# STUDENT GOVERNMENT GENERAL MEETING September 30, 2012

# I. Preliminary Items

- a. Roll Call
- **b.** Approval of minutes
  - b.i. Approved. OF COURSE!
- **c.** Changes to the Agenda
  - c.i. Money motion to fund open steering meetings
  - c.ii. Discussion item on grounds keeping
  - c.iii. 2 Appointment to grants and sponsorships
- **d.** Gallery Introductions/Business
  - d.i. Tom Johnson- DPS Director
    - d.i.1. Everyone should be aware that DPS doesn't hold ill will and will not retaliate for anything that students do. Their job is to protect students, faculty, staff, and the campus at large
    - d.i.2. If there is anytime that you feel that there is lack of professionalism or there is an issue with DPS, there is a policy and procedure in place for that to be addressed. Talk to him!
    - d.i.3. The current situation got out of hand because of lack of communication on both sides—he was out of town and didn't know what was going on
    - d.i.4. Talked to Malin, and a lot of things got resolved
    - d.i.5. Feel free to approach any officer, and if someone is on official business they may just turn around and walk away in order to finish up what they're doing, but don't take that the wrong day, they are doing work
    - d.i.6. Malin- thanks for coming, we had a great conversation earlier and we got a lot of things worked out. Really glad you came and clarified the lack of communication
    - d.i.7. There were things that could've been done better on both sides, and now we know how to handle situations.
  - d.ii. Dean Gilchrist
  - d.iii. Ashley Jost
- **e.** Membership Appointments/Resignations
  - e.i. Appointment of Polwort to position of chair of grants and sponsorship committee
    - e.i.1. Mike was AWESOME LAST YEAR. And he's a ginger. So that makes things so much better. And Aaron asks for your support.
    - e.i.2. DAVID LANZA THINKS HE IS COOL TOO
  - e.ii. Katherine Scheidt to grants and sponsorships
- **f.** Oath of Office
  - f.i. Michael successfully took the oath. And Aaron, for whatever reason, successfully stood up...

# II. Executive Reports

- **a.** President of the Student Association
  - a.i. Had a great meeting with Tom, and things to be going on a great path
    - a.i.1. Will continue to report back on whatever goes down
    - a.i.2. Survey comments have gone to oversight committee
    - a.i.3. It's great that he came to clarify that there will be no retaliation on the students, as that will allow us to continue to work
  - a.ii. Voter registration drive—things are going well
    - a.ii.1. About 150 are filled out
    - a.ii.2. Disappointed by the lack of work done by many of the people who sign up
    - a.ii.3. Please help Hannah-it's very important that we step up. She's really worked hard, but she has done way more work and hasn't really received as much help as she's needed. Plus she's adorable, so there's not reason not to help!
    - a.ii.4. If you're part of orgs, please go and give a speech to register all the voters in your orgs. Ask to take 2 minutes. If you don't have cards, talk to Aaron after the meeting
    - a.ii.5. Gott-The voter registration drive could be more effective if you get all of your own friends in the dorms to register
  - a.iii. The alumnae board wants 3 people to be nominated to the Board.

    Looking for volunteers, don't have to be senators, so if you know anyone who could be interested or are interested yourself, let Aaron know.
  - a.iv. One open seat on grants and sponsorships. Wants to appoint a new member of senate, so let him know if you're interested. Not a huge time commitment.
- **b.** VP of the Student Association
- **c.** Secretary
  - c.i. Office hours- sign up and serve your hour or let me know if you are going to miss it. Cuz I will hunt you down... like a wabbit (<a href="http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ztDdFra Yy4">http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ztDdFra Yy4</a>) ← a much cooler version of the song hunting wabbits. you don't wanna miss it
  - c.ii. If you sign up for something, do it, or you will be marked absent- this includes signing up to work things... like voter registration drive. (hint. hint.)
  - c.iii. Bringing up Stephen for 2 unexcused absences from the retreat. He was gone because he went to grad school interviews. I think he's a good senator and asset to the body, so my personal feeling is not to kick him off. [Motion Fails!]
  - c.iv. Removal of Mayuresh Gadgil as unconfirmed senator. No response and no showing of inclination to attend anything senate related. Womp womp... [Motion for removal Passes]
- d. Treasurer
  - d.i. Going over budget

d.ii. let her know if you will be spending money ahead of time

# III. Auxiliary Reports

- **a.** Speaker of the Student Senate
  - a.i. Using authority vested in MOPO by the actual Speaker, MOPO will use this time to talk about <u>Grants and sponsorship committee</u>
    - a.i.1. Sending out an email soon to any members- hopefully have a meeting this week. we will meet and go over forms and then move onwards
- **b.** Student Representative to the Board of Governors
  - b.i. BOG is the highest policy making body at the University- in charge of hiring/firing, tenure, 10 members appointed by the governor, spending money, meet every other month
  - b.ii. Next meeting is Friday October 19 at 1pm. Conference call is Tuesday October 16 at 3pm in President's office, but it's open meeting and anyone can attend
- c. Faculty Advisor
  - c.i. Jason Shaw! WHOO
- **d.** Staff Advisor
  - d.i. Nothin'
- **e.** Academic Affairs
  - e.i. Has survey results. Will be busting them out at the committee meeting!
  - e.ii. Committee will meet Tuesday night—if you want to give input feel free to go
- **f.** External Affairs
  - f.i. In the absence of both the Chair and the Vice-Prez/fill in Chair, Aaron shall give the report.
  - f.ii. Give Aaron your voter reg cards ASAP so they can be turned in. And people can be registered. And stuff.
  - f.iii. Current count is 143 verified cards (I should know, I counted and verified them myself...)
- g. Environmental Affairs
  - g.i. GLASS RECYCLING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! A form to sign up is online, so if you wanna participate go to senate website, environmental affairs, and click the link, signing in with your Truman ID (http://senate.truman.edu/committees/environmental-affairs/glass-recycling-project/)
  - g.ii. campus sustainability is October 24, senate will help sponsor eco service event, and you will be expected to contribute—tabling
    - g.ii.1. Ashley jost still has stuff she might be able to give because she is all eco. and things.
- **h.** Student Affairs
  - h.i. have two applicants, decision hasn't been made
  - h.ii. still meet this week and get going!
- i. Diversity Chair

- i.i. Committee is discussing a few issues- contacting various groups to see if they'd be interested in joining up for Diversity week or any other event they put on
- j. Purple Friday
  - j.i. Talked about merging mocktails with bash
  - j.ii. will put in money request next week
  - j.iii. I promise Jerod to have your nametag for next week ☺
- k. Webmaster
  - k.i. Glass recycling is on the front page!
  - k.ii. Technology advisory committee meeting was just discussing
  - k.iii. Working on getting bandwidth!

# IV. Other Reports

#### V. Old Business

- **a.** Recycling Bins Resolution (Kohler) (PASS 13-0-0)
  - a.i. added only a few small changes to eliminate being repetitive
  - a.ii. Gershman- putting some in places like the library

#### VI. New Business

- a. First Read of Budget (Gordon)/Malin
  - a.i. one of the biggest change is the removal of the president's roundtableit's a big responsibility and if you wanna take it on let him know, but for now it doesn't seem to be worth the amount of money and time for what we get out of it.
    - a.i.1. If you have never attended, I would say this is a fair assessment. It is a ridiculous amount of work and what has happened in the past is a pile of random thoughts from random people who showed up to eat GOOD Sodexo food (yes, it existsfor a price!)
  - a.ii. Rollover? \$22450 is amount we got from student fees, so together it's \$45284

  - a.iv. {Bushur removes Rep hat and puts on FAC hat} What is co-sponsored events with SAB/FAC—candidate forum?
    - a.iv.1. no concrete plans but working amongst the three to get local reps to come talk with each other/students
- **b.** Alumnae Relations Money Motion (Gordon) [PASS]
  - b.i. Alumnae brunch for homecoming—Gordon wants to host a reception for alumnae that come back because there is a lot of former senators that come back to interact with people who were senators. very low key.
- **c.** Open steering meetings (Malin) [PASS]
  - c.i. once a month we have open steering meetings for ex comm
  - c.ii. total \$150 by October 20
  - c.iii. provide snacks for people who wanna show up!

#### VII. Discussion Items

a. Committees (Malin)

- a.i. EVERYONE IS COOL! THE MINUTES
  REFLECT THAT EVERYONE AGREES AND
  THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS. BECAUSE
  AARON IS TELLING ME WHAT TO PUT IN
  THE MINUTES IN CASE I FORGOT HOW TO
  DO THE JOB I HAVE BEEN DOING FOR MANY
  YEARS
- **b.** Grounds keeping (Gott)
  - b.i. Parents visited and brought to his attention how awesome the quad looks. the grounds people have spent a lot of time on making the grounds look great. we should send some kind of thanks to them.
  - b.ii. thanks for glass recycling too ©

#### VIII. Announcements

- **a.** Nametags- leave them in your seat! Kelsey in all of her awesomeness will take care of them every week
- b. facebook and twitter! We wanna help connect with kids and Social Media is a simple way to do it. Like the page, share the status updates. Follow on Twitter and retweet. Spread the word to your other orgs/your friends. SHARING IS CARING!
- **c.** Glass recycling should be bigger deal let's play it up!
- **d.** interested in any of the committees that were brought up, make sure you talk to aaron
- e. Drew paulman made it London and he's very excited. Thank you, David
- **f.** If you still have voter reg cards, talk to Aaron so he can stalk you and get them back!