



Student Government Resolution 116.028

A Resolution in Recognition of Dr. Troy D. Paino and Mrs. Kelly Paino

Sponsored by Student Government President, Molly Turner and Vice President, JJ Dorrell

WHEREAS,

- The Student Government is the official governing body of the Student Association and exists to represent the present and long term best interest of the Student Association in the formulation of the University policy and in the fulfillment of the University mission; and
- On May 10, 2010, Dr. Paino became the 16th President of Truman State University and has since served as the principal spokesperson for the University as chief executive officer of Truman and by reporting to the Board of Governors; and
- Mrs. Kelly Paino is an educator in Early Childhood and Elementary Education currently serving in the Kirksville R-III School District as a reading specialist; and
- Before holding the position as University President, Dr. Paino capably served as Truman's Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs from 2008 up to his presidency; and
- Prior to his arrival at Truman, Dr. Paino received his Juris Doctorate from Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law, obtained a Ph.D. and a masters of Arts degree in American Studies from Michigan State University, a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and philosophy from Evangel University, and has worked as a lawyer in Indianapolis; and
- Mrs. Kelly Paino was previously employed in the Houston Public Schools in Houston, Minnesota, where she coordinated an Early Childhood Family Education program and the public school system in Lansing, Michigan, where she taught first and fourth grade; and
- In 2008 Dr. Paino became a published author by his book "The Social History of the United States: 1960s," and has written extensively on the history of American sport; and
- Currently, Dr. Paino serves on the Board of Directors of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU), and he is a member of the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) Presidents' Trust for Liberal Education and America's Promise (LEAP); and
- Dr. Paino is the president-elect of the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC), he serves as treasurer of the Council on Public Higher Education in Missouri (COPHE) and the Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri Board of Directors; and

- Dr. Paino holds the academic rank of Professor of History at Truman, and he is a member of Truman's Chapters of Beta Gamma Sigma, Phi Kappa Phi, Omicron Delta Kappa, National Society of Collegiate Scholars and National Residence Hall Honorary; and
- Mrs. Kelly Paino currently serves on the Northeast Regional Medical Center Board of Trustees and the Northeast Missouri Food Bank (Adair County) Advisory Council; and
- Dr. Paino has consistently promoted the concept of community and inclusiveness from the beginning of his presidency when he selected "Celebrating community" as his presidential installation theme; and
- Dr. Paino has served as an advisor, counselor and friend to all students and going above and beyond in his duties by serving as an official advisor to student organizations such as Omicron Delta Kappa, Blue Key and Club Tennis; and
- Taking time out his full schedule as University President, Dr. Paino taught a Junior Interdisciplinary Studies (JINS) class titled, "Issues in Democracy: Higher Education" during the fall 2015 semester; and
- Dr. Paino is a most eloquent and passionate spokesperson for the liberal arts; and
- The Presidential Strategic Committee for Inclusive Excellence was created by Dr. Paino to develop a strategic plan to build a more accessible, equitable, and inclusive climate for all members of the campus community and to develop a culture where diversity is a strength, not a weakness, in the collective Truman pursuit of excellence; and
- Dr. Paino and his wife Kelly have hosted many student events as well as the annual "Cookies and Lemonade Reception" for the parents and students on move-in day; and
- Dr. Paino has represented Truman State University in the most professional and statesman like presence to the community, state, nation and abroad; and
- Dr. Paino has shown great courage and phenomenal management of resources through one of the most difficult and lean budget times experienced by the University; and
- Despite the difficulty of the topic, Dr. Paino always believed in and promoted open communication, whether during monthly coffee with the president, all university meetings or many campus emails; and
- As an example of acting as a caring family member to the Truman community at large, Dr. Paino attended a Delta Phi Epsilon Dads weekend event with a young lady whose Dad could not participate; and
- Often times, Dr. Paino makes himself available to Truman students and can be spotted chatting and hanging out with students at campus events, as he is both professionally and personally interested in their success; and
- Dr. Paino has discussed countless University issues with student groups, has meet weekly with the President and Vice President of the Student Government, and has come to Student Government meetings to provide his direct assistance and guidance; and
- Through his videos which express excitement on the Truman students' return to campus and his sadness when students are away during breaks, Dr. Paino has shown his humor, care, and kindness to all Truman students while simultaneously becoming a celebrity; and

- To date, students have affectionately referred to President Paino as “T-Pain” since his time as the Provost, a title that took on further likeness and went wild after Dr. Paino announced that “T-Pain has some bling” upon receiving his President’s medallion during his installation ceremony on September 17, 2010; and
- News of Dr. Paino’s Truman departure has caused riots of all emotions in the hearts, lives, and social media accounts of students, such as “YikYak,” where Truman students and Mary Washington students have been brought together through the Truman students’ love for Dr. Paino and Mary Washington students’ excitement for Dr. Paino; and
- Similarly to Spike the Truman mascot, throughout Dr. Paino’s presidency he has become an additional face of the University, as many items such as t-shirts, buttons, and “flat Paino’s” have been created to carry his captivating spirit and presence with us, quite literally; and
- Dr. Paino’s child-like energy has been playfully illustrated as he wheeled around campus on a tricycle for a number of occasions; and
- On July 1, 2016, Dr. Paino will be leaving Truman to become the 10th President of the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Virginia, a sister public liberal arts university that is only 50 miles away from Kelly’s family in Arlington, Virginia; and
- Alumni have come together to create a fund honoring President and Kelly Paino’s generosity of spirit that has improved the University, which will be called the “Troy and Kelly Paino Emergency Student Relief Fund” and will provide financial assistance to students facing economic difficulties; and
- Dr. Paino’s strong sense of purpose has made him the perfect steward for successfully advancing the University’s mission--one that leads to the advancement of knowledge; freedom of thought and inquiry; and the personal, social and intellectual growth of Truman students;
- Dr. Troy D. Paino and Kelly Paino have been loved and treasured by not only members of the Truman community, but also the Kirksville community, and their impact on the University will undoubtedly continue to influence others as college campuses turn into college families, ultimately making our world a better place--one liberal arts college at a time.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

- That the Student Government encourages Truman students to donate \$1 or more at painoproud.truman.edu to the Paino Proud “Troy and Kelly Paino Emergency Student Relief Fund” before the deadline, May 7th, 2016, so Truman alumnae will contribute to the \$1,000 or more with an additional \$10,000 to the fund;
- Encourages Truman alumni and friends to donate as well, seeing that donations from alumni and friends will be matched dollar for dollar up to \$30,000; and

- Recommends that in the future, the Truman Board of Governors considers renaming “West Campus Suites” to “Paino Suites” to honor his legacy and love for Truman State University; and
- That the Student Government, on behalf of the Student Association, express their sincerest gratitude for Dr. Troy D. Paino and Mrs. Kelly Paino’s dedication, passion, service and love for Truman State University and wish the two of them and their family all the best in pursuit of future endeavors.

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY DIRECTS THAT,

- Additional copies of this resolution are distributed to the members on the Truman State University Board of Governors; Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, Sue Thomas; Executive Assistant to the President, Traci Hill; Receptionists/ Administrative Assistant, Kristin Kennedy; Administrative Assistant in Administration, Finance and Planning, Arletta Nelson; Corporate Relations/Major Gifts Officer, Suzanne Barnes; Coordinator of Operations, Diane Bloskovich; Planned Giving Officer, Brad Chambers; Coordinator of Alumni Relations, Tyler George; Advancement Secretary, Bethany Gibson; Grants/ Foundation Accountant, Terrie Howard; Director of Development and Interim Co-Director, Charles Hunsaker; Annual Fund Officer, Chad Kennerk; Manager of Foundation Scholarships, Becky Pike; Director of Alumni Relations and Interim Co-Director, Denise Smith; Manager of the Annual Fund, Stacy Tucker-Potter; Research Specialist, Cindy Woods; Gifts Processing Secretary, Carolyn Wriedt; Director of Public Relations, Heidi Templeton; Public Relations Coordinator/ Alumni Publications, Travis Miles; Web Writer/Editor, Deanna Rood; Publications Manager/Sr. Graphic Designer, Teresa Wheeler; Truman Alumnae Linda Miller (70’) and Colleen Ritchie (‘84); the Public Relations Office of University of Mary Washington; the Truman Media Network; the Office of Special Collections; and the household of Dr. Troy D. Paino.

Passed on April 24, 2016

By Unanimous Consent

Molly Ann Turner

President of the Student Association