



**Student Government Resolution 117.0015**

**A Resolution for Reconditioning the Library Pit**

**Sponsored by Lauren Hogan, Student Affairs Committee Chair; Isaac Hampton, Voting Senator; Kathleen Placke, Associate Senator; Adam Moran, Associate Senator; and Jessie Dias, Student**

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
- A pit exists south of the library that has been a source of recent inquiry among the student body; and
- While the Library Pit's intended purpose was to provide light to the library offices in the basement and as a service entrance for library deliveries, the service elevator is no longer functional and until last year the area was closed off, so neither students nor other services were utilizing the space; and
- While the Student Affairs Committee found several potential origins of the Library Pit, all seemed to be somewhat peculiar and relatively unnecessary, leading the Student Affairs Committee to pursue alternative uses for the Library Pit;<sup>1</sup> and
- Since the Library Pit's creation, there have been a number of student organizations that have attempted to provide a purpose for the otherwise dull space, but none have brought their projects to fruition; and<sup>2</sup>
- It is the objective of the Student Affairs Committee of Student Government to construct a new, warm, and inviting space for students to converse, study, and showcase student art on Truman's campus; and
- Prospective students will hopefully see this space as an appealing piece of Truman's unique character, instead of questioning the Library Pit's purpose; and
- The Student Affairs Committee will be holding a contest beginning Monday, February 26, 2018, to find the best design for the mosaic for the Library Pit wall; and
- On Monday, February 26, the Student Affairs Committee will be launching a campus-wide contest for the mosaic to be constructed by Professor Wynne Wilbur's advanced ceramics class; and
- The mosaic, according to Professor Wilbur, will likely be 2' x 2'; and
- The piece will be a standalone design with the potential of being added onto in the future; and

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<sup>1</sup> <http://digitallibrary.truman.edu/cgi-bin/library.cgi?e=q-01000-00---off-0echo--00-1----0-10-0---0---0direct-10---4---Sec-0--0-11--11-en-50---20-about-library+pit--00-3-1-00-0-0-11-0-OutfZz-8-00&a=d&c=echo&cl=&d=doc000018.31.fc>

<sup>2</sup> <http://digitallibrary.truman.edu/cgi-bin/library.cgi?e=q-01000-00---off-0echo--00-1----0-10-0---0---0direct-10---4---Sec-0--0-11--11-en-50---20-about-library+pit--00-3-1-00-0-0-11-0-OutfZz-8-00&a=d&c=echo&cl=&d=doc000002.13.fc>

- The contest will conclude on Monday, March 5, and then the Student Affairs Committee will pick the winning design; and
- The project will take approximately one month to finish the mosaic design; and
- Professor Wilbur would be interested in continuing this project in the future, however details will be defined after this inaugural period; and
- The Intro to the Visual Art class, ART 203, taught by Professor Danielle Yakle, will complete a sculpture for the Library Pit; and
- In order for her class to have freedom of artistic expression, an integral component in her class, the class of twenty-five students are split into groups and will present project proposals to the class; and
- As a class, they voted on their favorite project proposal on Friday, February 23, and this is the sculpture idea with which they will move forward; and
- Student Government Representatives were there for project proposal presentation and voting; and
- The winning design for the sculpture in the Library Pit is a solar system; and
- The sculpture for the Library Pit will take the remainder of the semester to complete; and
- The Student Affairs Committee compiled these points in a professional proposal in the Spring 2018 semester.<sup>3</sup>

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT,

- Wants to give use and purpose to an unused, dull, and lackluster space on Truman's campus; and
- Gives Truman students the opportunity to showcase their art on campus, therefore leaving a legacy that can be continued by future classes; and
- Sponsors the creation of art that can be appreciated from within the Library Pit, as well as from above so students who are unable to go down there can also admire the space; and
- Directs the Visual Arts class led by Professor Danielle Yakle to create a sculpture for the Library Pit; and
- Gives \$350 from the Paint the Pit funds allocated in the budget, to Professor Danielle Yakle class to help cover the costs of the sculpture; and
- Directs the Advanced Ceramics class led by Professor Wynne Wilbur to bring to life the design for the mosaic that will go on the Library Pit wall; and
- Gives \$300 from the Paint the Pit funds allocated in the budget, to Professor Wynne Wilbur's class to help cover the costs of the mosaic for the Library Pit wall.

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT DIRECTS THAT,

Additional copies of this resolution be disseminated to President Sue Thomas; Truman State University Board of Governors; Vice President of Student Affairs, Janna Stoskopf; Vice President for Administration, Finance and Planning, Dave Rector; Campus Planner, Lori Shook; Associate Dean of Libraries for Research & Instruction, Janet Romine; Visiting Assistant Professor of Art, Sculpture and Fibers, Professor Danielle Yakle; Professor of Art, Ceramics, Professor Wynne Wilbur; the Truman Media Network; and University Archives.

Passed by Unanimous Consent on 3/4/2018

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Kyra Cooper". The signature is written in dark ink and is centered on the page.

President of the Student Association, Kyra Cooper