



**Student Government Resolution 115.008**

**A Resolution in Support of Building Flagpoles For International Flags and Building  
Multilingual Maps on Truman State's Campus**

**Sponsored by the Student Government Campus Diversity Committee:**

**Zach Hollstrom, Chair; Jessie Poole; Drew Paulman, President of the Student Association;  
Molly Turner, Vice President of the Student Association**

WHEREAS,

- The Student Government is the official governing body of the Student Association and exists to represent the present and long term best interests of the Student Association in the formulation of the University policy and in the fulfillment of the University mission; and
- Truman's Student Affairs Diversity Programming Mission Statement seeks outcomes such as "students will gain knowledge of the 'changing face' of the world in which we live and work" and "students will act in ways that promote and create environments supportive of human differences" that could be promoted by taking on this project; and
- International flags on campus representing each country from which a Truman student comes from would be a powerful symbol of diversity on Truman's campus; and
- Having a public display of diversity on Truman's campus would send a message of inclusivity, cultural awareness, and acceptance offered at Truman State; and
- Northwest Missouri State, a comparable Missouri school, has a flag plaza dedicated to international flags to represent the international students attending Northwest Missouri State and holds a yearly flag raising event to recognize them; and
- Outdoor campus maps increase the aesthetic appeal of a campus and are a common element of main areas on campuses across the country; and
- Outdoor campus maps would make Truman more navigable for new or prospective students either in their first year attending Truman State or touring Truman's campus and considering whether or not to enroll at Truman; and
- Adding multiple languages to prospective campus maps would display an intentionality at Truman for accommodating and accounting for students of all backgrounds, cultures, and languages; and
- Adding multiple languages to prospective campus maps would allow for international students or other students with language barriers to find their way around campus more effectively.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT,

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- Endorses including flag poles for international flags to represent the diverse student body at Truman State in future university renovation and remodeling plans; and
- Encourages the construction of multilingual outdoor campus maps in multiple, central, well-trafficked areas of campus in order to allow international students and other students with language barriers to more easily and effectively navigate campus, as well as first year students and potential future students visiting campus.

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT DIRECTS THAT

- Additional copies of this resolution are disseminated to each current member of the Truman State University Board of Governors, President Troy Paino, Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs Sue Thomas, Dean of Student Affairs Lou Ann Gilchrist, Assistant Dean of Multicultural Affairs Carol Bennett, and the Truman Media Network.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Paulman". The signature is written in a cursive style and ends with a long horizontal flourish.

President of the Student Association, Andrew Paulman