**Student Senate Minutes**

**August 30, 2009**

I. General meeting of the Student Senate was called to order by Speaker Hogan at 6:00 PM.

A. Absent from the meeting were members: Alyse Jenkins, Phil Raine

B. Also attending the meeting was: Charles Thomlinson, Danielle Holmes, Kristen Potter, David Hayes, Hillary Shoun, Jared Hoffman, Spencer Thomas, Alyssa Vorhies, Molly Troop, Sarah Walkly, Megan Dwyer, Index

II. Preliminary Items

A. Roll Call

B. Corrections/Approval of the minutes

C. Gallery introductions/business

D. Guests of Honor

E. Membership Issues

F. Appointments/Administration of the Oath

A. Flanagan – Charles Thomlinson to the chair of Academic Affairs

- Thomlinson – Believes the Professor Ratings System needs to be reviewed to make it more useful for students. Would like to investigate an Academic Bankruptcy Policy

- Esfeld – Have you read the Curriculum Commission Report and have you met with any former chairs to discuss the committee?

- Thomlinson – Has read about ¾ of the document and would like to continue working with former chair Hayes.

- Esfeld – How do you see your committee working?

- Thomlinson – Delegating many responsibilities to a capable committee

- Serroque – What short comings do you see in academic affairs?

- Thomlinson – The survey last year regarding the recommendations was too time consuming and confusing. Would like to see student opinion be more effective.

- Serroque – What changes to the Professor ratings?

- Thomlinson – Ratings aren’t coalesced between professors who teach more than one class.

- Closed Session

- Approved.

B. Flanagan – Danielle Holmes to the position of Communication Director

- Holmes – Graduating in December with a bachelor’s in Communication. Has taken many classes in communication, marketing and PR. Would like to lay everything out at the beginning of the semester so there is no last minute scramble. Would like to get more students to each of the meetings.

- Hogan – What do you see your relation with the Index being?

- Holmes – Sending out press releases to the Index and local radio/tv stations. Stay in close contact with all media outlets.

- Buchler – What will happen after you graduate?

- Holmes – Will train the assistant director to take over.

- Heagney – Why are you interested in joining Senate?

- Holmes – Feels it is important that the student voice is heard. In order for that to happen, they need to be present and involved at meetings.

- Closed Session

- Approved.

C. Flanagan – Hillary Shoun as deputy Communications director

- Shoun – Last year, she knew nothing about the body. Believes if you want good PR, you need all students to be aware of what is happening.

- Gyawali – How will you accomplish this?

- Shoun – Confident that working with Danielle, a lot can be accomplished. Ally did a lot last year but is excited to research new ways of improving PR.

- Approved.

D. Flanagan – Alyssa Vorhies as associate communications director

- Vorhies – Looking to be an extra set of hands for Danielle and Hillary. Has done two internships (Rand McNally and Make-A-Wish) which provided good experience.

- Approved.

E. Flanagan – Kristen Potter as Student Affairs Chair

- Potter – Has been involved in many organizations during her Truman career including Homecoming, the MAC and a social sorority. Has either done or been associated with every facet of student life.

- Gyawali – Plans for the year?

- Potter – Interested in working with the Alumni to better current student experience. Would like to do organization of the month. Possibly a social networking site just for Truman students where they can get up to date information. Many other things.

- Esfeld – Any policies?

- Potter – Plans on visiting organizational meetings to gather ideas. Plans on having a committee composed of people from different organizations.

- Closed Session.

- Approved.

F. Flanagan – Laura Lusk as Parking Appeals Chair

- Lusk – Interested in making sure students are satisfied with the process.

- Hogan – What are the meeting like?

- Lusk – Unsure. Will be speaking with Caroline Cox of DPS. Will receive appeal forms and review them with the committee to decide if they are legitimate.

- Alberts – This is one of the most powerful committees on campus because it actually does stuff. Two members are secret so it is a committee built on trust.

- Esfeld – How will you advertise this appeals process?

- Lusk – Active within Res Life and feels that many incoming Freshmen are unaware. Would like to get a program started in the dorms to inform incoming students.

- Buchler – Would like to see a leaflet given out with parking decals at the beginning of the year.

- Closed Session.

- Approved.

G. Flanagan – Molly Troop as Safety Chair

- Troop – Wants students to be more aware of campus safety issues. Wants the keypads to be activated once installed and not waiting for all the dorms to have them. Talked to DPS and has a map of where the campus boundaries are.

- Buckler – Would you be able to change policy?

- Troop – More of awareness and pushing ideas not necessarily policy.

- Gilmor – Is this position intended to fall under Student Affairs?

- Flanagan – It is an ad hoc committee.

- Closed Session.

- Approved.

H. Hogan – David Hayes as associate senator.

- Hayes – Wants to work on the Vision Document committee specifically the relationship between Kirksville and the Truman Community.

- Approved.

G. Changes/Approval of the agenda

III. Executive Reports

A. Secretary – Please sign up for an office hour. Attendance policy is 3 excused and 1 unexcused absence. This includes office hours, general meetings and executive committee meetings. Please send Libby name, position and email address to be added to the list serv. Snack sign up sheet next Sunday.

B. Treasurer – Would like to get separate copy codes for each committee. Committees, send copy of your budget to Stephanie.

C. President – Activities Fair is this Wednesday from 12-4. Please sign up for a time slot. President made a budget task force. Senate was very involved in Truman Week including a lipsync. Continuing with BOG Representative selections. Wants to have a name sent in by October 18th. Ex Comm Tuesdays at 6 PM in SUB 3203.

D. Vice President – Thank you for helping with TrumanWeek. Has a list of all campus wide committees under the President’s Office.

IV. Auxiliary Reports

A. Faculty Advisor – Job is to help you do your job. Tries to meet with all of senate one on one at least once each semester. It is nice to have a full table. The best functioning senates of the past had over 50 members. Woo. Go talk to people and get them interested. Read the standing rules! Senate swag went over well! We should order more. Some senators owe money for Truman Week t-shirts. If you are a senator or a member of ex. comm. you are eligible for scholarship hours.

B. Staff Advisor -

C. BOG – Commencement speakers chosen for the next two commencements. Smart classrooms are up and running. Field turf and track is done. Little black boxes on the dorms are not for swipe cards they are RFID. They simply recognize the student ID. All ID cards have to be replaced before the system can be implemented. Search for replacement is underway. Presidential search is underway. Be thinking about what you would like to see in the next president. If you use the current email system through google it is ugly. Had ITS turn on themes. Enjoy! Food after the meeting?

D. Speaker – Working on guide to student senate. Would like to have it finished within the next week. Elections are coming up in September. Woo.

V. Committee Reports

A. Academic Affairs – No report.

B. External Affairs – Meeting with the Kirksville Arts Association this week to discuss a Kirksville beautification collaborative project. New student welcome on the square this week.

C. Student Affairs – Meeting with Dean Gilchrist and compiling a letter/survey for incoming and returning students.

i. Campus Diversity

ii. Campus Environment – Passed out a ton of recycling bins at Dawgfest. There have been a few concerns brought up over the summer about giving the bins to just freshmen. 200 bins left to give out during the Activities Fair Wednesday.

D. Technology

E. Other Reports

i. Historian

ii. Communications Director – If you want help advertising your events, please email Danielle at [dholmes528@gmail.com](mailto:dholmes528@gmail.com).

iii. Webmaster

iv. Ethics Justice

v. Recruitment

vi. Legislative Director

vii. Constitutional Review

viii. Vision Document – Sending out an email to find a common meeting time. Committee chairs should read their section in the old vision document so you can compile ideas for the new version.

VI. Old Business

VII. Money Motions

A. Flanagan – Moves to spend $236 to reimburse Dr. Alberts for Truman Week t-shirts.

- Flanagan – Prefers that senators pay Senate back rather than owing Dr. Alberts.

- Passed.

VIII. First Readings

IX. Discussion Items

X. Other New Business

A. Robinson – Moves 10 minutes of discussion time for the Fall retreat.

- Robinson – the retreat will be September 26th. Would like to have an old school overnight retreat. The location would be the Best Western in Chillicothe, MO. It is an hour and a half away.

- Gilmor – Does not like the idea of an overnight. We have had effective retreats without an overnight component. Unsure what we would gain by spending the extra money.

- Serroque – Would the new senators be attending? (Yes it is the weekend after elections).

- Yu – Putting 40-50 people in a hotel overnight would be a lot of money that could be spent somewhere else at Truman.

- Kwon – Thinks senate lacks cohesion. Forcing us to spend time with each other would be a good bonding time even though she cannot attend.

- Flanagan – An overnight is a good idea because it will be very extensive and indepth. There are a lot of new exec members as well as new members. There are very few old members left. We need to bond.

- Hogan – What would you like to accomplish at the retreat?

- Robinson – Has a broad list but would like to discuss it with Ex Comm. this week. It would be a very long day.

- Heagney – Likes the idea of an overnight but thinks this looks too expensive. Perhaps we could find a cheaper alternative. Possibly a boy scout camp?

- Holmes – To be cost effective, we could go camping at thousand hills. Possibly do a two day retreat at the lake without an overnight component.

- Thomlinson – Choosing an outdoor location this far in advance is not a good idea.

- Alberts – Adinah has a very nice retreat center. Likes the idea of going away so you aren’t tempted to do other things during the day. There used to be a different sense of community within the body. One year there was an entire weekend retreat in Bloomfield, IA. The vice president has the final say.

B. Flanagan – Moves five minutes of time to discuss next week’s meeting.

- Flanagan – This weekend is Labor Day weekend. Should we meet on Monday night?

- Heagney – Is there anything important that will need to be discussed? (Elections)

- Marshall – Is there anything major in the packet that needs to be discussed? (Usually it is just a vote to approve the packet).

- Hogan – No meeting next week.

XI. Announcements

A. Thanks Tom and Sean for painting bins.

B. Thanks to all who helped out during Truman Week.

C. Activities Fair Wednesday

D. After meeting food?

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Piel on