

**Washburn Student Government Association
Smith/Babcock Administration, 2/17/21**

- 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
- VI. Old Business I
 - a. SB 20-21 #081: Adequately Funding Campaigns
- VII. New Business I
 - a. SB 20-21 #082: Washburn Association of Percussionists
 - b. SB 20-21 #083: Student-Athlete Advisory Committee
 - c. SR 20-21 #014: KBOR & WUBOR Concealed and Carry Laws
 - d. SR 20-21 #015: Support the Removal of Sales Tax on Textbooks
 - e. SB 20-21 #084: Ramirez Appointment
- VIII. Public Forum I
 - a. COVID Cares Act
- IX. Public Forum II
 - a. Graduation
- X. Public Forum III
 - a. Campaign Announcements
- XI. Public Forum IV
 - a. Election Information
- XII. Announcements
 - I. Roll Call

II. Adjournment

SB 20-21 #081

TITLE: Adequately Funding Campaigns

ORIGINATOR: Speaker Young

SPONSOR: Smith/Babcock Administration

STATUS: Internal Affairs Committee – Pending, Allocations Committee- Pending

WHEREAS: The Constitution and By-Laws are the governing documents of the Washburn Student Government Association, and

WHEREAS: The “Campaign Funding Policy” section of the By-Laws governs the WSGA election funding process and states how each campaign shall be funded, and

WHEREAS: Funding policy for each President and Vice President campaign pair are stated below:

A. Each candidate pair for the positions of President and Vice President will be allotted a maximum of \$200 from the WSGA budget for campaign materials.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE: The WSGA Senate changes subsection 3.A of the Election Rules to read that “Each candidate pair for the positions of President and Vice President will be allotted a maximum of \$400 from the WSGA budget for campaign materials in accordance with the following rules:”

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective immediately after passage.

Victoria Smith
WSGA President

Dylan Babcock
WSGA Vice President

SB 20-21 #082

TITLE: Washburn Association of Percussionists

ORIGINATOR: Smith/Babcock Administration

SPONSOR: Allocations Committee

STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: Washburn Association of Percussionists is requesting funding for Guest clinicians for percussion studio, and

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

WHEREAS: Washburn Association of Percussionists 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 Guest clinicians for percussion studio.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

Victoria Smith
WSGA President

Dylan Babcock
WSGA Vice President

SB 20-21 #083

TITLE: Student-Athlete Advisory Committee
ORIGINATOR: Smith/Babcock Administration
SPONSOR: Allocations Committee
STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: Student-Athlete Advisory Committee is requesting funding for Social Justice Series by SAAC, and

WHEREAS: Student-Athlete Advisory Committee has fully complied with all applicable funding policies to this point in the allocation process, and

WHEREAS: Student-Athlete Advisory Committee 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 \$3,000.00 from the Student Organizations account for Social Justice Series by SAAC.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

Victoria Smith
WSGA President

Dylan Babcock
WSGA Vice President

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

Victoria Smith
WSGA President

Dylan Babcock
WSGA Vice President

SR 20-21 #015

TITLE: To Support the Removal of Sales Tax on Textbooks

ORIGINATOR: Legislative Director Hanes

SPONSOR: Smith/Babcock Administration

STATUS: Internal Affairs Committee- Pending

WHEREAS: Students of Washburn University and Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) universities purchase or rent an average of four books per semester according to a KBOR Student Advisory Committee (SAC) survey conducted in 2019 over textbook affordability, of which Washburn University was included, and

WHEREAS: based on results from the KBOR SAC survey conducted in 2019 there are many students spending well over \$500 on textbooks each semester, and

WHEREAS: two-thirds of KBOR students did not use financial aid to assist in the purchasing of textbooks, according to the KBOR SAC 2019 survey, and

WHEREAS: it is difficult to budget ahead of time for these textbook costs, many students are stuck scrambling for cash during the first week of classes to try and accommodate these purchases, and

WHEREAS: state legislators should advocate for policies that address the issue of college affordability and making higher education attainable for all students in Kansas.

THEREFORE IT BE ENACTED:

SECTION ONE: Washburn University stands in support of H.B. 2265 and we urge the Kansas Legislature to join us in support.

Victoria Smith
WSGA President

Dylan Babcock
WSG Vice President

SB 20-21 #084

TITLE: Ramirez Appointment
ORIGINATOR: Smith/Babcock Administration
SPONSOR: Smith/Babcock Administration
STATUS:

WHEREAS: A Committee is essential to the functioning of Washburn Student Government Association, and

WHEREAS: the Washburn Student Government Association President is responsible for appointing the Committee Vice Chair positions, and

WHEREAS: Diana Ramirez is qualified to serve as Chairperson of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association Senate hereby approves the appointment of Diana Ramirez to the Diversity and Inclusion Committee.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

Victoria Smith
WSGA President

Dylan Babcock
WSGA Vice President