

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT
GENERAL MEETING
September 9, 2012**

I. Preliminary Items

- a. Roll Call
- b. Changes to the Agenda
- c. Gallery Introductions/Business- YAY FRESHMAN!
 - c.i. Aaron G.
 - c.ii. Jordan R.
 - c.iii. Alexa P.
 - c.iv. Emily V.
 - c.v. Phillip S.
- d. Membership Appointments
- e. Oath of Office

II. Executive Reports

- a. President of the Student Association
 - a.i. REVOLUTIONARY YEAR!
 - a.ii. Aaron said a lot of things. If you want the list...take a look at the Ex Comm minutes from last Thursday. There is no need for me type it twice.
 - a.iii. Wet tailgating went splendidly yesterday WHOO!
 - a.iv. Stephen works for DPS and would be more than willing to talk about his experiences
- b. VP of the Student Association
 - b.i. Retreat is September 23 from 12-3 (first meeting after elections) in the conference room with the awesome fancy chairs that also happens to be FREEZING
 - b.ii. Working on a community partnership program in order to bolster relationships with community businesses
 - b.iii. Want to improve relationships with SAB and FAC relationship so we can hosts parties together and stuff
 - b.iv. Hold a student appreciation week hopefully right before elections. cuz we appreciate students, right?
 - b.v. Grants and sponsorships committee has about \$10,000 to give away (which I vote just goes to me. Any objections?)
 - b.vi. Looking to continue growing the shining stars committee
 - b.vii. 3 somewhat new committees:
 - b.vii.1. Fundraising committee (working on getting alumnae to give to a specific project)
 - b.vii.2. Purple Fridays committee- will need a student rep
 - b.vii.3. Service Board committee- will need a senate rep
- c. Secretary
 - c.i. Contact sheet- your email address will serve as your log in to the computer for your office hours in a super simple process!

- c.ii. Make sure you sign up your office hours- you are required to serve one hour a week
- c.iii. Don't get an unexcused absence and get kicked off the awesomeness that is senate. Text me (636-484-2291) or email tsusenateabsence@gmail.com
- d. Treasurer
 - d.i. Total budget is \$55k
 - d.ii. Working on the working budget- if you have any questions or thoughts, let her know!

III. Auxiliary Reports

- a. Speaker of the Student Senate
 - a.i. Elections are coming up! Make sure you get the word out
 - a.ii. If you were appointed last semester, you have to run again in the fall elections to remain a voting senator
- b. Student Representative to the Board of Governors
 - b.i. 2 board meetings over the summer and these guys got busy!!!
 - b.ii. In June, Academic Student affairs committee discussed the non-discrimination policy, the policy did pass out of committee, but the Board will not vote on it until the upcoming meeting
 - b.iii. Approved projects: Franklin street power relocation progress (run the power lines underground), carpets in Barnett, sound system in Pershing, request to Board of Higher Education for deferred maintenance (for \$117 million- though we have no receive any money from the fund in years), union agreement, and budgets for 2013 which is available online; roofing on the McKinney Center, Pershing arena and small gym window, Rec Center floor refinishing, state funds appropriation request (\$45 million- a 14% increase from this year- all of this will also most likely not be given)
 - b.iv. Dean Gilchrist- talked about Educational Benchmark assessment results (survey done over Student opinions on ResLife, Greek Life, Student Union, and Campus Climate)
 - b.iv.1. Will send results out on the ListServ
 - b.v. Audit Report, Legislative consultants, and the nondiscrimination policy were all discussed at the last meeting
 - b.vi. May want to get involved in the cigarette tax in November
 - b.vii. **Has been in contact with other student reps, so if you want to get in contact with any of them let him know!**
 - b.viii. Foundation board raised \$3.3 million
- c. Faculty Advisor
 - c.i. Fun Fact- saw President Paino at a triathlon at Thousand Hills!
- d. Staff Advisor
 - d.i. You were very well represented during Truman Week, yeah!
 - d.ii. If you need money, good luck. Jokes, but we're getting a new person who deals with money, so talk to Sarah ASAP if you need to move money

- d.iii. Laura doesn't know everyone. ☹ ☹ Introduce yourself and make new friends!
- d.iv. Dr. Shaw will looking with Academic, Environmental, and External committees as contact points
- d.v. You have to have a 2.75 GPA, but she has to have your permission to check your grades cuz we have laws and stuff.
- e. Parking Appeals Chair
 - e.i. Allison Lammert
 - e.ii. Needs a committee- student at large and a voting senator so let her know if you wanna be on the committee! And you should want to be on the committee. It's quite easy and very flexible. And who WOULD'T wanna be on parking appeals?
- f. Academic Affairs
 - f.i. Working on: JINS bidding, asking the student body if there are any projects they are interested in
 - f.ii. At the undergraduate council meeting, they discussed the JINS bidding process and how to fix it. I would declare that a HUGE success because JINS bidding sounded like a terrible and nightmarish activity!
 - f.iii. Noted: David is a lot of fun.
- g. External Affairs
 - g.i. Small meeting on Wednesday at 8 so if you're interested you should go!
 - g.ii. Hannah is more fun than David. And quite a cutie!
- h. Environmental Affairs
 - h.i. Thanks Aaron for helping to delivery recycle bins—it's awesome that we got them out so early!
 - h.ii. One project he wants to instate- glass recycling
 - h.iii. Car-sharing program, student sustainability project, campus sustainability day in October
 - h.iv. Ryan's going to study abroad in the Spring, so if you're interested in being on the committee join up!
 - h.v. Get market on the mall off the ground and able to function on its own
- i. Student Affairs
 - i.i. No specific agenda yet
- j. Diversity Chair
 - j.i. Work with the Trevor Project
 - j.i.1. Training session to deal with crises
 - j.ii. Looking into various documentaries to raise awareness
 - j.iii. Want to improve upon Diversity Week
- k. Webmaster
 - k.i. Updated the website to Wordpress
 - k.ii. Send him your information and your committee information
 - k.iii. Or don't if you don't want to. But seriously, you should want your information online. To help people and things.

IV. Other Reports

- a. **Resignation-** Lauren Baker [Accepted]

- b. Guiding Coalition-** information will be released via email
- V. New Business**
 - a. Revised Standing Rules (Malin)**
 - a.i. The old standing rules were, to put it bluntly, awful. They were extremely messy and contradictory, and did not resemble how Senate actually operates
 - a.ii. Sent via email, and will be uploaded to the website—the old document is on the website so you can compare (and weep at the sadness that was the old Standing Rules)
 - a.iii. Requires 2/3 majority to adopt in the next 4 weeks. After that, it's a lot bigger majority so let's get this thing passed.
 - b. First Read of resolution Prop B (Malin)**
 - b.i. **MONEY MONEY MONEY MONEY MONEY**
 - b.ii. Looking to undo the past 3 years of budget cuts—one of the only chances for the state/higher ed to increase revenue in the few years
 - b.iii. Prop B is an increase on the tobacco tax (17 cent- last in the country)
 - b.iii.1. The average is \$1.49
 - b.iv. If it passes, it will add 73 cent to the tax (making new tax 90 cents, which is still below the average- 33rd in the US)
 - b.v. 30% of the tax must go to higher education—meaning Truman would raise between \$105-\$120 million just for higher ed every single year
 - b.v.1. This efficiently covers the \$100 million cut to higher ed over the past 3 years
 - b.vi. 2 goals: registration drive, and creating a connection with the other public universities in the state (13) by making every school pass a joint resolution
 - b.vii. Big tobacco companies are not getting involved on this initiative because they got a compromise worked out
 - b.viii. The way the initiative is written will not allow the state to pull money from old programs (hopefully)
 - c. First Read of resolution Voter Registration Drive (Malin)**
 - c.i. Want to register 500 voters in the next month from voters
 - c.ii. 2 halves to the project: getting people to register, and getting them to vote in November
 - c.iii. Truman registration numbers are horrible
 - c.iv. We are going to present the cards and make it as simple as possible for students to register
 - c.v. Local elections are extremely important to Truman and having people voting with Truman in mind will be very helpful to Truman State University
 - c.vi. Mike- collaborate with other organizations who are also working on voter registration drives
 - c.vii. Laura- give free stuff away to get people's attention
 - c.viii. We want to stay as non partisan as possible
 - c.ix. Erin- make sure if we do, we should train the people who are participating in the drives in order to accurately transfer information

- c.x. Michael- making sure the registration cards get sent in
- c.xi. Nely- placing a specific number with a drive like this can be high risk but also provide good motivation. So if you're going to fully support it, make sure you are willing to go all in to make the number go up

VI. Discussion Items

a. Voter Registration Drive Planning

- a.i. Malin- has large involvement with registration drives and has some ideas:
 - a.i.1. Register people on the spot
 - a.i.2. Turn in the registration cards ourselves
 - a.i.3. Go to the students- sit on the quad, in the SUB, walk through the dorms, stand outside the dining halls to give cards out as people walk in and take them back as they leave
 - a.i.4. Pre-verify forms to make sure no information is missing, and if there is we can contact the students before turning the forms in
- a.ii. Allison- going to the students is very important, but you should speak to ResLife first to avoid solicitation
- a.iii. Laura- please don't violate any policies that is going to get you in trouble
 - a.iii.1. IT has started going through certain information that you can and can't send over email
- a.iv. Erin- Go to org meetings and pass out voter reg cards
- a.v. Stephen- Work with SAB—ie people who are going to events can fill stuff out there
- a.vi. Laura- make sure people who are participating in the drive should be well versed in registering voters
- a.vii. Katherine- if you have a table, have some music!
- a.viii. Michael- if you contact SA's, you can go speak at their house meetings
- a.ix. Malin- school is legally required to give students options to register to vote
- a.x. Gordon- gallery- if you have comments you are more than welcome to speak
- a.xi. Hannah- if you work a whole month, it might be a small group of people who would be stuck with a lot of work, so maybe focus on a "power week"
- a.xii. Laura- make sure you remain non-partisan
 - a.xii.1. Malin- you will wear your student government nametags
- a.xiii. Michael- if the body accepts Prop B, you can endorse the proposition while registering
- a.xiv. Nely- Michael and Nely will take Grim; we may as well try to work with other groups on their drives to make sure everything is done right
- a.xv. Hannah- if you are helping to correct other groups, keep it private

- a.xvi. Michael- at the very least, we should work with the heads of other organizations to track things in private
- a.xvii. Nely- either none or all of the political organizations or other student groups should be involved
- a.xviii. Stephen- we should stay away from other political organizations; when we are being non-partisan we can put on polos and name tags, but by going out to work with orgs that are partisan would decrease the legitimacy of the drive
- a.xix. Jordan- not a good idea to work with partisan organizations, but because they are registering Truman Voters
- a.xx. Aaron- the implication of working with the orgs would be that you would be out on the quad, which wouldn't be as effective as working with ResLife specifically
- a.xxi. (Phillip)- you are more likely to get more voters because politicized parties will bring out people they already know, so by not being partisan you are able to reach a wider range of people
- a.xxii. Malin- the number of registration cards we turn in will be our total number because ours will be pre-verified

VII. Announcements

- a.** In discussion, raise your hand but make sure you are recognized before you speak
- b.** If you ask a direct questions, yield your time to the person you want to hear from
- c.** Laura- there is a student who has returned to finish her degree; she is a participant on a nationally televised weight loss show VH 1000 at 3pm; she will give a personal testimony about her experience; will have to sign a waiver if you go
- d.** Nely- CHECK YOUR EMAIL!!!!!!!!!!
- e.** Malin- Resolutions have been sent out, if you haven't got them yet they're on the website; votes will be next Sunday so let him know if you have more changes
- f.** Malin- fixed the clock, working for transfer students- Open forum next Wednesday September at 3:30 in the alumnae room—wear your polo and name tag—THERE WILL BE FOOD
- g.** Looking to pass the budget
- h.** Open steering ex comm meeting is Thursday at 5:30 in the CSI complex (THERE WILL BE FOOD)
- i.** Members for grants & sponsorship committee (will need 5)