



Student Government Resolution 117.0014

A Resolution to Provide a Permanent Solution to Provide Glass Recycling Collection and Transportation Services

Sponsored by Jared Kolok, Environmental Affairs Committee Chair; Caleb DeWitt, Ingrid Erickson, and Mira Basuino, Environmental Affairs Committee Members

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
- In 2003, the University received a grant from the State of Missouri Region C Solid Waste Management District to purchase a glass grinder for the local community to have the option to recycle glass;¹ and
- The City of Kirksville actively collects glass across the city on a monthly basis for a one time cost of \$3.99;² and
- The recycling program, run by Truman, was suspended until December 2016 by university administration due to limitations on staffing and resources;³ and
- Student Government proposed a pilot program intended to maintain glass recycling in the community through students who would voluntarily bring glass back to major cities where it can be properly processed and disposed of;⁴ and
- Since December 2016, the Environmental Affairs Committee has been responsible for appointing organizations to collect recycled glass from each of the residence halls and deliver it to a centralized location to be cleaned and moved to the recycling facility;⁵ and
- Recently, Liam Hazen, former Environmental Affairs chair, had taken over the collection and transport of the glass to the recycling facility off-campus; and
- The Environmental Affairs Committee and Student Government can no longer maintain such a commitment to the ongoing success of the glass recycling program; and
- Communications with environmental organizations, volunteer organizations, and the Sustainability Office are ongoing to work out a permanent and and sustainable solution; and
- The Environmental Affairs Committee has closely communicated with the Sustainability Office about the creation of a scholarship job for Fall 2018.

¹ <https://wasteadvantagemag.com/the-city-of-kirksvilles-glass-recycling-program-is-off-to-a-strong-start-in-its-first-year/>

² <http://www.kirksvillecity.com/trash>

³ ibid

⁴ <http://senate.truman.edu/standing-committees/environmental-affairs/glass-recycling-project/>

⁵ <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1IwvgBzIce4hKTJ9caY-5Ia5p19YpFcJTM0ZwyG0g6XA/edit#gid=985761089>

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT,

- Recognizes the importance of the glass recycling program and its positive effects on sustainable efforts around campus and the general positivity the student body has given to the program; and
- Directs the Sustainability Office to create a scholarship hour position for an interested student to fulfill the demands of the glass recycling program by the beginning of the Fall 2018 semester; and
- Suggests the scholarship position consists of the collection of glass from all residence halls and transportation to the recycling facility off-campus; and
- Hopes the creation of a permanent scholarship position available through the Sustainability Office allows the Environmental Affairs Committee to focus its resources more broadly; and
- Directs, in the interim period, that volunteer and environmental organizations around campus collect and transport the glass to off campus facilities;⁶⁷⁸. and
- Shall use an existing roster from the Fall 2017 semester as a contact list for organizations willing to volunteer their time, energy, and resources to the campus wide program; and
- Hopes the permanent measure provides lasting stability for the glass recycling program regardless of changes in Student Government membership and organizational leadership; and
- Directs the glass recycling program to continue its operations in response to overall positive feedback from the student body who enjoy, utilize, and rely on the program for a healthier and cleaner campus and Kirksville community.

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; Donna Liss, Chair of the President's Sustainability Action Committee; Karl Schneider and Dave Rector, Physical Plant; William Nelson, Coordinator for Residence Life; Project Planner and Coordinator, Lori Shook; The Sustainability Office; Environmental Campus Organization; Alpha Phi Omega; Beta Beta Beta; Phi Sigma Pi; Blue Key; Nana Ohemang; Truman Media Network; and the University Archives.

Approved by Unanimous Consent on 2/25/18



President of the Student Association, Kyra Cooper

⁶ https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1h04CoagJCQkj41hblMiF7Z69kvZ3kemr_olgLqdCOXc/edit#gid=0

⁷ <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ZDmcQWFAABBE1mu07dTKBP5ml6xRAqhXklfSTLQUZys/edit#gid=0>

⁸ https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1sBjB8-1bcWe_1JfmWyxkCnfspcdl9h5cH90MrfEMf-4/edit#gid=634347005

