

**Washburn Student Government Association  
Burdick/Wood Administration, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Present (Beginning)</b>	<b>Present (Final)</b>
<b>Vice-chair</b>	Abernathy	Y	Y
Senator	Anderson	Y	Y
Senator	Bansal	Y	N
<b>Chairperson</b>	Brown	Y	Y
Senator	Brungardt	Y	Y
Senator	Cain	Y	Y
Senator	(J) Carter	Y	Y
Senator	(M) Carter	Y	Y
Senator	Cattoor	N	N
Senator	Chaulagain	Y	Y
Senator	(E) Clark	Y	Y
Senator	(L) Clark	Y	Y
<b>Parliamentarian</b>	Durst	Y	Y
Senator	Giles	Y	Y
Senator	Ginn	Y	Y
Senator	Hammes	Y	Y
Senator	Hastings	Y	Y
<b>Vice-chair</b>	Kerney	Y	Y
Senator	McCreath	Y	Y
Senator	McFan	Y	Y
Senator	Meier	Y	Y
<b>Chairperson</b>	Morris	Y	Y
<b>Vice-chair</b>	Nadeau	Y	Y
Senator	Newfer	Y	Y

Senator	Proctor	Y	Y
Senator	Puerta	Y	Y
<b>Speaker</b>	Redington	Y	Y
Senator	Reynoldson	Y	Y
Senator	Ross	Y	Y
Senator	Sanner	Y	Y
Senator	Sharp	Y	Y
Senator	Smith	Y	Y
<b>Chairperson</b>	Timm	Y	Y
Senator	Yucesan	Y	Y

<b>Position</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Present (Beginning)</b>	<b>Present (Final)</b>
Special Events <b>Director</b>	Roth	Y	Y
Marketing <b>Director</b>	Coulter	Y	Y
Campus and Community Affairs <b>Director</b>	Jordan	Y	Y
Diversity Equity and Inclusion <b>Director</b>	Hinds	Y	Y
Legislative <b>Director</b>	Meseke	Y	Y
Budget <b>Director</b>	Lloyd	Y	Y
<b>Chief of Staff</b>	Ottman	Y	Y
<b>Vice President</b>	Wood	Y	Y
<b>President</b>	Burdick	Y	Y
<b>Advisor</b> <sup>2</sup>	Dr. G	Y	Y

I. Call to Order – Vice President Bella Wood

- II. Roll Call – Chief of Staff Trevor Ottman
- III. Review of Proceeding Meeting Minutes
  - a. Review Waived
- IV. Cabinet Reports
  - a. Dante Jordan, Campus & Community Affairs Director
    - i. Looking into an initiative to get a wellness vending machine- lower level of the Memorial Union
  - b. Kate Coulter, Communications & Marketing Director
    - i. Headshots- Next Wednesday at the Capitol for Higher Ed Day.
    - ii. Following week headshots (February 19<sup>th</sup>)
  - c. DeMarques Hinds, Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Director
    - i. Getting accessibility event- in research phase.
  - d. Kira Roth, Special Events Director
    - i. Omni Circle Central Park Clean Up Day
    - ii. Top Hat- Monday February 17<sup>th</sup> 11am-1pm
  - e. Cameron Meseke, Legislative Director
    - i. Has QR Code to sign up for Higher Ed Day (February 12<sup>th</sup>)
    - ii. Election Talk- keep it at a minimum.
  - f. Nick Lloyd, Budget Director
    - i. Blinky Board
  - g. Trevor Ottman, Chief of Staff
  - h.
  - i. Bella Wood, Vice President
    - i. She thanked Chief of Staff for Retreat
  - j. George Burdick, President
    - i. Sign up for Higher Ed Day and Run in our Elections!
  - k. Dr. TLC, Advisor
    - i. Good to see everyone here! Reiterates what George said- please attend Higher Ed Day! Washburn is celebrating its 160<sup>th</sup> birthday. Day of Giving Tomorrow!
    - ii. Rest Hydrate Repeat!
- V. Committee Reports
  - a. Taylor Redington, Internal Affairs Speaker
    - i. IA met, please come to her for tasks.

- b. Alex Timm, Allocations Chairperson
    - i. 8 Bills- all of which were given favorable status.
      - 1. Findings accepted.
  - c. Kirstyn Brown, Campus and Community Affairs Chairperson
    - i. WU Tech is coming to campus- basically helping teach how to repair Cars and there will be cookies.
    - ii. Working on success week- pairing with DEI on some events.
    - iii. Looks to give resolution favorable status.
      - 1. Findings accepted.
  - d. Dre Morris, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Chairperson
    - i. Working with BSU on Black Excellence Ball
    - ii. Posting Sticky Notes
    - iii. Working on the Pinky Pony Club event with CCA
    - iv. Looks to give resolution favorable status.
      - 1. Findings accepted
- VI. New Business I:
- a. SB 2024-25 #125 Garcia Grant
    - i. Tabled
  - b. SB 2024-25 #131 Hubbell Grant
    - i. Tabled
  - c. SB 2024-25 #132 Spanish Club
    - i. Virtual escape room and valentines to pass out. February 11<sup>th</sup>.
    - ii. Bill Passes
  - d. SB 2024-25 #133 Peer Educators
    - i. Soup Bar for a monthly meeting. From 5:30-7:00pm. Tomato Soup, Baked Potato, and French Onion
    - ii. Bill Passes
  - e. SB 2024-25 #134 Players Club
    - i. Go see waitress at Topeka Civic Theater to see other students and alumni in a play. About Women's Empowerment. March 1<sup>st</sup>. University's Programming Club
    - ii. Bill Passes
  - f. SB 2024-25 #135 Byte Bods

- i. Requesting funds to buy T-Shirts for members. Want to attend some events in the future, so that would be good for them to have.
    - ii. Bill Passes
  - g. SB 2024-25 #136 Funding Policy Update
    - i. This is to preserve funds- basically putting a cap on the amount of grant money. It is not intended to put stricter requirements for grants.
    - ii. There's some serious discussion – Senator Anderson asks would we deny grant funding?
    - iii. If there's stricter qualifications- what would they look like?
    - iv. Senator Newfer clarifies- that we will, if we run out of money, save it until next semester.
    - v. Senators Ross and Anderson feel as though this puts a band aid on the situation.
    - vi. Motion passes to table until next week.
  - h. SB 2024-25 #137 Blinking Board Revitalization Act
    - i. Blinky Board is not working right now.
    - ii. Comms Director Coulter expands: We use that board to promote events, WSGA or not, this a very important entity. It brings a lot of awareness to this.
    - iii. It is technically called the “Blinking Board” not the “Blinky Board”
    - iv. Office shifted over summer and it messed up the Blinking Board's projections. It's also old as hell.
    - v. Blinking Board Policy- Student Life only interferes with the Blinking Board if it's an emergency.
    - vi. \$15,000 is being used for a new screen and a new software, so it will altogether be used. We are purchasing it forever.
    - vii. Senator Yucesan offers to help for \$10.
    - viii. Resolution passes.
  - i. SR 2024-25 #012 Forms of Communication
    - i. There are a lot of apps on this campus; proposing an idea to utilize one singular app.

- ii. Strong Support For This
- iii. The app will simply send you to a URL link that will send you to browsers that don't require you to download it.
- iv. Work with CSSR to push this on Navigate.
- v. Maybe some software engineering students could work on it?
- vi. Senator Sharp says that we do seem to have a lot of new apps.
- vii. Important distinction: it won't house all Microsoft apps, because those are quite large files.
- viii. Resolution passes.
- j. SR 2024-25 #013 Black History Month Recognition
  - i. It's important to recognize the contributions of people of color, in all facets of life.
  - ii. Resolution passes.

## VII. Public Forum I:

- a. Elections Season Reminders
  - i. WSGA is a nonpartial entity. You remain nonpartial to anyone.
  - ii. Do not advertise in WSGA office, senate, committee meetings.
  - iii. If you are tabling, you are to remain nonpartial
  - iv. Do not give people tips on who to vote for if someone asks
  - v. People on the tickets cannot utilize the WSGFA logo.
  - vi. We might have over 27 senators running, which means some people will lose 😞, and they might need to advertise.
  - vii. Outside of WSGA time, you can support any candidate. Do not advertise in the office.
  - viii. Election Fraud will be brought forth to the election board.
  - ix. Elections are brought forth to make sur that people are still interested.
  - x. They're still deciding on how many votes there will be.
  - xi. You still need to apply for reelection to run if you are new.
  - xii. Packets due on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 5pm!

## VIII. Announcements

- a. Washburn Women's Basketball 1pm on Saturday and Washburn Men's Basketball at 8pm.
- b. Announcements are following this for the Election!

c. Stay hydrated and love yourself!

IX. Roll Call

X. Adjournment

a. We adjourn.



SENATE BILL 2024-25 #125  
TITLE: Garcia Grant  
ORIGINATOR: Burdick/Wood Administration  
SPONSOR: Burdick/Wood Administration  
STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: The Washburn Student Government Association sets aside money each year to fund student projects through Student Development Grants, and

WHEREAS: Emma Garcia is requesting a Student Development Grant for an Occupational Therapy Wellness and Care Reflexes course, and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE WSGA SENATE:

The Washburn Student Government Association shall allocate an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 from the Student Development Grant account for the Occupational Therapy Wellness and Care Reflexes course.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage and bearing the signature of the WSGA President and Vice President.

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Bella Wood  
WSGA Vice President  
Presiding Officer of the Senate

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George Burdick  
WSGA President





SENATE BILL 2024-25 #125

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THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE WSGA SENATE:

The Washburn Student Government Association shall allocate an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 from the Student Development Grant account for the Occupational Therapy Wellness and Care Reflexes course.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage and bearing the signature of the WSGA President and Vice President.

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WSGA Vice President  
Presiding Officer of the Senate

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George Burdick  
WSGA President



SENATE BILL 2024-25 #131

TITLE: Hubbell Grant

ORIGINATOR: Burdick/Wood Administration

SPONSOR: Burdick/Wood Administration

STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: The Washburn Student Government Association sets aside money each year to fund student projects through Student Development Grants, and

WHEREAS: Samantha Hubbell, on behalf of four additional students, is requesting a Student Development Grant to attend the Anxiety and Depression Association of America conference, and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE WSGA SENATE:

The Washburn Student Government Association shall allocate an amount not to exceed \$4,000.00 from the Student Development Grant account to attend the Anxiety and Depression Association of America conference.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage and bearing the signature of the WSGA President and Vice President.

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WSGA President



SENATE BILL 2024-25 #132  
TITLE: Spanish Club  
ORIGINATOR: Burdick/Wood Administration  
SPONSOR: Burdick/Wood Administration  
STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: Spanish Club is requesting funding for their monthly meeting, and

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

WHEREAS: Spanish 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 \$71.00 from the Student Organizations account to Spanish Club for their monthly meeting.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage and bearing the signature of the WSGA President and Vice President.

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George Burdick  
WSGA President



SENATE BILL 2024-25 #133  
TITLE: Peer Educators  
ORIGINATOR: Burdick/Wood Administration  
SPONSOR: Burdick/Wood Administration  
STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: Peer Educators is requesting funding for their monthly meeting, and

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

WHEREAS: Peer Educators 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 Peer Educators for their monthly meeting.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage and bearing the signature of the WSGA President and Vice President.

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WSGA President



SENATE BILL 2024-25 #134  
TITLE: Players Club  
ORIGINATOR: Burdick/Wood Administration  
SPONSOR: Burdick/Wood Administration  
STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: Players Club is requesting funding for their dinner theatre show, and

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

WHEREAS: Players 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 \$1,000.00 from the Student Organizations account to Players Club for a dinner theatre show.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage and bearing the signature of the WSGA President and Vice President.

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SENATE BILL 2024-25 #135  
TITLE: Byte Bods  
ORIGINATOR: Burdick/Wood Administration  
SPONSOR: Burdick/Wood Administration  
STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: Byte Bods is requesting funding for apparel, and

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

WHEREAS: Byte Bods 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 \$580.00 from the Student Organizations account to Byte Bods for apparel.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage and bearing the signature of the WSGA President and Vice President.

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George Burdick  
WSGA President



SENATE BILL 2024-25 #136  
TITLE: Funding Policy Update  
ORIGINATOR: Chairperson Timm  
SPONSOR: Burdick/Wood Administration  
STATUS: Allocations Committee - Pending

WHEREAS: The WSGA Funding Policy, in its current form, lacks sufficient legislation over the distribution of Student Development Grants, and

WHEREAS: Student Development Grant eligible events happen on a year round basis, and

WHEREAS: the unofficial policy of “first come, first serve” provides an inherent benefit to individuals associated with WSGA over other students.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE WSGA SENATE:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association shall update its Funding Policy to reflect changes produced in the document titled “WSGA Funding Policy (12-5-2024) Proposed Updates.”

SECTION THREE: This legislation shall take effect on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 and bearing the signature of the WSGA President and Vice President.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate

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George Burdick  
WSGA President



SENATE BILL 2024-25 #137  
TITLE: Blinking Board Revitalization Act  
ORIGINATOR: Burdick/Wood Administration  
SPONSOR: Burdick/Wood Administration  
STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: The Blinking Board is currently unable to be updated due to a software issue, and

WHEREAS: the Blinking Board is used to notify students of events from WSGA and other student organizations, and

WHEREAS: WSGA has the necessary funds to cover the cost to fix the Blinking Board.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE WSGA SENATE:

SECTION ONE: The Budget Director and the Communications and Marketing Director will work with the necessary entities on campus to fix the Blinky Board.

SECTION TWO: No more than \$15,000.00 can be spent on fixing the Blinking Board.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage and bearing the signature of the WSGA President and Vice President.

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SENATE RESOLUTION 2024-25 #012

TITLE: Forms of Communication

ORIGINATOR: Burdick/Wood Administration

SPONSOR: Burdick/Wood Administration

STATUS: Campus & Community Affairs Committee - Pending

WHEREAS: Students at Washburn University are asked to download numerous apps, such as, but not limited to, Speed Queen, Starship, Creative Cloud, Brightspace D2L, Outlook, Microsoft Teams, and Modern Campus Involve, all with the purpose of accessing various campus services and student entities, and

WHEREAS: the excessive number of apps creates complications, decrease in personal storage, and confusion for students, making it harder to access essential services efficiently, and

WHEREAS: the fragmentation of campus resources across multiple platforms leads to decreased user experience and increased digital clutter for students, and

WHEREAS: simplifying and consolidating these apps could improve accessibility, reduce stress, and enhance student engagement with university services.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WSGA SENATE:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association calls for the creation or adoption of a consolidated, unified app that combines essential student services into 1-3 easy-to-navigate platforms.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall be sent to those deemed necessary by the WSGA President.

SECTION THREE: This legislation shall become effective upon passage and bearing the signature of the WSGA President and Vice President.

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