

**Washburn Student Government Association  
Trautman/Babcock Administration, November 17, 2021**

Position	First Name	Last Name	Present (Beginning)	Present (Final)
Vice-Chair	Mae	Atakpa	Y	Y
Senator	Tevin	Asamoah	Y	Y
Senator	Alisha	Bahjracharya	Y	Y
Senator	Ajar	Basnet	Y	Y
Allocations Chairperson	Daniel	Buller	Y	Y
Senator	George	Burdick	Y	Y
Communications Chairperson	Katherine	Cook	Y	Y
Senator	Nilam	Dangi	Y	Y
Senator	Ana	Estrada-Vargas	Y	Y
Senator	Cody	Dannar	Y	Y
Vice-Chair	Tomi	Francis-Ramirez	Y	Y
Senator	Claudia	Fury	Y	Y
Senator	Jacob	Howell	Y	Y
Senator	Sierra	Jeter	Y	Y
Senator	Em	Jordan	Y	Y
Senator	Micaella	Jordan	N	N
Senator	Rajesh	Kandel	N/A	Y
Senator	Antonio	Martinez	Y	Y
Senator	Cameron	Meseke	Y	Y
Vice-Chair	Ethan	Nelson	Y	Y
Senator	Brycen	Labertew	Y	Y
Senator	Trey	LaRue	Y	Y
Senator	Sumnima	Limbu	Y	Y
Campus & Comm. Affairs Chairperson	Daniel	Lopez	Y	Y
Senator	Keniel	Negron-Gonzalez	Y	Y
Diversity and Inclusion Chairperson	Elizabeth	Ngatia	Y	Y
			N	N
Senator	Zay	Perkins	Y	Y
Senator	Emma	Teply	Y	Y
Parliamentarian	Zac	Surritt	Y	Y
Speaker	Jayce	Wesell	Y	Y
				Y
Senator	Kati	Woltje	Y	
				Y
Senator	Bella	Wood	N/A	
				Y
Senator	Zach	Yelland	Y	

- 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
  - i. Met with Tiffany McManus about period products on campus
  - ii. Reached out to folks about student initiatives
  - iii. Had several cabinet interviews
- b. Special Events Director Smith
  - i. Worked on legislation
  - ii. Please fill out Homecoming survey
  - iii. Had last Homecoming meeting
  - iv. Working on plans for next semester
- c. Communications & Marketing Director Carter
  - i. N/A
- d. Diversity and Inclusion Director Dorantes
  - i. Podcast is coming out soon
  - ii. Planning next episode
  - iii. Preparing for next semester
- e. Administrative Assistant Leffingwell
  - i. N/A
- f. Legislative Director Young
  - i. N/A
- g. Budget Director Rorstrom
  - i. Working on funding requests
  - ii. Paid for mugs and other giveaways
- h. Chief of Staff Caffrey
  - i. Welcome to the new senators
  - ii. We will have a full senate after tonight
- i. Vice President Babcock
  - i. We finally signed a contract with Lyft for Washburn Ride Smart!
- j. President Trautman
  - i. Week after Thanksgiving break will be last official mandatory senate meeting of the fall semester
    - 1. Will be hopefully our last of the semester
  - ii. Interviewing people for cabinet positions
  - iii. Interviews for Legislative and Special Events directors will be held soon
- k. Advisor Grospitch
  - i. Please remember there is always someone to talk to at Counseling Services on the phone

#### V. Committee Reports

- a. Vice Chairperson Nelson
  - i. Discussed funding policy edits
  - ii. Discussed Student Ambassador funding request
- b. Campus and Community Affairs Chairperson Lopez
  - i. Finalized dates for success week
  - ii. Waiting on giveaway items to be delivered

- iii. Excited for the events! Please participate!
  - c. Communications Chairperson Cook
    - i. Had two resolutions and gave favorable status to both
    - ii. Congrats to Em Jordan on winning senator of the month!
  - d. Diversity & Inclusion Chairperson Ngatia
    - i. Nothing to report
  - e. By-Laws – Speaker Wessel
    - i. Gave favorable status to senate eligibility bill
  - f. Internal Affairs – Speaker Wessel
    - i. Gave favorable status to Young and Smith Appointments
- VI. Old Business I
  - a. SB 21-22 #060: Kandel Appointment
    - i. Passes
  - b. SB 21-22 #062: Wood Appointment
    - i. Passes
- VII. Public Forum I: Swearing in of New Senators
- VIII. Old Business II
  - a. SB 21-22 #064: WSGA Constitutional Amendments
    - i. Passes
- IX. New Business I
  - a. SB 21-22 #070: Funding Policy Apparel Edit
    - i. Passes
  - b. SB 21-22 #071: Washburn Student Ambassadors
    - i. Passes
  - c. SB 21-22 #072: Senate Eligibility Requirements
    - i. Fails

Position	First Name	Last Name	For	Against	Abstained
Vice-Chair	Mae	Atakpa	Y		
Senator	Tevin	Asamoah			N
Senator	Alisha	Bahracharya			N
Senator	Ajar	Basnet			N
Allocations Chairperson	Daniel	Buller			N
Senator	George	Burdick	Y		
Communications Chairperson	Katherine	Cook	Y		
Senator	Nilam	Dangi	Y		
Senator	Ana	Estrada-Vargas	Y		
Senator	Cody	Dannar	Y		
Vice-Chair	Tomi	Francis-Ramirez	Y		
Senator	Claudia	Fury	Y		
Senator	Jacob	Howell			N
Senator	Sierra	Jeter			N
Senator	Em	Jordan	Y		
Senator	Micaella	Jordan			
Senator	Rajesh	Kandel	Y		
Senator	Antonio	Martinez			N
Senator	Cameron	Meseke	Y		
Vice-Chair	Ethan	Nelson	Y		

Senator	Brycen	Labertew		N
Senator	Trey	LaRue		N
Senator	Sumnima	Limbu		N
Campus & Comm. Affairs Chairperson	Daniel	Lopez		A
Senator	Keniel	Negron-Gonzalez	Y	
Diversity and Inclusion Chairperson	Elizabeth	Ngatia		N
Senator	Zay	Perkins		N
Senator	Emma	Teply		
Parliamentarian	Zac	Surritt	Y	
Speaker	Jayce	Wesell	Y	
				N
Senator	Kati	Woltje		N
Senator	Bella	Wood		N
Senator	Zach	Yelland		

ii.

- d. SR 21-22 #018: Acknowledging Washburn’s Divestment in Fossil Fuels
  - i. Passes
- e. SR 21-22 #019: Parental Grief on College Campuses Awareness and Support
  - i. Passes
- f. SR 21-22 #020: Violence towards Native American Women Awareness
  - i. Passes
- g. SB 21-22 #073: Smith Appointment
  - i. Passes
- h. SB 21-22 #074: Young Appointment
  - i. Passes
- X. Announcements
- XI. Roll Call
- XII. Adjournment

SB 21-22 #060

TITLE: Kandel 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: Rajesh Kandel is qualified to serve as a WSGA Senator, and

WHEREAS: Rajesh Kandel 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 Rajesh Kandel to serve in the capacity of Senator.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

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Abby Trautman  
WSGA President

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Dylan Babcock  
WSGA Vice President

SB 21-22 #062

TITLE: Wood 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: Bella Wood is qualified to serve as a WSGA Senator, and

WHEREAS: Bella Wood 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 Bella Wood to serve in the capacity of Senator.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

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Abby Trautman  
WSGA President

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Dylan Babcock  
WSGA Vice President

SB 21-22 #064

TITLE: WSGA Constitutional Amendments  
ORIGINATOR: Parliamentarian Surratt  
SPONSOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration  
STATUS: Constitutional and By-Law Review Committee -

WHEREAS: The Washburn Student Government Association maintains a Constitution and a set of By-Laws as its governing documents, and

WHEREAS: Those governing documents of the Washburn Student Government Association are accessible to the public so as to create an environment of transparency and accountability, and

WHEREAS: Those governing documents should be organized and easy to understand by the general public, and

WHEREAS: In their current forms, those governing documents are not so organized and this should be corrected.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE: Article I, Section 5 of the Constitution shall be amended to add “or a designated representative.” at the end of the section.

SECTION TWO: The sentence stating “The Cabinet will be made up of the President, Vice President and those appointed members as defined in Chapter Three, Sections One through Sixteen of the WSGA By-laws.” shall be struck from Article II, Section 2.

SECTION THREE: Article II, Section 4 shall be struck from the Constitution.

SECTION FOUR: Wording related to the WSGA President shall be struck from Article II, Section 7.

SECTION FIVE: Relocate Sections 8, 10, and 14 from Article II to new Sections in Article III.

SECTION SIX: Add new Section under Article III to say “The WSGA President shall establish Ad-Hoc Committees when deemed necessary. These Ad-Hoc Committees shall be comprised of WSGA Senators and non-senators and these student representatives shall report to the WSGA President.”

SECTION SEVEN: Article III, Section 1 shall be divided up so that each of the three sentences stands as their own Section.

SECTION EIGHT: The section and subsection order and titles shall be readjusted as is appropriate.

SECTION NINE: This legislation shall become effective upon passage after the proper second reading.



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Abby Trautman  
WSGA President

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Dylan Babcock  
WSGA Vice President

SB 21-22 #070

TITLE: Funding Policy Apparel Edit  
ORIGINATOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration  
SPONSOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration  
STATUS: Allocations Committee – Favorable

WHEREAS: The Washburn Student Government Association Funding Policy is used for various fiscal functions, and

WHEREAS: The Washburn Student Government Association Funding Policy provides guidelines by which stipulations on funding are placed, and

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association Funding Policy Section 7.7.1 shall be amended to read, “When the Ichabod Shop is used there is a \$1,500 limit on apparel.”

SECTION TWO: The Washburn Student Government Association Funding Policy Section 7.7.2 shall be amended to read as, "When outside vendors are used there shall be a \$1000 request limit on apparel.”

SECTION THREE: This legislation will be effective upon passage.

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Abby Trautman  
WSGA President

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Dylan Babcock  
WSGA Vice President

SB 21-22 #071

TITLE: Washburn Student Ambassadors  
ORIGINATOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration  
SPONSOR: Allocations Committee  
STATUS: Allocations Committee – Pending

WHEREAS: Washburn Student Ambassadors is requesting funding for Raincoats, and

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

WHEREAS: Washburn Student Ambassadors 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 \$1500.00 from the Student Organizations account for Raincoats.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

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Abby Trautman  
WSGA President

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Dylan Babcock  
WSGA Vice President

SB 21-22 #072

TITLE: Senate Eligibility Requirements  
ORIGINATOR: Vice-Chair Nelson  
SPONSOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration  
STATUS: By-Laws Committee – Favorable

WHEREAS: All Washburn students, if they are enrolled in one or more courses, must pay the \$55 Student Activity Fee, and

WHEREAS: In the spring semester of 2021, over 17% of Washburn students took less than six credit hours of classes, amounting to over 800 students and \$45,500 in student activity fee payments, and

WHEREAS: The By-Laws of the Washburn Student Government Association currently reads in the last sentence of Section 1(a) of Election Rules, “Senators must maintain a minimum enrollment of six (6) credit hours, each semester of their term,” and

WHEREAS: This language in the By-Laws of the Washburn Student Government Association could unfairly limit the eligibility of Washburn students from serving on the government body that represents them.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE: The last sentence of Section 1(a) of Election Rules of the By-Laws of the Washburn Student Government Association shall read “Senators must maintain a minimum of three (3) credit hours, each semester of their term.”

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

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Abby Trautman  
WSGA President  
SR 21-22 #018

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Dylan Babcock  
WSGA Vice President

TITLE: Acknowledging Washburn’s Divestment in Fossil Fuels

ORIGINATOR: Senator Jeter

SPONSOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration

STATUS: Communications Committee- Favorable

WHEREAS: According to the latest available records, as of June 30, 2020, Washburn University maintained an approximative \$180M endowment fund, and

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

WHEREAS: According to the Center for Biological Diversity, "Pollution from the world's currently operating oil, gas, and coal fields, if developed, would push warming well past 1.5°C,

bringing dangerous extreme weather, flooded coasts, wildfires, human health catastrophes, and sweeping wildlife extinctions. In other words, our climate can't afford any new fossil fuel development", and

WHEREAS: 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, and

WHEREAS: Fossil fuel companies promote the consumption of products that worsen climate change, and

WHEREAS: According to the Union of Concerned Scientists, "Instead, they (fossil fuel companies) chose to downplay and distort the evidence of climate change, engaging in a decades-long campaign against climate action. Their tactics included everything from counterfeit science to the harassment of scientists, to manufactured uncertainty with no scientific basis. Even today, industry trade groups and associations spread disinformation on climate change, while corporate lobbyists influence politicians and regulators—all with the financial backing and support of major fossil fuel companies", 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 endowments from fossil fuel investments, and

WHEREAS: The Washburn University Alumni Association and Foundation and its investment committee have continued to address that "Environmentally responsible investing is a focus of the [investment] committee," and the investment committee plans to end its last investments in energy-based companies by the end of the year, and

WHEREAS: It is important for Washburn Student Government Association to recognize and encourage their efforts.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn University Student Government Association acknowledges and encourages the continuing divestment of all funding toward fossil fuel companies by the Washburn Alumni Association.

SECTION TWO: The Washburn University Student Government Association requests updates on the continued divestments from the Washburn Alumni Association and Foundation.

SECTION THREE A copy of this bill shall be presented to Marshall Meek, the Washburn University Alumni Association and Foundation President.

SECTION FOUR: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

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Abby Trautman  
WSGA President

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Dylan Babcock  
WSGA Vice President

SR 21-22 #019

**TITLE:** Parental Grief on College Campuses Awareness and Support

**ORIGINATOR:** Trautman/Babcock Administration

**SPONSOR:** Trautman/Babcock Administration

**STATUS:** Communications Committee- Favorable

**WHEREAS:** Washburn Student Government Association supports students of all backgrounds and experiences, and

**WHEREAS:** According to the study, “Prevalence and Severity of College Student Bereavement Examined in A Randomly Selected Sample”, conducted by Balk, Walker, and Baker, for every two years of college, 1.7% of students can expect a parent to pass away, and

WHEREAS: 1.7% equals approximately 360,000 college students in the United States over a two-year period who are losing and grieving a parent, and

WHEREAS: Additionally, a national survey found that approximately one in nine people had lost at least one parent before the age of 20 years old, and those who lost a parent before the age of 20 years old were less likely to obtain their Bachelor's degree, and

WHEREAS: A study conducted by Purdue University involving 227 students who had experienced the death of a family member during their four years in college, half of whom had lost a parent, were found to struggle with Complicated Grief and have lower Grade Point Averages than their classmates who did not experience the death of a family member.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association recognizes, stands with, and supports students who have lost a parent.

SECTION TWO: The Washburn Student Government Association will advocate for further awareness and support for students struggling with the grief of their parent(s) through social media.

SECTION THREE: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

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Abby Trautman  
WSGA President

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Dylan Babcock  
WSGA Vice President

SR 21-22 #020

TITLE: Violence towards Native American Women Awareness

ORIGINATOR: Speaker Pro-Tempore Wessel and Diversity and Inclusion Director Dorantes

SPONSOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration

STATUS: Committee of the Whole – Favorable

TRIGGER WARNING: SENSITIVE CONTENT

WHEREAS: November is Recognized as Native American Heritage month, and

WHEREAS: Along with recognizing, honor, and celebrating the cultures and heritage of Native Americans, we also need to address issues that Native American people face, and stand with those women who have experienced violence in the past and in the present, and

WHEREAS: According to the National Institute of Justice Report, more than 4 out of 5 Indigenous women have experienced violence, and

WHEREAS: According to Centers for Disease Control, Murder is the 3rd leading cause of death for Indigenous Women, and

WHEREAS: According to Native Women's Wilderness, Indigenous Women are murdered 10x higher than all other ethnicities, and

WHEREAS: The Murder rate of Indigenous Women is 3xs higher than Anglo-American women.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association shall acknowledge the violence Native American Women face.

SECTION TWO: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

SB 21-22 #073

Full Senate Meeting: November 17, 2021

TITLE: Smith Appointment

ORIGINATOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration

SPONSOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration

STATUS: Internal Affairs – Favorable

WHEREAS: An Executive Board is essential to the functioning of Washburn Student Government Association, and

WHEREAS: the Washburn Student Government Association President is responsible for appointing the Cabinet, and

WHEREAS: Ariel Smith is qualified to serve as Campus and Community Affairs Director.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association Senate hereby approves the appointment of Ariel Smith to the Washburn Student Government Association Cabinet in the capacity of Campus and Community Affairs Director.



SECTION TWO: Ariel Smith shall be sworn in as the Campus and Community Affairs Director at the regular senate meeting on Wednesday, December 1, 2021.

SECTION THREE: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

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Abby Trautman  
WSGA President

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Dylan Babcock  
WSGA Vice President

SB 21-22 #074  
Full Senate Meeting: November 17, 2021

TITLE: Young Appointment  
ORIGINATOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration  
SPONSOR: Trautman/Babcock Administration  
STATUS: Internal Affairs – Favorable

WHEREAS: An Executive Board is essential to the functioning of Washburn Student Government Association, and

WHEREAS: the Washburn Student Government Association President is responsible for appointing the Cabinet, and

WHEREAS: Adam Young is qualified to serve as Chief of Staff.

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED:

SECTION ONE: The Washburn Student Government Association Senate hereby approves the appointment of Adam Young to the Washburn Student Government Association Cabinet in the capacity of Chief of Staff.

SECTION TWO: Adam Young shall be sworn in as the Chief of Staff at the regular senate meeting on Wednesday, December 1, 2021.

SECTION THREE: This legislation shall become effective upon passage.

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Abby Trautman  
WSGA President

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Dylan Babcock  
WSGA Vice President