

Student Government Resolution 117.003
A Resolution in Support of Establishing a Permanent International Flag Display on
Truman’s Campus
Sponsored by Kyra Cooper, Student Government President; Sarah Holtmeyer, Student
Government Vice-President

WHEREAS,

- The Student Government is the official governing body of the Student Association and exists to represent the present and long term best interests of the Student Association in the formulation of the University policy and in the fulfillment of the University mission; and
- Former University President Troy Paino formed the Committee to Develop a University Strategic Plan for Inclusive Excellence in December 2015, co-chaired by Jamie Ball (Institutional Compliance) and John Gardner (Residence Life), with membership from administrators, faculty, staff, and students¹; and
- This Committee created the Strategic Plan for Inclusive Excellence² which was given by Interim University President Sue Thomas to the Inclusive Excellence Strategic Plan Implementation Committee to be put into place³; and
- The Strategic Plan for Inclusive Excellence Strategy #3 for improving the campus environment is to “display the values of diversity and inclusiveness throughout campus in acknowledgement and support of all the communities of Truman”⁴; and
- ‘Tactic A’ under Strategy #3 is to “create a prominent permanent International Flag Display” on Truman State University’s campus in the Pickler Memorial Library^{5 6}; and
- In the 2015 academic year, Student Government members Zach Hollstrom, Diversity Chair; Jessie Poole, Senator; Drew Paulman, President; and Molly Turner, Vice-President made preparatory efforts for a display representing the diverse student body by honoring the international students on Truman’s campus⁷; and
- In the 2016-2017 academic year, Christy Crouse, Vice-President; and Cory Hogan, Diversity Chair, furthered their efforts by authoring a resolution that passed the body. Due to budgetary restraints, President Kyra Cooper vetoed the project with the intent of securing tangential funding in the upcoming academic year in order to complete the project; and
- In the Fall 2017 semester, President Kyra Cooper and Vice-President Sarah Holtmeyer secured funding for this completed project; and

¹ A Resolution in Support of Funding a Permanent International Flag Display (Crouse)

² <http://www.truman.edu/strategic-plan-for-inclusive-excellence>

³ A Resolution in Support of Funding a Permanent International Flag Display (Crouse)

⁴ <http://www.truman.edu/strategic-plan-for-inclusive-excellence>

⁵ <http://www.truman.edu/strategic-plan-for-inclusive-excellence>

⁶ A Resolution in Support of Funding a Permanent International Flag Display (Crouse)

⁷ A Resolution in Support of Building Flagpoles for International Flags and Building Multilingual Maps on Truman State’s Campus (Hollstrom)

- The Center for International Students, the Multicultural Affairs Center, the Study Abroad Office, the Recreation Center, Greek Life, the President’s Office, the Admissions Office, the Student Union Building, Residence Life, the Advancement Office, the Classical and Modern Languages Department, and the Student Affairs Office all had representation in planning this project, showing support from communities across the campus in the creation of this permanent International Flag Display; and
- Student Government represents the campus as a whole and works to celebrate its diversity; and
- The students of Truman State University wish to express their welcome and appreciation of the benefits international students bring to the campus⁸; and
- In the 2017-2018 academic year, 403 international students representing 44 countries are present on Truman’s campus; and
- The community of international students on campus greatly benefits the Truman State University student body by adding perspectives and insights to the campus environment; and
- An international flag display would require 60 aluminum flagpole brackets, with an approximate cost of \$7.95 each; 60 fiberglass poles with an approximate cost of \$15 each; 180 clear plastic rings, with an approximate cost of \$1 each; 44 flags with an approximate cost of \$50 each; a plaque with an approximate cost of \$100; and a singular maintenance cost of \$1,500.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT,

- Supports the purchase by Student Senate of a prominent, permanent International Flag Display on Truman State University’s campus in accordance with the list of 44 countries represented by international students as provided by the Center for International Students; and
- Moves to spend no more than \$2,500.00 from Student Government’s budget on the installation of the display by the end of December 2017; and
- Will transfer responsibility of the maintenance and upkeep of the International Flag Display to the Center for International Students after its establishment; and
- Thanks the following sponsors: Dr. Lucy Lee and the Classical and Modern Languages Department, Dave Rector and Campus Planning, President Sue Thomas and the President’s Office, LouAnn Gilchrist and the Student Affairs Office, Susan Limestall and the Recreation Center, John Gardner and Residence Life, Carol Bennett and the Multicultural Affairs Center, the Study Abroad Department, Laura Bates and the Student Union Building Staff and Greek Life, Melanee Crist and the Center for International Students, and the following individuals for their personal donations: Dave Lusk, Brad and Melody Chambers, Regina Morin, and Melanee Crist.

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT DIRECTS THAT,

⁸ A Resolution in Support of Funding a Permanent International Flag Display (Crouse)

Additional copies of this resolution be disseminated to President Sue Thomas; the Truman State University Board of Governors; Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, Janet Gooch; Vice President of Student Affairs, Lou Ann Gilchrist; Director of Residence Life, John Gardner; Chair of the Classical and Modern Languages Department, Dr. Lucy Lee; the Truman State University Study Abroad Department; Director of Campus Recreation, Susan Limestall; Assistant Dean of Multicultural Affairs, Carol Bennett; Co-Chairs of the Inclusive Excellence Committee, Jay Bulen and Michael Bazemore; Director of the Student Union and Campus Activities, Laura Bates; Director of the Center for International Students, Melanee Crist; Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Director of the University Career Center, Dave Lusk; Brad and Melody Chambers; Regina Morin; Truman Media Network; and the University Archives.