

**Washburn Student Government Association
Smith/Babcock Administration, 2/23/21**

- I. Call to Order – Dylan Babcock
- II. Roll Call – Wyatt Carter
- III. Review of Proceeding Meeting Minutes
- IV. Cabinet Reports
 - a. Campus & Community Affairs Director Trautman
 - b. Communications & Marketing Director Albertson
 - c. Diversity and Inclusion Director Dorantes
 - d. Administrative Assistant and Technology Director Carter
 - e. Legislative Director Hanes
 - f. Budget Director Rainey
 - g. Chief of Staff Caffrey
 - h. Vice President Babcock
 - i. President Smith
 - j. Advisor Collier
- V. Committee Reports
 - a. Allocations Chairperson Rorstrom
 - b. Campus and Community Affairs Chairperson Smith
 - c. Communications Chairperson Acharya
 - d. Internal Affairs – Speaker Young
 - e. Diversity & Inclusion Chairperson Ramirez
- VI. Old Business I
 - a. SR 20-21 #014: KBOR & WUBOR Concealed and Carry Laws
- VII. Public Forum I
 - a. COVID
- VIII. Announcements
 - I. Roll Call
 - II. Adjournment

SR 20-21 #014

TITLE: Allow Washburn University and KBOR Institutions to opt-out or opt-in to proposed changes in concealed carry laws

ORIGINATOR: Legislative Director Hanes

SPONSOR: Smith/Babcock Administration

STATUS: Internal Affairs Committee- Pending

WHEREAS: the mission statements of every Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) institution and Washburn University reference their purpose is to provide a quality educational environment and facilitate student success, and

WHEREAS: the faculty and staff at our institutions are the foundation for enhanced learning and fostering the educational development of students, and

WHEREAS: 70% of faculty respondents to a survey of all Kansas faculty members conducted by the Docking Institute at Ft. Hayes State in 2016 indicated that allowing guns on campus would negatively impact their course and how they teach, and

WHEREAS: 66% of faculty respondents indicated that allowing guns on campus would limit their academic freedom to teach material and engage students in a way that optimizes learning, and

WHEREAS: 82% of faculty respondents indicated that they would feel less safe if students were allowed to carry concealed handguns, and

WHEREAS: nearly two-thirds of students reported they would feel less safe if other students carried handguns on campus, and nearly half believed allowing guns on campus would result in increased crime according to a Kansas Board of Regents survey, and

WHEREAS: student retention and enrollment is a primary focus of institutions of higher education in Kansas in order to remain functioning, therefore students' well-being and mental health should be a primary focus as well, and

WHEREAS: only a small percentage of the current on-campus student population is eligible for concealed carry, meaning H.B. 2058 and H.B. 2059 would expand the potential gun-carrying population on campus to nearly 100% of students, and

WHEREAS: the Kansas Supreme Court held in *Nero v. Kansas State University* that a university providing campus housing owes a student-tenant "a duty of reasonable care to protect a student against certain dangers, including criminal actions against a student by another student or a third party if the criminal act is reasonably foreseeable and within the university's control," and

WHEREAS: expanding the ability to carry concealed handguns on Kansas campuses would increase the reasonable foreseeability of certain dangers and therefore either increase

administrative costs at Kansas universities or increase the chance of lawsuits against Kansas universities

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE: Washburn University urges Kansas legislators to include amendments to H.B. 2058 and H.B. 2059 that grant individual universities' administrations the ability to decide whether to permit eighteen to twenty-year olds to conceal & carry firearms on their campus

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