

**Washburn Student Government Association  
Trautman/Hanes Administration, March 9, 2022**

- I. Call to Order – Shayden Hanes
- II. Roll Call – Quinn Leffingwell
- III. Review of Proceeding Meeting Minutes
- IV. Cabinet Reports
  - a. Campus & Community Affairs Director Smith
  - b. Special Events Director Wessel
  - c. Communications & Marketing Director Carter
  - d. Diversity and Inclusion Director Dorantes
  - e. Administrative Assistant Leffingwell
  - f. Legislative Director Ngatia
  - g. Budget Director Rorstrom
  - h. Chief of Staff Young
  - i. Vice President Hanes
  - j. President Trautman
  - k. Advisor Grospitch
- V. Committee Reports
  - a. Allocations Chairperson Buller
  - b. Campus and Community Affairs Chairperson Lopez
  - c. Communications Chairperson Cook
  - d. Diversity & Inclusion Chairperson Jeter
  - e. By-Laws Speaker LaRue
- VI. Old Business I:
  - a. SR 21-22 #024: Standing Up to Mental Health Stigma
- VII. New Business I
  - a. SB 21-22 #094: Funding Amendment
  - b. SB 21-22 #095: Chemistry Club
  - c. SB 21-22 #096: Campus and Community Affairs Success Week
  - d. SR 21-22 #025: Women’s History Month
  - e. SR 21-22 #026: International Women’s Day 2022
- VIII. Public Forum I: “What it is Like Being a POC at a PWI”
- IX. Public Forum II: SOAR Award Nominations
- X. Announcements
- XI. Roll Call
- XII. Adjournment

TITLE: Standing Up to Mental Health Stigma  
ORIGINATOR: Vice-Chairperson Nelson  
SPONSOR: Trautman/Hanes Administration  
STATUS: Communications Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: Many college students face mental health issues, including, but not limited to, depression, anxiety disorders, personality disorders, and suicidal ideation, especially because of the onset of these issues during young adulthood, and

WHEREAS: These issues can be compounded by a stigma in society surrounding mental health problems, mental health treatment, and discussions about mental health, and

WHEREAS: According to a recent study by UCLA (Gaddis, Ramirez, & Hernandez, 2017) researching nearly 63,000 students from 75 higher education institutions, college campuses that had higher levels of mental health stigma saw less frequent treatment-seeking behaviors among their students, and

WHEREAS: Treatment-seeking behaviors included taking prescribed medications and visiting therapy/counseling appointments, and

WHEREAS: According to the same study, students attending high-stigma college campuses were less likely to self-disclose having had suicidal thoughts or self-harm behaviors, and

WHEREAS: According to the same study, students attending high-stigma college campuses were less likely to admit to suicidal thoughts or self-harm behaviors, and

WHEREAS: According to the Mayo Clinic, mental health stigma can take many forms, including, but not limited to, negative remarks and bullying towards someone with a mental health condition, health insurance that does not adequately cover mental health treatment, negative attitudes towards mental health treatments such as therapy and/or medication, a lack of understanding from family, friends, and coworkers, and self-stigma, in which mental health stigma is internalized.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association encourages Washburn University to conduct a study on levels of mental health stigma on the campus of Washburn University.

SECTION TWO: The Washburn Student Government Association encourages Washburn University, after conducting a study on levels of mental health stigma, to create specific recommendations for enhancing student mental health.

SECTION THREE: The Washburn Student Government Association encourages students facing mental health issues to seek treatment if they are able to do so.

SECTION FOUR: The Washburn Student Government Association encourages students to create a stigma-free environment at Washburn University by supporting one another,

encouraging discussions about mental health, and being respectful and understanding towards those with mental health issues.

SECTION FIVE: In relation to mental health awareness, the Washburn Student Government Association is hosting Pause for a Cause the week of March 21-25, 2022, to support Washburn students' mental wellbeing. Pause for a Cause will also encourage students to access resources on-campus for their mental wellbeing and safety, including Washburn Counseling Services, which is free to students and which can be contacted at (785) 670-3100 and [counseling@washburn.edu](mailto:counseling@washburn.edu), and Washburn University Police, which can be contacted at (785) 670-1153. Off-campus mental health resources include the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, which can be contacted at (800) 273-8255 and has a chat option at [suicidepreventionlifeline.org](http://suicidepreventionlifeline.org).

SECTION SIX: A copy of this resolution shall be presented to Dr. Jerry Farley, President of Washburn University, and to Dr. Eric Grospitch, Vice President of Student Life at Washburn University.

SECTION SEVEN: This resolution shall become effective upon passage.

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Abby Trautman  
WSGA President

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Shayden Hanes  
WSGA Vice President

SB 21-22 #094

TITLE: Funding Amendment  
ORIGINATOR: Senator Asamoah  
SPONSOR: Trautman/Hanes Administration  
STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: The Funding of Organization Policy states “Section 4.1 No group will be funded more than \$3,000 per year. That Allocations Committee reserves the right to cut or add money to any organization’s request as long as it does not surpass the maximum;” and

WHEREAS: It also states, “Section 4.3 No more than \$8,000 shall be allocated for any specific event, regardless of how many students groups request funding for that particular event;” and

WHEREAS: It also states, “Section 6.2 Off-campus events may only be funded by WSGA up to \$2,000.00 and no more than \$500.00 for each student participating in the activity or project;” and

WHEREAS: It also states “Section 8.2 No more than \$2,000 shall be allocated for any specific event, including International Study Abroad trips, regardless of how many students are attending the event. Section 8.2.1 No more than \$500 shall be allocated to a single student for any single event, and

WHEREAS: The funds in these accounts have not been rendered near zero nor used in their entirety in recent history, and

WHEREAS: Excessive restrictions offer penalty to those (organizations) wanting to utilize these funds while offering no real protection to them, and

WHEREAS: We must account for inflation and price increases.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE: Section 4.1 of The Funding of Organization Policy shall be amended to “No group will be funded more than \$4,000 per year. That Allocations Committee reserves the right to cut or add money to any organization’s request as long as it does not surpass the maximum.”

SECTION TWO: Section 6.2 shall be amended “Off-campus events may only be funded by WSGA up to \$4,000.00 and no more than \$1000.00 for each student participating in the activity or project.”

SECTION THREE: Section 8.2 shall be amended to “No more than \$4,000 shall be allocated for any specific event, including International Study Abroad trips, regardless of how many students are attending the event.”

SECTION FOUR: Section 8.2.1 shall be amended to “No more than \$1000 shall be allocated to a single student for any single event.”

SECTION FIVE: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

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Abby Trautman  
WSGA President

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Shayden Hanes  
WSGA Vice President

SB 21-22 #095

TITLE: Chemistry Club  
ORIGINATOR: Trautman/Hanes Administration  
SPONSOR: Allocations Committee  
STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: Chemistry Club is requesting funding for Kansas Academy of Science Meeting,  
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, 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 \$2,000.00 from the Student Organizations account for Kansas Academy of Science Meeting.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

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Abby Trautman  
WSGA President

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Shayden Hanes  
WSGA Vice President

SB 21-22 #096

TITLE: Campus and Community Affairs Success Week

ORIGINATOR: Trautman/Hanes Administration

SPONSOR: Allocations Committee

STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: Campus and Community Affairs is requesting funding for Success Week, and

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

WHEREAS: Campus and Community Affairs 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 \$2,400.00 from the Student Organizations account for Success Week.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

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Abby Trautman  
WSGA President

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Shayden Hanes  
WSGA Vice President

SR 20-22 #025

TITLE: Women's History Month

ORIGINATOR: Vice Chairperson Ana Estrada- Vargas

SPONSOR: Trautman/Hanes Administration

STATUS: Diversity and Inclusion Committee – Pending Status

WHEREAS: Since 1995, each U.S President has issued March as “Women’s History Month”, and

WHEREAS: While Women’s History Month has been around since 1995, its history dates to 1978 in Santa Rosa California, and

WHEREAS: The original name was “Women’s History Week” coined by the Education Task Force of the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women, and

WHEREAS: The organizers selected the week of March 8th to correspond with International Women’s Day, and

WHEREAS: The movement spread across the country as other communities initiated their own Women’s History Week Celebrations the following year, and

WHEREAS: Subsequent Presidents continued to proclaim a National Women’s History Week in March until 1987 when Congress passed Public Law 100-9, designating March as “Women’s History Month”, and

WHEREAS: The Washburn student government association defines women to include trans women and women-identifying persons, along with cis-gendered women, and

WHEREAS: Some ways to celebrate Women’s History Month include but are not limited to, exploring the history of women's rights, being aware of issues women still face today, supporting women-owned businesses, and writing a thank you note to a woman that inspires you.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association recognizes March 2022 as Women’s History Month.

SECTION TWO: The Washburn Student Government Association encourages its senators, cabinet members, and other Washburn students, faculty and staff to attend any events in support of Women’s History Month.

SECTION THREE: The Washburn Student Government Association also encourages the mass to educate themselves about Women’s History Month as well as to continue supporting women.

SECTION FOUR: This legislation shall become effective upon passage

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Abigail Trautman  
WSGA President

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Shayden Hanes  
WSGA Vice President



SR 20-22 #026

TITLE: International Women's Day 2022

ORIGINATOR: Vice Chairperson Ana Estrada-Vargas

SPONSOR: Trautman/Hanes Administration

STATUS: Diversity and Inclusion Committee – Pending Status

WHEREAS: The history of International Women's Day can be dated back to the early 1900s during the Women's Suffrage Movement, and

WHEREAS: In 1909, the first National Women's Day was observed in accordance with a declaration by the Socialist Party of America, and

WHEREAS: Then in August 1910 an International Women's Conference would be organized by Clara Zetkin, a German suffragist and leader in the women's office, and

WHEREAS: Zetkin proposed a special women's day to be organized annually and international women's day was honored the following year in Austria, Denmark, Germany, and Switzerland, with more than one million attending the rallies, and

WHEREAS: Since then, International Women's Day has become a global day that celebrates the historical, cultural, and political achievements of women, and

WHEREAS: The day also observes the support for acting against gender inequality around the world and to appreciate the efforts made by women, and

WHEREAS: The Washburn student government association defines women to include trans women and women-identifying persons, along with cis-gender women.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association recognizes March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, as International Women's Day.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

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Abigail Trautman  
WSGA President

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Shayden Hanes  
WSGA Vice President