

Student Representative to the Board of Governors Application Packet

Please submit your complete application electronically to truman.bog.student.rep@gmail.com no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, **October 23, 2015**. Please fill out, print, and submit the required release form to the Office of Student Affairs SUB 1110, located on the lower level of the Student Union Building, also by 5:00 PM **October 23, 2015**.

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for taking an interest in becoming the next Student Representative to the Truman State University Board of Governors. The Student Representative plays a vital role in the protection and advancement of student interests by regularly consulting with the Board of Governors, the University's highest policy-making body, as well as many other members of the University community. If you are selected for this position, you will help shape University policies on issues such as tuition and student fees, University personnel and construction projects.

In order to apply, you must be a full-time student and a resident of the state of Missouri. Further, you must be willing and able to serve until January 1, 2018. The position is a significant time commitment which will require extensive reading and studying of various documents. In addition, the Student Representative will serve as a non-voting member of the Student Government and as such will be strongly encouraged to attend weekly meetings of the Student Government as well as weekly meetings of the Executive Committee of Student Government.

Please be aware that there are several stages of the application process of which all applicants should be mindful. The first is the initial application, which must be returned electronically to truman.bog.student.rep@gmail.com by no later than 5:00 PM on **October 23, 2015**. Please fill out, print, and submit the required release form to the Office of Student Affairs, located on the lower level of the Student Union Building, Room 1100 also by 5:00 PM on **October 23, 2015**. In the following days after reviewing applications in their entirety, narrowing the candidates if need be, each remaining candidate will be contacted to set up a time to be interviewed by the selection committee. Following interviews with these candidates, the committee will pick what it believes to be the three most qualified candidates and they will present these names to the Student Government in an open forum for discussion and approval. Upon approval these names will be sent to the Governor of Missouri who will then conduct interviews of each candidate. He will choose the candidate whom he feels is the most qualified for gubernatorial appointment. Finally, the Governor's appointee will be approved by the Missouri State Senate following an open hearing of that body.

The following pages detail the application requirements you must fulfill in order to receive full consideration. If you have any questions about the selection process or the position itself, please feel free to contact Kelly Kochanski, the current Student Representative klk4522@truman.edu or 601-527-2165. Please know that the entire application is highly confidential and no member of the committee will make any part of your application public knowledge.

Once again, thank you for your interest in this position, and best of luck throughout the application process.

Respectfully,

Molly Turner
President of the Student Association

Kelly Kochanski
Student Representative to the Board of Governors

Information on the Truman State University Board of Governors

Truman State University is officially governed by a Board of Governors (BOG) that meets every other month. There are currently ten members of which seven are voting members. The other three members are comprised of two out of state members and a student representative. The BOG deals with such issues as the following:

- Approving the annual budget
- Approving all expenditures over \$100,000
- Selecting President and General Counsel
- Approving all capital improvements i.e. building renovations over \$100,000
- Purchasing land
- Approving tuition, room and board, and student fees
- Interpreting and changing the University's Code of Policies

Kelly Kochanski, the current student representative has duties that include the following:

- Attending and participating in all meetings of the BOG. This includes reviewing the agenda and preparing for the meeting ahead of time so you are capable of vocalizing the student opinion in an effective manner. This includes informing the Student Government of upcoming agenda items during Student Government meetings to have a better understanding of how the student opinion should be vocalized.
- Reporting to the Student Government and its Executive Committee (each meets once a week), serving as a source of information and a perspective.
- Meeting regularly with the President of the University to discuss issues pertinent to the Board and the University.
- Attending University functions as a representative of the BOG.
- Seeking out student opinion, concerns, and questions and expressing these appropriately to the BOG and to the University administration.
- Serving on various committees that dealt with subject matter pertinent to students and the BOG

Student Representative to the Board of Governors Required Materials

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- General information sheet contained in this packet.
- A professional resume not to exceed two pages.
- The names and contact information of at least two references the selection committee can contact.
- A typed personal statement, 200-400 words in length, indicating your interest in this position.
- A typed reply to the following prompts which should total no more than 6 pages, single spaced:

1. Please discuss the unique qualities, experiences, activities, and perspective that make you qualified to represent the student body and the taxpayers of Missouri on the Board.
2. Identify one of Truman State University's biggest strengths and one of its biggest weaknesses? How or what is the best way to preserve this strength? How or what is the best way to address this weakness?
3. How would you handle a situation where your personal beliefs differed from the beliefs of the majority of the student body?
4. This position will require a full background check for the three students that are forwarded to the Governor. These background checks will be extensive and will include previous criminal activity. Please discuss any issues that such a background check could raise. At this point, the committee would rather you make an honest assessment of previous mistakes than knowingly withhold information about your past.
5. Are you willing and able to make this committee your first priority for the next two years (behind your education, only) by fulfilling your responsibilities as they are laid out, and to handle Board of Governor responsibilities that pop-up?
6. How do you envision your relationship with the Student Government?
7. How would you utilize administration during the duration of your position? What other campus groups and organizations would you utilize? How do you feel about collaborating with other campus departments and organizations to acquire the student opinion to the best of your abilities?
8. Are you willing and able to study and understand legalities and general Truman historical documents well enough to answer on spot questions in order to be able to represent Truman to the best of your abilities at all possible times?
9. How do you see yourself communicating with the Board of Governors, are there any unique traits you possess or ideas you have that could make you more effective than another candidate?
10. In your opinion, what are the three biggest issues facing Truman students currently, and how would you envision yourself working to fix these issues?

- The Board Of Governors Slate Selection Committee highly recommends you read the following documents (linked on the Truman Student Government website at, senate.truman.edu/get-involved/applications/board-of-governors):
 - *Truman By Design: A New Era of Opportunity*, Truman State University Strategic Plan, 2011-2015
 - The Truman State University Student Conduct Code
 - The Truman Student Government Constitution
 - The Truman Student Government Standing Rules
 - The Truman Student Government 2014-2015 Sexual Assault Prevention *Ad Hoc* Committee Report
 - Familiarize yourself with the Truman State University Board of Governors website

Student Representative to the Board of Governors General Information Sheet

Name:

Local Address:

Permanent Address:

Primary phone number:

E-mail:

Major/s:

Minor/s:

Cumulative GPA:

Expected Graduation Date:

Do you plan to study abroad or complete an off-campus internship in the next two years:

Are you a Missouri resident:

Missouri State House district:

Missouri State Senate district:

Political affiliation if any:

All of the information I have provided in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that failure to adhere to the highest integrity will result in the forfeit of my application. If selected as the Student Representative, I will fulfill my duties to the best of my ability.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If you are submitting this application electronically, filling in the above lines will assume the same degree of commitment as an actual signature.