeds from recycling into scholarships for students to be consistent with its Vision Statement, Core Values, Strategic Plan, website, and to benefit the students of Washburn.

SECTION THREE: A copy of this resolution will be sent to Washburn University associate deans that are applicable and any other appropriate personnel after passage.

SECTION FOUR: The Washburn Student Government Association will follow up with the appropriate personal in a reasonable amount of time for a response.

SECTION FIVE: This bill shall become effective upon passage of the Senate and bearing the signature of the WSGA President.

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