

**Model Constitutional Convention  
WashU Law  
Schedule of Events**

**Check-in Thursday, May 21**

3:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Student Check-in.
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Student welcome dinner. (Informal, grab and go style)

**Day 1: Friday, May 22**

8:00 am – 9:00 am	Check-in and breakfast.
9:00 am	Welcome Ceremony. Introductions and Keynote Speaker.
10:00 am --10:45 am	Review and adoption of Convention credentials and procedures, presentation by Parliamentarian.
10:45 am	Mid-morning coffee break.
11:15 am – 11:30 am	Discussion of procedures for the afternoon Committee meetings; review room assignments for Committees.
11:30 am – 1:00 pm	Working Lunch. Students organized into committees; introductions/rules established.
1:00 pm – 3:45 pm	<p>Committee Meetings. Committees will move to rooms assigned for committee meetings throughout the law school, accompanied by faculty mentors.</p> <p>Order of Business: Propose, debate, and agree on proposal(s) to forward to the floor of the Convention. Students will draw from their pre-convention preparation to inform their understanding of how the Convention might amend the Constitution for the good of the entire United States, and to represent the interests of the state of origin, which each has been assigned to represent. Each committee shall forward up to TWO proposals to the Convention which shall be the proposals receiving the highest majority vote. Ties will be resolved by drawing lots.</p>
3:45 - 4:15 PM	Break
4:15 pm – 5:30 pm	<p>Plenary Convention. The Convention will meet to hear each chairman report the proposals (at the most two amendments) which have received at least a majority vote in committee. The committee session will begin with a presentation of each proposal on behalf of each committee.</p> <p>The chair of the committee will present the arguments for one of the proposals. Note that if the committees have agreed upon a second proposal, the committee chair must appoint a second committee</p>

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	member to present the second proposal to the Convention. Each presentation will take no more than 5 minutes. A list of the proposals will be distributed to all delegates at the conclusion of the proceedings of Day 1.
5:45 pm – 7:45 pm	Buffet dinner. Keynote Speaker.

**Day 2: Saturday, May 23**

8:00 am -- 8:30 am	Check in and breakfast.
8:30 am --11:30 am	Plenary Convention. All delegates gathered.
Procedures	The morning session of Day 2 will begin with a statement from the President of the Convention, speaking for no more than 10 minutes, explaining the rules that will govern the debate concerning the proposals. The President will include in his or her explanation of the rules for debate the instruction that in the interest of ensuring time for a full and open debate with a broad participation, no delegate will speak for more than 2 minutes at one time.
Procedures	The morning session will then address the proposals (up to 20) voted out of committee, in random order.
Procedures	Delegates may offer amendments to the proposals, with each amendment requiring a second before the delegates vote on it.
Procedures	The Secretaries will keep notes on the debates. The President will recognize the delegates by calling on them by the name of their state, designated on a paddle that will have the delegate's state identification.
11:30 am – 5:00 pm	The afternoon session will begin with a working lunch. The afternoon session will resume for the purpose of considering additional proposals from each committee.
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Break before dinner.
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Formal banquet. Keynote Speaker.

**Day 3: Sunday May 24**

8:00 am – 9:00 am	Check-in and breakfast.
9:00 am – 12:00 pm	The final day of the Constitutional Convention is to vote on the proposals considered throughout the day on Day 2.

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Procedures	Debate will have a total time limit of 8 minutes per proposal with amendments allowed. The President and Secretaries of the Convention will carefully monitor the voting for each proposal. Each state will be allowed to send two voting delegates to the Convention.
Procedures	A proposal may be considered adopted for further consideration and ratification by the states when it achieves a supermajority (76 of 100) approving vote from the Convention. All final votes on the proposals shall be taken by rising serpentine count. A delegate who is unable to rise or raise their hand may indicate their vote in another fashion. For the purpose of approving proposals, the President will be permitted to vote. When all of the proposals have received an “up or down” vote, the secretaries will report the results to the President, who will read the results of the conference displayed on the screen, and the Convention will adjourn.
12:00 pm – 12:45 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	The student committee recorders will work together under the direction of the Convention recorder to collate the results of the committee hearings (Day 1), the amendment debates (Day 2), and the voting (Day 3) to create a narrative of the Convention, similar to the Convention notes of James Madison (1787). Recorders will also gather quotes and reactions from delegates about their experience.
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Optional information session with WashU Law Admissions Office (individual meeting times available following the sessions).