

Appropriations Committee Report

Rules Regarding the Appropriations Process

Student Government Appropriations funding is available to full-time students and CSI chartered campus organizations in good standing. The purpose of this funding is to aid in the implementation of programs on and off Truman's campus that embody the mission and/or values of Truman State University.

Committee Meeting Review Process

The Appropriations Committee reviews applications from students and student organizations. The committee chair will share the applications received with members of the committee. Then the members of the committee will meet and discuss the application and whether or not student senate should fund it. Questions will be given to the chairperson who will then ask the applicant. If the committee decides to approve an application the chairperson will then share it with the speaker, who will put it on the Agenda for the next general body meeting. At the meeting the chairperson will motion to discuss the appropriations slate and will explain the general details of the application and why the committee approved it. Then the senate will discuss and vote to approve funding, or not, for the application.

August 2016-December 2016

- Reviewed 6 applications
 - 1 did not get committee approval
 - 5 passed

January 2017-April 2017

- Reviewed 13 applications
 - 2 did not get committee approval
 - 1 did not get passed by the body
 - 10 passed
 - 3 capstone projects/projects
 - Prescription drug abuse Awareness
 - Men's Health Awareness
 - Mental Health Awareness
 - Administrative professionals day
 - 2 off campus events
 - College Democrats, Democrat Days
 - Serve Center Alternative Spring Break
 - 4 on campus (non-capstone) events

- Movie showing, Diversity Week
- Sights and Sounds, Black History Months
- Glow-Stick-it-to cancer 5k
- Hackathon, Association for computing Machinery

Committee Recommendations for Future

One of the difficulties that the Committee came across this year was low attendance at general meetings. With low attendance and rule complications it was more difficult to pass some slates. In the future I would recommend the Appropriations Chair clarify the procedure for voting on slates and work to support measures on the body that try to improve attendance of the body. The chair should also support measure that would make voting more efficient.

The primary flaw with the Appropriations process is lack of awareness from the student body. We are ending the 2016-2017 school year with more than \$3000 dollars unspent out of the committee's yearly budget of \$10,000. This is \$3000 dollars that could have been spent supporting student organizations and improving the college experience of our fellow students. In the future committee chairs should work to promote awareness of the service that the Appropriations Committee can provide. There are a lot of students that do not know that the Appropriations Committee even exists. It is likely that some of those students could really be helped by student government, in funding the events of their organizations or capstone projects. I believe that next year the committee should take a small amount of its budget and spend it on advertising, informing students what the Appropriations Committee is and how it can help fund student organizations and projects(as well as how to apply).

Overall, I am very proud of the work that the Appropriations Committee has done since I have been chairman, and throughout the semester before I was chairman. I would like to thank JJ, Chester, Jesse, and Robert for their work on the committee.

Andy Ferrini
Appropriations Chairman January 2017-April 2017