

TRUMAN STUDENT GOVERNMENT



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MISSION STATEMENT

The Truman State University Student Government is committed to the continual betterment of the University community from the perspective of the Student Association. To this end, the Student Government strives to:

ACTIVELY participate in the fulfillment of the University's mission as an exemplary Public Liberal Arts and Sciences University,

REPRESENT the views of the Student Association in the formulation of University policy through legislation and membership on University committees,

FACILITATE communication and mutual understanding between the Student Association, faculty, staff, and administration, and

PROMOTE a cohesive vision for the future of the University.

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT PAINO



I want to thank Student Government President Drew Paulman and Vice President Molly Turner for the opportunity to communicate directly with the students in this way. I think this newsletter is a great idea to help keep students informed about what is happening in Student Government. I hope you take advantage of it.

I oftentimes get the sense that the vast majority of students do not pay attention to the work of their Student Government. Given your busy schedules with classes, extracurricular activities, and more, it is understandable. However, I think that Student Government is an important part of your education at Truman. That does not mean you have to serve on Student Senate to take advantage of this learning experience, but I think you should at the very least pay attention to it and get involved when issues important to you are debated.

Students often ask where they can go to express their concerns or make suggestions on something they think Truman should do. My answer is almost always, "Talk to a student senator and get it on the Student Government agenda." I meet weekly with President Paulman and Vice President Turner to discuss what is happening in Student Senate. This is the most direct way I can learn about the concerns of students so that we can work together to make Truman better. In future communications I will share some of the accomplishments during my presidency that could not have happened without this collaboration.



Every Friday is a Purple Friday! Wear purple and you may receive a prize from one of our senators!

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Truman Student Government

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT ANDREW PAULMAN



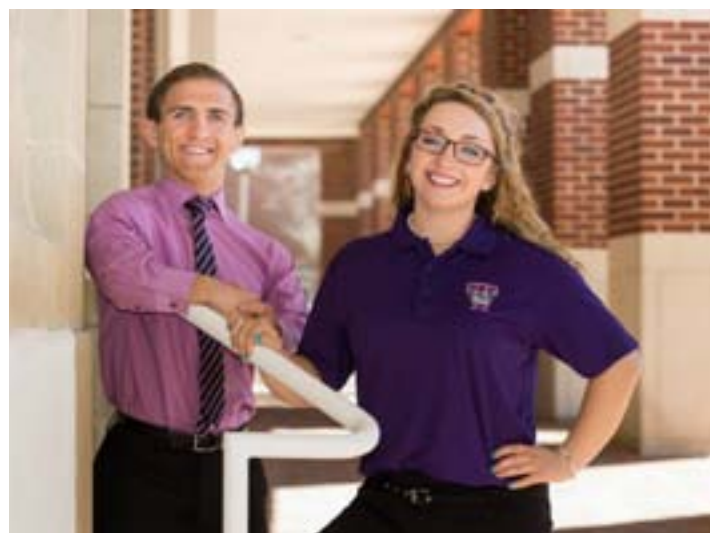
I would like to thank you all for taking the time to read the Student Government newsletter. We have been working hard this year on a number of policy changes as well as fun activities to help serve you. We have decided to make this newsletter because we believe it is important that students know how they are being served. After this first newsletter we hope that one will be sent out each semester to make sure that in the future students are well aware of how their representatives are serving them. Again thank you very much for taking the time to read what we are up to and if you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me or any other member of the Student Government.

MESSAGE FROM VICE PRESIDENT MOLLY TURNER

Serving as the Vice President of Student Government has been a wonderful privilege. I would like the Student Body to know that we want to hear from you. There is a saying "teamwork makes the dream work." I believe this with all my heart! So, if you're still on the bench, get in the game —your Student Government needs you!



RECORD BREAKING ELECTION RESULTS ARE IN



With 2,118 students voting in this year's election, Truman students have set a new record of student participation for the Student Government Elections. After the ballot count, it was determined that Molly Turner will serve as the new Student Body president and Jeremy Dorrell will serve as the Student Body vice president for the 2015-2016 school year (pictured on left). Turner and Dorrell were recently sworn in and are currently working on choosing an executive cabinet to serve the student body for next year. All ballot initiatives passed for this election as well. More information can be found online at senate.truman.edu about these changes. A complete list of all elected positions can be found below.

EXECUTIVE & FAC

President: Molly Turner
 Vice President: JJ Dorrell
 FAC Chair: Taylor Schulz
 FAC Rep: Krista Davis
 FAC Treasurer: Maren Eriksen-Russo

Senators

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| - Henrio Thelemaque | - Jacob Breese | - Chris Hornsey |
| - Chade Shorten | - Elizabeth Condon | - Wyatt Mansell |
| - Greg Jochems | - Kyra Cooper | - Paul Moe |
| - Amanda Trosen | - Christine Gooch | - Rachael Palmer |
| - Kayla Gunter | - Cory Hogan | - Benjamin Terrell |

COMMITTEE UPDATES

SEXUAL ASSAULT



The #BeTheOne campaign was hosted on campus this semester to raise awareness about the issue of sexual assault. The committee produced a video and photo campaign that can be found on our Facebook page.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS



The External Affairs Committee worked with the Truman State University Public Relations Department to organize Truman at the Capitol. This event allowed students to speak to legislators about funding higher education.

STUDENT AFFAIRS



The Student Affairs Committee put on Student Appreciation Weekend to celebrate students. Prizes were given away all weekend including 2 ipad minis and bookstore apparel.

DIVERSITY



Diversity Week was held on campus this semester to promote raising awareness of minority groups on campus.

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS



Recently winning Committee of the Year, the Environmental Affairs group hosted Earth Week on campus to raise awareness about taking care of our Earth. Additionally, the group created the newly adopted sustainability fee.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS



The Academic Banquet of 2015 was hosted recognizing Educator of the Year: Don Krause; Department of the Year: Communication Disorders; and Research Mentor of the Year: Sal Costa.