

**Washburn Student Government Association
Trautman/Babcock Administration, November 17, 2021**

- I. Call to Order – Dylan Babcock
- II. Roll Call – Quinn Leffingwell
- III. Review of Proceeding Meeting Minutes
- IV. Cabinet Reports
 - a. Campus & Community Affairs Director Hanes
 - b. Special Events Director Smith
 - c. Communications & Marketing Director Carter
 - d. Diversity and Inclusion Director Dorantes
 - e. Administrative Assistant Leffingwell
 - f. Legislative Director Young
 - g. Budget Director Rorstrom
 - h. Chief of Staff Caffrey
 - i. Vice President Babcock
 - j. President Trautman
 - k. Advisor Collier
- V. Committee Reports
 - a. Allocations Chairperson Buller
 - b. Campus and Community Affairs Chairperson Lopez
 - c. Communications Chairperson Cook
 - d. Diversity & Inclusion Chairperson Ngatia
 - e. By-Laws – Speaker Wessel
- VI. Old Business I
 - a. SB 21-22 #060: Kandel Appointment
 - b. SB 21-22 #062: Wood Appointment
- VII. Public Forum I: Swearing in of New Senators
- VIII. New Business I
 - a. SB 21-22 #070: Washburn Student Ambassadors
 - b. SB 21-22 #071: Senate Eligibility Requirements
 - c. SB 21-22 #072: Funding Policy Apparel Edit
 - d. SR 21-22 #018: Acknowledging Washburn’s Divestment in Fossil Fuels
 - e. SR 21-22 #019: Parental Grief on College Campuses Awareness and Support
 - f. SB 21-22 #073: Smith Appointment
 - g. SB 21-22 #074: Young Appointment
- IX. Announcements
- X. Roll Call
- XI. Adjournment

SB 21-22 #060

TITLE: Kandel Appointment
ORIGINATOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration
SPONSOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration
STATUS: Nominations Committee - Favorable

WHEREAS: Qualified Senators are essential to the function of WSGA, and

WHEREAS: Rajesh Kandel is qualified to serve as a WSGA Senator, and

WHEREAS: Rajesh Kandel has met all necessary requirements set forth by the Nominating Committee.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association Senate hereby approves the appointment of Rajesh Kandel to serve in the capacity of Senator.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

Abby Trautman
WSGA President

Dylan Babcock
WSGA Vice President

SB 21-22 #062

TITLE: Wood Appointment

ORIGINATOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration

SPONSOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration

STATUS: Nominations Committee - Favorable

WHEREAS: Qualified Senators are essential to the function of WSGA, and

WHEREAS: Bella Wood is qualified to serve as a WSGA Senator, and

WHEREAS: Bella Wood has met all necessary requirements set forth by the Nominating Committee.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association Senate hereby approves the appointment of Bella Wood to serve in the capacity of Senator.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

Abby Trautman
WSGA President

Dylan Babcock
WSGA Vice President

SB 21-22 #070

TITLE: Washburn Student Ambassadors
ORIGINATOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration
SPONSOR: Allocations Committee
STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: Washburn Student Ambassadors is requesting funding for Raincoats, and

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

WHEREAS: Washburn Student Ambassadors 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 \$1500.00 from the Student Organizations account for Raincoats.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

Abby Trautman
WSGA President

Dylan Babcock
WSGA Vice President

SB 21-22 #071

TITLE: Senate Eligibility Requirements
ORIGINATOR: Vice-Chair Nelson
SPONSOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration
STATUS: By-Laws Committee - Pending

WHEREAS: All Washburn students, if they are enrolled in one or more courses, must pay the \$55 Student Activity Fee, and

WHEREAS: In the spring semester of 2021, over 17% of Washburn students took less than six credit hours of classes, amounting to over 800 students and \$45,500 in student activity fee payments, and

WHEREAS: The By-Laws of the Washburn Student Government Association currently reads in the last sentence of Section 1(a) of Election Rules, "Senators must maintain a minimum enrollment of six (6) credit hours, each semester of their term," and

WHEREAS: This language in the By-Laws of the Washburn Student Government Association could unfairly limit the eligibility of Washburn students from serving on the government body that represents them.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE: The last sentence of Section 1(a) of Election Rules of the By-Laws of the Washburn Student Government Association shall read "Senators must maintain a minimum of three (3) credit hours, each semester of their term."

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

Abby Trautman
WSGA President

Dylan Babcock
WSGA Vice President

SB 21-22 #072

TITLE: Funding Policy Apparel Edit
ORIGINATOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration
SPONSOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration
STATUS: Allocations Committee - Pending

WHEREAS: The Washburn Student Government Association Funding Policy is used for various fiscal functions, and

WHEREAS: The Washburn Student Government Association Funding Policy provides guidelines by which stipulations on funding are placed, and

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association Funding Policy Section 7.7.1 shall be amended to read, "When the Ichabod Shop is used there is a \$1,500 limit on apparel."

SECTION TWO: The Washburn Student Government Association Funding Policy Section 7.7.2 shall be amended to read as, "When outside vendors are used there shall be a \$1000 request limit on apparel."

SECTION THREE: This legislation will be effective upon passage.

Abby Trautman
WSGA President

Dylan Babcock
WSGA Vice President

SR 21-22 #018

TITLE: Acknowledging Washburn's Divestment in Fossil Fuels

ORIGINATOR: Senator Jeter

SPONSOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration

STATUS: Communications Committee- Pending

WHEREAS: According to the latest available records, as of June 30, 2020, Washburn University maintained an approximative \$180M endowment fund, and

WHEREAS: Climate change is a serious crisis facing current and future generations, and

WHEREAS: According to the Center for Biological Diversity, "Pollution from the world's currently operating oil, gas, and coal fields, if developed, would push warming well past 1.5°C, bringing dangerous extreme weather, flooded coasts, wildfires, human health catastrophes, and sweeping wildlife extinctions. In other words, our climate can't afford any new fossil fuel development", and

WHEREAS: The term "fossil fuel companies" shall refer to any company or corporation engaged in the refinement and retail sale of products such as gasoline, diesel, and natural gas, and

WHEREAS: Fossil fuel companies promote the consumption of products that worsen climate change, and

WHEREAS: According to the Union of Concerned Scientists, "Instead, they (fossil fuel companies) chose to downplay and distort the evidence of climate change, engaging in a decades-long campaign against climate action. Their tactics included everything from counterfeit science to the harassment of scientists, to manufactured uncertainty with no scientific basis. Even today, industry trade groups and associations spread disinformation on climate change, while corporate lobbyists influence politicians and regulators—all with the financial backing and support of major fossil fuel companies", and

WHEREAS: Certain fossil fuel companies engaged in campaigns of disinformation to undermine support for action on climate change, and

WHEREAS: Harvard University recently announced that it would divest its \$42 billion endowments from fossil fuel investments, and

WHEREAS: The Washburn University Alumni Association and Foundation and its investment committee have continued to address that "Environmentally responsible investing is a focus of the [investment] committee," and the investment committee plans to end its last investments in energy-based companies by the end of the year, and

WHEREAS: It is important for Washburn Student Government Association to recognize and encourage their efforts.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn University Student Government Association acknowledges and encourages the continuing divestment of all funding toward fossil fuel companies by the Washburn Alumni Association.

SECTION TWO: The Washburn University Student Government Association requests updates on the continued divestments from the Washburn Alumni Association and Foundation.

SECTION TWO: A copy of this bill shall be presented to Marshall Meek, the Washburn University Alumni Association and Foundation President.

SECTION THREE: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

Abby Trautman
WSGA President

Dylan Babcock
WSGA Vice President

SR 21-22 #019

TITLE: Parental Grief on College Campuses Awareness and Support

ORIGINATOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration

SPONSOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration

STATUS: Communications Committee- Pending

WHEREAS: Washburn Student Government Association supports students of all backgrounds and experiences, and

WHEREAS: According to the study, "Prevalence and Severity of College Student Bereavement Examined in A Randomly Selected Sample", conducted by Balk, Walker, and Baker, for every two years of college, 1.7% of students can expect a parent to pass away, and

WHEREAS: 1.7% equals approximately 360,000 college students in the United States over a two-year period who are losing and grieving a parent, and

WHEREAS: Additionally, a national survey found that approximately one in nine people had lost at least one parent before the age of 20 years old, and those who lost a parent before the age of 20 years old were less likely to obtain their Bachelor's degree, and

WHEREAS: A study conducted by Purdue University involving 227 students who had experienced the death of a family member during their four years in college, half of whom had lost a parent, were found to struggle with Complicated Grief and have lower Grade Point Averages than their classmates who did not experience the death of a family member.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association recognizes, stands with, and supports students who have lost a parent.

SECTION TWO: The Washburn Student Government Association will advocate for further awareness and support for students struggling with the grief of their parent(s) through social media.

SECTION THREE: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

Abby Trautman
WSGA President

Dylan Babcock
WSGA Vice President

SB 21-22 #73

Full Senate Meeting: November 17, 2021

TITLE: Smith Appointment

ORIGINATOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration

SPONSOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration

STATUS: Internal Affairs - Pending

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: Ariel Smith is qualified to serve as Campus and Community Affairs Director.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association Senate hereby approves the appointment of Ariel Smith to the Washburn Student Government Association Cabinet in the capacity of Campus and Community Affairs Director.

SECTION TWO: Ariel Smith shall be sworn in as the Campus and Community Affairs Director at the regular senate meeting on Wednesday, December 1, 2021.

SECTION THREE: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

Abby Trautman
WSGA President

Dylan Babcock
WSGA Vice President

SB 21-22 #74

Full Senate Meeting: November 17, 2021

TITLE: Young Appointment

ORIGINATOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration

SPONSOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration

STATUS: Internal Affairs - Pending

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: Adam Young is qualified to serve as Chief of Staff.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association Senate hereby approves the appointment of Adam Young to the Washburn Student Government Association Cabinet in the capacity of Chief of Staff.

SECTION TWO: Adam Young shall be sworn in as the Chief of Staff at the regular senate meeting on Wednesday, December 1, 2021.

SECTION THREE: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

Abby Trautman
WSGA President

Dylan Babcock
WSGA Vice President