

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT
GENERAL MEETING
April 14, 2013**

I. Preliminary Items

- a. Roll Call
- b. Approval of minutes
- c. Changes to the Agenda
 - i. Add a budget change from External Affairs to Purple Friday Committee (Simek)
 - ii. Resolution in support of guidelines for changes to grants and sponsorships (Gordon)
 - iii. Replacement of Section 18 of Standing Rules (Gordon)
 - iv. Resolution for funding for a new senate computer (Foley)
 - v. Money Motion for signs for publicity (Poole)
- d. Gallery Introductions/Business
 - i. Emma- new SAB rep
 - ii. Blair- will be new purple Friday rep, purple Friday president
 - 1. looking to have a vice president from the student government body to handle technicalities
 - iii. Dan- new Index Rep
 - iv. Paige- Index!
- e. Membership Appointments/Resignations
- f. Oath of Office

II. Other Reports

- a. Athletic Fee Committee (McGruder)
 - i. Renovate locker rooms for track and field—a lot of lockers have rotted bottoms, making them useless (about \$50,00)
 - ii. New hammer cage/door net for track and field (about \$20,000)
 - iii. Has a list of people for Chairman and a variety of other positions that will be open (a lot of them!)

III. Auxiliary Reports

- a. Speaker of the Student Senate
- b. Student Representative to the Board of Governors
 - i. BOG met last Saturday, Alumnae met, and Foundation Board met this past weekend
 - ii. Yearly advancement report- things are pretty much going well
 - 1. plans to begin a new capital campaign with the ultimate goal of increase the foundations assets to \$100 million by 2020, currently we're at about \$30 million
 - a. Will begin around 2014
 - iii. Faculty Senate report
 - 1. not too much to report from here...
 - iv. Finance Committee—rebonding housing bonds from 2004 to take advantage of lower interest rates
 - 1. refunded about \$28 million in bonds

- 2. between now and 2034, it will save about \$4.8 million
 - v. Approved about \$900,000 for exterior renovations of Kirk Memorial, which is definitely falling apart
 - vi. Concrete renovations
 - vii. \$365,000 for baseball and softball field (mostly from athletic fee fund)
 - viii. Hardware and software purchasing of video technology for the hearing & speech clinic
 - ix. Tuition was raise 1.7%, inline with inflation
 - 1. can't raise tuition over this CPI
 - x. Approved iTech fee
 - xi. Foundation Board- most of the way to funding for the planetarium, and hope to open it within 6-9 months
- c. Faculty Advisor
 - i. Good luck to everyone who is running
 - ii. make sure funding from grants and sponsorships is going through!
- d. Staff Advisor
 - i. Thanks Hannah for a great job at Truman at the Capitol
 - ii. Thanks David and his committee for the good job with Academic Accolades
 - iii. Sporting an Eldridge tie knot. SWEET SHTUFF!
- e. Academic Affairs
 - i. Thanks for everyone who came and helped out
 - ii. Lots of thank you's and congratulations
- f. External Affairs
 - i. Thanks for everyone who came to Truman at the Capitol
 - ii. Not be a sour puss- disappointed in senate- a lot of people dropped out at the last moment
 - 1. **Next Year DON'T DO THAT**
 - 2. Recommends that there needed to be a threshold number, otherwise there shouldn't be money that goes into it
 - iii. Malin- may be approaching a point where we are putting in more money than we are getting out of it
 - iv. Gott- was able to get a lot out of it, including working with reps to work in the joint committee on education, and to work with Dr. Paino on the funding formula
 - v. Malin- the day that Truman at the Capitol, the funding formula that will cause great harm to Truman passed out of committee, which it wasn't supposed to do
- g. Environmental Affairs
 - i. Absent
- h. Student Affairs
 - i. A couple people never responded for prizes for Student Appreciation week, so they got new winners and will be getting rid of the sweatshirts in the office
 - ii. Elections start tomorrow. Katherine and him are the only ticket for President/VP

- i. Diversity Chair
 - i. Semi-Successful diversity week. a few successes and a few drop outs
 - ii. supposed to have great weather, then it snowed a little
 - iii. Diversity week is becoming diversity month
 - iv. Might take extra money into a diversity prize kind of thing
 - v. Idea for a “people of new york” kind of thing implemented here on Truman, with signs
- j. Grants and Sponsorships
 - i. DSP was seeking funding for an event in August, but he is going to pass it along to the next committee
 - ii. BUT there is a fear that there might not be an appointed committee before the event is supposed to happen
 - iii. going to conduct it via email
- k. Purple Friday
 - i. Money motion later for 2 events at the end of year
 - ii. Purple Friday bash and **snocones!**
- l. Comm Director
 - i. Campus photographer will be here next Sunday to photograph everyone
 - ii. Looking into new publicity methods
 - iii. working on the bulldog business partnerships—IT WILL HAPPEN
- m. Webmaster
 - i. No Report
- IV. Executive Reports**
 - a. Treasurer
 - b. Secretary
 - i. Cole Haugen resigned
 - c. VP of the Student Association
 - i. Looking to pass his resolution and standing rules changes at the transition meeting next Sunday
 - ii. Good job Hannah and David, and Laura & John for Diversity Week
 - d. President of the Student Association
 - i. Bad news—SB 437 was passed out of the Education Committee
 - 1. this redoes funding allocation for higher ed
 - 2. it could kill Truman and it’s mission by focusing on head count
 - 3. This is really really important
 - 4. It wasn’t supposed to leave committee, and will be heard on the floor in the next few weeks
 - 5. if this passes, the University will no longer look the same (ask ANYONE in the administration)
 - 6. this will be the most important thing that will impact the university
 - ii. Events seem to have gone well over the past few weeks—thanks to everyone who has participated or helped out

- iii. Gott- new funding formula is based on amount of credit hours based on what cluster it is placed in (which depends on the discipline and difficulty of course)
 - 1. Because Truman requires tons of classes across disciplines and on the 100 level, it would destroy our funding competitiveness
- iv. Foley- what's the purpose, to redirect funding?
 - 1. Nixon asked for a concrete formula for how we would allocate funds for universities to the Senate Committee on Education
 - 2. So the chair of the committee created a formula (Senator Pearce)
- v. You should be alarmed. This is scary.

V. New Business

- a. Transfer \$500 from External Affairs to Purple Friday (Simek) [APPROVED]
- b. MM for PF End of Year Bash \$500 (Simek) [APPROVED]
 - i. Bash next Friday, with more food and things
 - 1. will be out on the quad
 - ii. giving out snocones
- c. Overhaul of Standing Rules (Gordon) [First Read]
 - i. Lots of changes here
 - ii. Requires $\frac{3}{4}$ to pass because it's a replacement of standing rules
 - iii. Gives president the authority to make a committee
 - iv. incorporates serve center
 - v. money is determined by student government in the budget, and by the committee for each individual gift
 - vi. 50% of budget goes to grants, 30% goes to sponsorships, and 20% goes to service learning
 - 1. to change this amount, a change to the standing rules would need to occur
- d. Resolution overhauling grants and sponsorships (Gordon)
 - i. 3 pages, although most is the same as last year
 - ii. will send a version tonight that shows what specifically got changed
 - iii. Sponsorships—added that no one can spend more than \$100 per person up to the total amount laid out by the committee
 - 1. in order to make it more standardized and less up in the air
 - 2. to give specific information to people who are applying
 - iv. Polwort- totally on board with everything that's been mentioned so far
 - v. Wants people to read it—has already found errors, and would really like to have this ready to go for the next body
- e. Resolution for new Computer for \$878.58 (Foley) [FIRST READ]
 - i. our computer is horrible and obsolete
 - ii. WINDOWS 7 DESKTOP ERMERGERD!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
 - iii. Will they transfer files? ASK THEM YAY!
 - iv. Direct to the Dean and President Paino
- f. Money Motion for \$250 on Publicity Materials (Poole)
 - i. rented sandwich boards, printed huge posters

- ii. these were extremely effective, and would like to purchase 2 sandwich boards for this project
- iii. also chalk!

VI. Announcements

Laura was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi tonight!!!!!!

Domonique- has a folder of everything she has used, and will leave it with us