

**Washburn Student Government Association
Trautman/Babcock Administration, September 22, 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. Internal Affairs – Speaker Wessel
 - e. Diversity & Inclusion Chairperson Ngatia
 - f. Nominations – Chief of Staff Caffrey
 - g. By-Laws – Speaker Wessel
- VI. New Business I
 - a. SB 21-22 #041: Limbu Appointment
- VII. Public Forum I: Swearing in of New Senators
- VIII. New Business II
 - a. SB 21-22 #042: Virtual Suggestion Box
 - b. SB 21-22 #043: Campus and Community Affairs Funding
 - c. SR 21-22 #009: Social Media and Mental Health
 - d. SR 21-22 #010: Fossil Fuel Divestment in University Endowment Fund
- IX. Announcements
- X. Roll Call
- XI. Adjournment

SB 21-22 #041

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TITLE: Limbu 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: Sumnima Limbu is qualified to serve as a WSGA Senator, and

WHEREAS: Sumnima Limbu 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 Sumnima Limbu 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 #042
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TITLE: Virtual Suggestion Box
ORIGINATOR: Senator Nelson
SPONSOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration
STATUS: Communications Committee - Pending

WHEREAS: It is important to gain the feedback of the students of Washburn University, and

WHEREAS: It is also important to have the interests of the students of Washburn University in mind when crafting legislation for Washburn Student Government Association, and

WHEREAS: The ability to understand student opinions can be easily done through online surveys.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association shall create a Google Forms titled "Washburn Virtual Suggestion Box" that will allow a user to type in what changes, if any, they would like the Washburn Student Government Association to try to make, within reason and limitations.

SECTION TWO: The Google Forms shall be promoted through the social media accounts of the Washburn University Student Government Association.

SECTION THREE: The Google Forms shall be available for students to access for at least one week.

SECTION FOUR: After the closure of the Google Forms after at least one week of being available, the Marketing Director shall make a report to the Washburn Student Government Association about the results of the virtual suggestion box.

SECTION FIVE: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

Abigail Trautman
WSGA President

Dylan Babcock
WSGA Vice President

SB 21-22 #043

TITLE: Campus and Community Affairs
ORIGINATOR: Communications and Marketing Committee Chairperson Cook
SPONSOR: Allocations Committee

STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: Communications and Marketing Committee is requesting funding for a Social Media Giveaway, and

WHEREAS: Communications and Marketing Committee is requesting \$496 for giveaway materials to promote ‘yourwsga’ on Instagram, and

WHEREAS: Communications and Marketing Committee will award 3 students at random who share a ‘yourwsga’ post on Instagram, tagging two of their friends, and

WHEREAS: Communications and Marketing Committee will award these 3 students with the awards of Airpods, Airpods Pros, or a ‘BodBasket’ filled with \$121 worth of Washburn merchandise from the Ichabod Shop.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association shall allocate an amount not to exceed \$496 from the Senate Committees Line Item.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

Abby Trautman
WSGA President

Dylan Babcock
WSGA Vice President

SR 21-22 #009
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TITLE: Social Media and Mental Health
ORIGINATOR: Senator Nelson
SPONSOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration

STATUS: Communications- Pending

WHEREAS: Social media platforms such as Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, and TikTok play an increasingly large role in the life of American college students, and

WHEREAS: At the same time, social media can have an adverse effect on those who use it, including college students, and

WHEREAS: According to the mental health resource HelpGuide.org, excessive social media use can lead to feelings of loneliness, inadequacy about one's life and/or appearance, and

WHEREAS: Social media users may face additional risks such as cyberbullying and/or harassment, and

WHEREAS: The student body of Washburn University is committed to promoting healthy social media usage.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association recommends that healthy social media usage and best practices on social media should be included in the curriculum of Washburn First Year Experience (WU101) classes.

SECTION TWO: The Washburn Student Government Association shall promote best practices for healthy social media use through its own social media accounts and shall condemn online harassment that college students, especially women, face on social media.

SECTION THREE: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

Abby Trautman
WSGA President

Dylan Babcock
WSGA Vice President

SR 21-22 #010

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TITLE: Fossil Fuel Divestment in University Endowment Fund

ORIGINATOR: Senator Nelson

SPONSOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration

STATUS: Communications Committee - Pending

WHEREAS: According to the latest available records, as of June 30, 2020, Washburn University maintained a \$335,855 investment in mutual funds, and

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

WHEREAS: Fossil fuel companies promote consumption of products that worsen climate change, 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 endowment from fossil fuel investments,

WHEREAS: It is important for Washburn University to follow this example.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn University Student Government Association shall recommend that Washburn University divest any and all investments, including in mutual funds and corporate bonds, it may have in fossil fuel companies from the University's endowment fund.

SECTION TWO: 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.

SECTION THREE: A copy of this bill shall be presented to Dr. Jerry Farley, President of Washburn University.

SECTION FOUR: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

Abby Trautman
WSGA President

Dylan Babcock
WSGA Vice President