**STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
January 23, 2011**

1. **Preliminary Items**
	1. Roll Call
	2. Changes to the Agenda
		1. add money motion to New Business (Blankers)
		2. add HIV resolution to New Business (Beard)
		3. move discussion item to before New Business (Slok)
	3. Gallery Introductions
	4. Membership Appointments
		1. Frankie Bruning as Student at Large on EOY committee- passed
	5. Oath of Office
2. **Executive Reports**
	1. President of the Student Association
3. Governor Nixon’s Budget Recommendation
	* 7% cut to higher ed
	* Asked Brett to have supporting this be the lobbying message for Truman at the Capitol
	* Will have a resolution in support next week—I’m still working on language
	* I made a budget update handout
4. University wide meeting
	* Paino hosting this on February 11 at 2:30
5. Spoke to perspective students at the January Showcase yesterday
6. 1st meeting of Employee Benefits Research Committee
	* Members are meeting with professors & administrators on campus over the next week
7. 16:1 Task Force
	* Finishing up their work by the end of January
	* Kyle and I were given a preview of the report and the task force’s work in our meeting with Paino this week
	* Very few programs at or above 16:1 presently
8. Athletics Task Force
	* Submitted a report to Paino already
	* Paino sent it back to Jerry & Linda for further work
	* Going public by March
9. Chartering orgs
	* Stopped until Fall ‘11
	1. VP of the Student Association
		1. The benefits committee formed by Isaac met this past week and laid the groundwork for what we will be doing:
			1. looking at other COPLAC schools to see what steps they have taken to move towards a 'Faculty + 1' system
			2. looking--specifically--to see what Missouri schools have done
			3. contacting Marty Eisenberg, Brenda Higgens, Prof. Seidel, and others to help locate more resources
		2. I need the remaining committees who have not sent me a summary of their past work need to ASAP!
	2. Secretary
		1. No report
	3. Treasurer
		1. \*Senate Funding Request revision
		2. Brandi will be gone at end of Feb for approximately 6 weeks
		3. Laura will have a meeting Next Monday for special permission on our funding request process, and she will update us after she knows more details
		4. No changes senate’s side, it will just change the internal process after the FRF comes to me. The only two differences will be 1) it may take longer time to get everything processed so make sure you take that into consideration when doing your FRF 2) Since Brandi has the biggest P-card amount since she works with a lot of organizations, so if in the future, you need to make a huge purchase on P-card (for example in Wal-Mart), we might have to get it done through requisition instead and that means a few more days of the process. More details to come later.
		5. As for now, if you are anticipating many requisition/expenses for late Feb to early march period, please go ahead move the money and put in the FRFs now or as soon as possible and Brandi can put in the purchase order for you before she leaves. Feel free to talk to me, e-mail me or call me if you have any questions. Brandi is the one who is most familiar with our account, so it will be a lot more efficient if you do it now
10. **Auxiliary Reports**
	1. Student Representative to the Board of Governors
		1. Agenda for BOG will be available
		2. Governor Siscel wants to start a student affairs committee to serve on the board
		3. Discussion item on budget increases during board meeting
	2. Faculty Advisor – not present
	3. Staff Advisor
		1. Going to show up to committee meetings this week!
	4. Speaker of the Student Senate
		1. Interested in working on elections? Interested in OAF position? Talk to Danny!
		2. Elections April 4-6th
	5. Academic Affairs
		1. Research mentor of the year presented at the Student Research Conference
	6. Environmental Affairs
		1. Meeting with the bike co-op Monday 5:30pm in MG 2050
		2. Sub-committee is going to be doing polls and surveys about students willing to participate in a green fee pool
		3. MG 3028 Tuesday 8pm
		4. 9pm MG 3028 Wednesday meeting for Earth Week
	7. Student Affairs – not present
		1. Branding campaign. Questions? Ask Michael!
	8. External Affairs
		1. Sign-up for Truman at the Capital soon!
	9. Diversity Chair
		1. Meeting with the MAC to work together on Diversity week
		2. Diversity Week March 27 – nothing fully set yet
	10. Communications
		1. Sending emails to organizations to set up org visits
	11. Webmaster
		1. No report
	12. Technology Director – not present
11. **Other Reports**
12. **New Business**
	1. Money motion $100 for posters for Research Mentor of the Year (Blankers) – passed
	2. HIV resolution (Beard)
13. **Old Business**
	1. Budget Approval (Robinson) passed 9:1
14. **Discussion Items**
	1. Bike co-op (Gyawali)
		1. Slok: Senate has financially helped out the bike co-op for the past 3 years. Bike co-op cannot survive without Senate’s help. Senate should continue to support the bike co-op and how they serve Truman’s campus. We have passed resolutions before unanimously in support of financial help to the co-op.
		2. Brett: Is there a reason why they don’t apply for FAC funding?
		3. Molly: Not our job to fund them *every* year.
		4. Slok: They are Student-initiated and we should save them because of that.
		5. John: good thing to keep supporting because it is the first student-initiated org that has a green roof, is heavily utilized, and important to this campus.
		6. Isaac: does not believe senate should keep funding
		7. Erin: In order for us to keep funding, don’t they have to have a plan of sustainability without our help?
		8. Slok: That is part of what we passed – the director of the co-op should continuously work on independent financial stability. No more than $1300 to fund the co-op for this year
		9. John: Important to decide on this as soon as possible. See if co-op has other funding plan without our help, or if we could lend them money and they could pay us back. We should let them know that they don’t necessarily need our funding and see what their back-up plans are.
		10. Patrick: I have used the co-op before, prices are high. I’m all for basic maintenance
		11. Luke: A lot of maintenance is do-it-yourself, anyway