

**The 2014-2015 term of the Student Affairs Committee End of the Year Report to the
Student Government Body**
Composed by the Chair: Jeremy “JJ” Dorrell

This academic year has been a successful year for the Student Affairs committee in advocating for the student body’s voice in activities and resolutions. Events and important activities put on by this year’s committee include the first annual Student Appreciation Weekend, Implementation of a printer for the Student Union Building, fostering of better relations with Sodexo, and raising the awareness of the student attendance policy. Goals for this year’s committee consisted of revising Truman’s Student Attendance Policy, getting a student printer in the SUB and initiating an extremely successful Student Appreciation Weekend. Before offering recommendations to the body and for the next Student Affairs committee, I would like to thank the members of my committee: Kyra Cooper, and Rachael Palmer. These members’ dedication to this committee is a large reason why it was such a successful year. I like to refer to them as THE DREAM TEAM!

Below are recommendations that we as a committee would like to pass on to the Student Government body as a whole and also to the future Student Affairs committee.

Committee Recommendations to Student Senate body:

- Throughout this semester, the Communication Director served as an active liaison between the Student Affairs committee and the student body through social media. As this brought avid support for Student Government as a whole, we encourage Student Senate to continue the positive communication initiated by the Communication Director.
- The Student Affairs committee personally contacts and maintains a direct line of communication with the student body. Given this role, we advise Student Senate to utilize the committee as a public relations element to publicize the body and consult students on recent resolutions.
- In order to more effectively recognize student opinions regarding student government resolutions, this committee recommends increased polling and face to face interactions with students.

Committee Recommendations to the Future Student Affairs Committee:

- The most important piece of advice that can be passed to the next committee is that communication is key. Be sure that any mode of communication chosen is one that everyone is aware of and will receive instant updates whenever a message is sent out (i.e. a group text).
- As a committee make sure to set realistic, obtainable goals. Don’t expect to change Truman in one day. Rome wasn’t built in a day.
- Make sure to plan enough in advance to effectively obtain a room for any event you want to put on. The Room Lottery occurs in the fall. Be Ready.
- As committee chair, be understanding of the member’s schedules. Meetings usually lasted about one hour. We felt like it was only necessary to meet leading up to student appreciation weekend and relevant issues facing student government.

- Similar to the last point, it is important for all members of the Student Affairs committee to know that every member has the privilege of creating resolutions. It is the belief of this committee that all members (not just chairs) should take on the responsibility of bettering Truman's campus, and that begins by effectively communicating members' abilities to them. It is the contention of this committee that future committees head the charge for more legislation and productivity.
- In regards to events you are charged to accomplish, Student Appreciation Weekend is the biggest. In years past, the Student Appreciation event was a full week long. This year, the committee altered the length to be a weekend; we found this to be optimal. Below are our recommendations for Student Appreciation Weekend:
 - The most popular events found for this week were free pizza, free kettle corn, and giveaways. We purchased 45 pizzas from Sodexo and gave up to two pieces per student. The event lasted just under 30 minutes due to the amount of pizza we purchased and the demand. In the future, we recommend purchasing more pizzas so that more students have the opportunity to benefit from this event. We also recommend not placing an end time on this event, as the pizza runs out very quickly.
 - We utilized posters and web outreach to publicize this event. Facebook posters were found to be very effective in this year's SAW. If the committee hopes to print table tents, provide a sufficient amount of time prior to your reservation date. The availability of table tent set-up is limited close to the date in question.
 - This year, the committee utilized student performing groups in the celebration of Student Appreciation Weekend, such as Illusionz, University Swingers and High Street. We found this to be very successful, and would recommend not only bringing these groups back, but including more next year. In order for these groups to perform, we reserved the stage with electric capabilities from Facilities four weeks prior to the event. On the day of the event, the reserved speakers were not functioning properly, and Information Technology Services in the library was used to solve this problem.
 - In regards to other equipment used for SAW, we used a power cord, a table and chairs. The power cord was borrowed from power plant. We recommend reserving tables in advance to the event, as well as chairs, from power plant (LOL).
 - For the Friday event the committee partnered with Fireside Friday donating 200 dollars for additional food for the event. We gave away a lot of our prizes at this event and saved some for Saturday.
 - In regards to prizes, we purchased two iPads, sweatshirts, blankets, t-shirts, and umbrellas all from the University Bookstore valuing at 750 dollars. We had three 50 dollar University Bookstore Gift Cards donated by Dave Lusk who is the Director of the SUB. These prizes went over well with the students, and we recommend similar ventures for next year.
 - The contact established in Sodexo for the pizza buffet is Brian Thompson. The contact for Sweet Expressions (kettle corn) is the owner, Sarah M.,

and can be reached at their main line: (660) 665-3224. We paid her 500 dollars.

- Finally, this committee suggests you allot funds to do random small food/drink giveaways on the quad.

The 2014-2015 Student Affairs committee of Student Government is very proud of their accomplishments this year!

Ask not what Student Affairs can do for you, but what you can do for Student Affairs!