



Student Government Resolution 116.024
A Resolution Encouraging the Addition of Spanish Admissions Materials
Sponsored by the Student Government Diversity Committee:
Chair, Christy Crouse; Vice Chair, Cory Hogan; Christine Gooch, Paul Moe, and
Luis Ortiz-Nuñez

WHEREAS,

- The Student Government is the official governing body of the Student Association and exists to represent the present and long term best interest of the Student Association in the formulation of University policy and in the fulfillment of the University mission; and
- Truman's Vision Statement calls for educating "the whole mass of people by: ensuring access to an increasingly diverse student population"¹; and
- Truman's Vision Statement also promotes the expansion of its efforts to reach all students who aspire to complete a Truman education, even those arriving through "non-traditional paths"²; and
- However, Truman admissions materials are currently only produced in English, which excludes non-English speakers; and
- Including the Spanish language into Truman's admissions materials, making them bilingual in both English and Spanish, would demonstrate an "empathetic understanding of the human experiences at home and around the world," by specifically being inclusive of current, potential, and future Truman students who come from Spanish-speaking backgrounds³; and
- Families and friends that accompany potential Truman students should have the ability through English-Spanish translated admissions materials to understand the opportunities offered at Truman; and
- Admissions counselors at Truman reiterate that creating materials that encompass a wider array of languages is necessary, especially as the University strives to serve and recruit a more diverse population; and
- The number of Latino/Hispanic applicants to Truman has increased from 163 in Fall 2014 to 289 in Fall 2016, a 77.3% increase; and
- Truman students and faculty members within the Spanish department have the expertise and desire to create these materials for the benefit of the Truman community, and to promote diversity and inclusivity on Truman's campus.
- Stating on Truman's website that Spanish admissions materials are available will show Truman's effort to reach out to a diverse population

¹ <http://www.truman.edu/about/mission-vision/vision-statement/>

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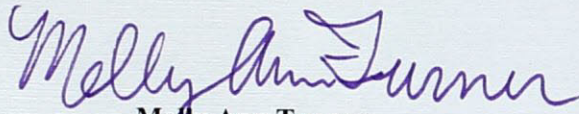
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,

- The Diversity Committee of the Student Government shall pursue the integration of Spanish admissions materials in the recruiting process through the Truman State University Admissions Office.

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY DIRECTS THAT,

- Additional copies of this resolution are distributed to University President, Troy Paino; Provost/ Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs, Susan Thomas; Vice President of Student Affairs, Lou Ann Gilchrist; Director of Public Relations, Heidi Templeton; Director of Admissions, Melody Chambers; Admissions Counselor, Justin Wilson; Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management, Regina Morin; Chair of Classical & Modern Languages Department, Lucy Lee; Spanish Department Faculty, Stacy Bryant, José Carreño Medina, Donion Doman, Sergio Escobar, Rebecca Green, James Hammerstrand, Joaquin Maldonado-Class, Benjamin Ogden, Carmen Pérez-Muñoz, Silvia Pites, Oscar Sendón, Rachel Ten Haaf, Matthew Tornatore, Juan Valencia; Assistant Dean of Multicultural Affairs, Carol Bennett; Program Coordinator of Multicultural Affairs, Jerad Green; President of Hablantes Unidos, Sofía González; President of Sigma Delta Pi, Derek Benjamin; Hispanic American Leadership Organization, Jasmine Kilpatrick; Department of Special Collections; and Truman Media Network.

**Passed April 17, 2016
By Unanimous Consent**



**Molly Ann Turner
President of the Student Association**