

What's Happening

- **Approved Spring Budget**
- **Lighting Resolution Unanimously Approved**
- **Lobbying Agenda set for Truman at the Capitol**

CALLING ALL STUDENTS

Recently announced budget cuts force Truman to face huge drops in funding from the state. With the cuts this year combined with the cuts from the past 2 years, we are facing a huge deficit. A committee has been put together to create a vision document for the students, but it needs YOUR HELP. Things will be changing DRASTICALLY around here, and it is up to you to voice your opinion in what needs to stay the same. Who better to ask what makes our school special than the students who go here?

There is a meeting planned for EVERYONE on **Tuesday March 13 at 4:30pm in the Georgian Rooms**. Come, bring friends, and make sure your voice is heard as Truman goes through some huge changes.

FYI

- **March 13: State of the Student Body**
- **March 24- April 1: Diversity Week**
- **April 2-4: SENATE ELECTIONS**

Student Body President

Ryan Nely has been serving as the student body president since he was elected last April. He 's been working on making tangible changes, including: a taskforce to look into wet tailgating, a committee to recognize outstanding individuals and groups, working on extending library hours, creating a plan on how to renovate and potentially completely repair the fountain, and creating a committee to report to the Board on same sex benefits and non-discrimination issues.



MEETINGS: EVERY SUNDAY 6PM SUB ACTIVITIES

What Does Senate Do For YOU?

- This past fall, President Paino allowed for a trial wet tailgating event prior to a home football game. Student Body President Ryan Nely organized a research committee to look into the long-term prospects of a permanent policy switch of lifting the ban on alcohol at tailgating events. After a month of research, and over 1300 generally positive responses in a survey sent to the student body, the committee presented a proposal to the Student Senate recommending this policy change to support wet tailgating. The resolution passed with unanimous consent and was sent to the Board of Governors for consideration. Now, the program is set to move forward in the fall!
- Truman at the Capitol is the school's annual lobbying initiative. This year on February 29th students from all majors and disciplines will be lobbying for the issues of continued funding to higher education and continued use of performance-based funding, which Truman benefits greatly from. It is a daylong event where students will meet with legislators from their home. Participating students will also get the opportunity to see Missouri's Congress in action by sitting in on legislative sessions. It will prove to be a unique, exciting, and resume-building experience for the participants with the added benefit of providing a service for Truman State University.
- **GIVES YOU MONEY!** Through the grants and scholarship program set up earlier this year, Senate has money to give to student organizations to help them host events that they otherwise might not be able to afford. Want to apply? Visit the senate website and fill out the application.



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