**STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

**GENERAL MEETING  
December 5, 2010**

1. **Preliminary Items**
   1. Roll Call
   2. Changes to the Agenda
   3. Gallery Introductions
      1. Alec Sidlow from SAB: trying to learn how other organizations are doing their retreats, what they do that is helpful
      2. Dean Gilchrist
   4. Membership Appointments
      1. Clara Dahmer as ASG org rep
         1. Robinson: couldn’t be here today, ASG has had a rep in the past
         2. Appointed
   5. Oath of Office
2. **Executive Reports**
   1. President of the Student Association
      1. SAC meeting
      2. tentative timeline is to form a committee at the end of next semester, doing interviews during the fall semester and have a new Provost to start January 1, 2012 or July 1, 2012
      3. SAB having interview processes in January, need Senate rep
      4. Senate Christmas party this Saturday; more information to come
      5. University budget; been told to plan for 15% cut and expect a 13% cut; the minimum the university is going to ask for is 4%, max. 7% increase to tuition
      6. Employee Benefits Research Committee executive order was sent out last week; has contacted Prism and will contact College Dems and Republicans
   2. VP of the Student Association
      1. BOG presented proposal to renovate C-hall, will keep 2/3 of the rooms in use
      2. Good job to all those who played in the College Republicans/College Democrats volleyball game!
   3. Secretary
      1. please send in committee minutes/attendance
   4. Treasurer
      1. please remember that you need to submit FRFs at least two weeks before you need funding
3. **Auxiliary Reports**
   1. Student Representative to the Board of Governors
   2. Faculty Advisor
   3. Staff Advisor
   4. Speaker of the Student Senate
      1. will be having a meeting next week
      2. hopes to got to committee meetings this week to talk about some goals for next semester
      3. for those of you that may have been there at the stats presentations, one of the things that was talked about was a lack of knowledge about our organization and our budget which is up on the website. please let others know about our organization and our website so they know the tools that are available to them.
   5. Academic Affairs
      1. UGC will meet this Thursday; HOTS committee meeting to find and assess higher level thinking, looking at portfolios and the courses they are coming from to see what can be implemented across the board
   6. Environmental Affairs
      1. no report
      2. Robinson: have you heard about the recycling center changes?
      3. Nolan: has talked about a lot of things on the sustainability action committee, recycling center 80% run by students and 20% run by outside company; doing cost analysis to find different ways to contract out recycling to receive more funds; maybe thinking about piggybacking through Wal-Mart so we both make money on it and can use those funds to hire coordinator. another thing is having a sheltered workshop; the problem is that we are still recycling but could lose out a lot on potential revenue.
   7. Robinson: JoEllen Flannagan has served as Student Affairs Chair and President, and served over the largest Senate in five years. In recognition of her service to the Student Association, it is a privilege to present her a gavel tonight.
   8. Student Affairs
      1. Dijak: going over branding campaign for next semester. Student Government Grants Committee sent out letter this week.
      2. Massey: when is the PR meeting?
      3. Dijak: January 19th
      4. Massey: interested in doing a PR campaign
   9. External Affairs
      1. Buckler: put in FRF for gifts for legislators at Truman at the Capital
      2. Olmstead: what was the gift?
      3. Buckler: decided on Truman ink pens through the bookstore
   10. Diversity Chair
       1. no report
   11. Communications
       1. Massey: wants to do a newsletter before the semester ends, which would be quarterly; send her information to include on there; also would like to do a PR campaign next semester to get our name out there
   12. Webmaster
       1. no report
       2. Salmon: wondering if anyone has gotten our pictures?
       3. Dijak: seeing as there are no pictures, is there any way we can just change the names and contact info
       4. Booth: updated names and information already
       5. Robinson: just have to add new members
   13. Technology Director
       1. Chhetri: met with Donna Liss CIO for Truman State, talked about the library printer issue, information should be coming out in the Index soon. Attended the first meeting of the Information Technology Advising Committee, they have a draft of 7 or 8 policies they want to implement next year, will go out to everyone this month and you will be able to give feedback; some policies we cannot have feedback on because the federal government requires them. Otherwise have been working on the Truman Calendar, want to have events come to you on your desktop
4. **Other Reports**
5. **Old Business**
   1. IDSM Resolution (Nolan)
      1. Nolan: talked about some advantages and disadvantages of this; currently transcripts do state that their degree is in their approved minor so by adding it to the diploma this wouldn’t the only place it would be. there are character limitations, interdisciplinary studies and the major don’t usually fit; so this resolution is saying that it will say their major instead of interdisciplinary studies
      2. Robinson: could we add a copy of your survey as an appendix to this resolution?
      3. Cline: could we abbreviate IDS on there?
      4. Nolan: as far as official goes, that shouldn’t be a problem; wouldn’t have a problem having IDS on there
      5. Cline: thinks resolution is fine as it is, but if it comes up
      6. Passes 18-0-0
   2. Registration Resolution (Blankers)
      1. Blankers: just made a couple of grammatical changes and reasoning for changing time to 7am
      2. Robinson: for 24 change “prior to” to “7am”
      3. Passes 16-2-0

**V. New Business**

1. Academic Minors Resolution(Blankers and Robinson)
   1. Robinson: the changes in yellow have been made since it was sent out with the agenda; really it eliminates some of the bureaucratic processes; for an academic minor you should not have to present a statement and go through excessive approval procedures; the reason why this is coming now is a minor that is being proposed through UGC which has several issues, have to go through many processes, this says that students should be able to decide what is in their best interests. some faculty think minors should be minor, others think that going through faculty is not a problem; in light of going through possible cuts to faculty this is one thing that they should not have to deal with
   2. Buckler: who approves minors?
   3. Robinson: for interdisciplinary minors there is a committee, some have faculty; it varies with minor
   4. Buckler: so this only affects two minors?
   5. Robinson: yes, there are only two on the books that operate like this. there are some coming down the pipeline so this would give the students
   6. Blankers: a minor is different than a major, should allow students to expand out of their discipline; most majors require a minor so many students require this; this is not saying there is no approval process; some can be declared, some will still need approval; just trying to cut down in the red tape
   7. Gyawali: likes the resolution, “excessive approval procedures” is not very specific, could mean anything
   8. Robinson: tried to lay out bullet point with examples before that
   9. Blankers: it also allows for some flexibility between minors, some approval processes are warranted, for one minor it would be excessive but for another it would make sense
   10. Sato: which two minors is this effecting?
   11. Robinson: international studies, as well as the mathematical biology, disabilities studies minors that are both interdisciplinary
   12. Sato: business administration has more procedure than biology
   13. Robinson: yes, that’s where the “excessive” part would allow flexibility because you would need calculus for example to meet some of the minor requirements
   14. Salmon: this resolution says there should be no approval committees?
   15. Robinson: this says that students should not necessarily have to go through committees to select courses
   16. Salmon: if there are committees that are always going to have to approve things, shouldn’t that be addressed in this resolution. so you just want to cut out committees for approval?
   17. Robinson: not cutting out committees as a whole, cutting out step that you have to go to the committee for approval. the job of the committee should not be to approve student courses
   18. Nolan: still confused; so if the student wants to create a new interdisciplinary studies minor, then should they have to meet?
   19. Robinson: that’s different
   20. Nolan: so if you want to do an approved minor, than they should not have to go through this process but if they create a new one they need to
   21. Robinson: correct
   22. Blankers: the fact is that the minor has been approved so don’t need to approve students to do that minor
   23. Robinson: in light of the UGC meeting is this Thursday, moves to suspend standing rules to allow this to be voted on tonight
   24. Passes 9-1-6
2. MLK Challenge Resolution (Gyawali)
   1. Gyawali: basically, we supported MLK last year, gave them $700. this time we propose $500. a very big upcoming event, many people take part in it, lots of good reviews last year, hope to do the same this year. this resolution is the same as last year’s except the amount and name of the president. and line 28, added a period after the “and” that should not be there
   2. Robinson: offers a friendly to line 45 to add Truman Media Network
   3. Robertson: really likes this event, gives us PR, is a good service event
3. **Discussion Items**
4. Discussion of Grant Guidelines (Dijak)

* Dijak: basically, we had our first event that we funded. as you could see, there was a $3 admission to attend the event. we did not know how we felt about funding events that charge a fee. there is currently nothing in the guidelines against it. so we would like to ask you collectively
* Nolan: does not think it would be good to fund it if they are making a profit, if there is a way to see the books afterwards to limit that. but for example we supported a local foods dinner to make it larger and they still charged
* Dijak: and what we did for the event that was today was looked at the deficit of what they needed and that’s what we funded so they would not be making a profit
* Cline: would be against any rules that say we don’t fund it because they are charging admission; if we had a rule that somehow said that if we’re funding half the event they can charge up to the remainder of the rest of the cost
* Salmon: supports what has just been said; by them charging admission shows dedication about how they work toward it. the whole thing isn’t handed to them. would go against any rules that says they cannot charge any admission. it comes down to a leadership thing for the committee to determine what’s best to fund them
* Blankers: likes how it was handled, that we paid the deficit much like we did with the Local Foods Dinner. does not know how they feel about a group coming to us and then making a profit. would not be opposed to us fronting them money and being reimbursed afterwards
* Pile: general idea is that we should not be funding them to a point where they have profits.
* Robinson: agrees; with all the “what-ifs” we will leave it at the discretion of the committee, they can make it up as they go along
* Ponjevic: just as long as we analyze how much it will cost it should be up to the committee

1. **Announcements**
   1. Robinson: next week the SUB will be hosting the 57th Final Scream, this year they have biscuits and gravy as well as massages and Wii games, all kinds of activities around the SUB from 10-midnight next Sunday
   2. Massey: held an event for St. Baldricks, so if you’re interested in donating let her know