



**Student Government Resolution 116.043**  
**A Resolution to Include Untying the Athletics Fee from CPI in the Student Government**  
**Spring 2017 Elections on Truman State University's Campus**  
**Sponsored by OAF Chair Kailey Micek and Athletic Fee Accountability Committee Chair**  
**Cassidy Smestad**

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
- Athletics is an important part of campus life at Truman State University and helps to promote the mission of the University through aiding in the recruitment of athletes, developing and encouraging the engagement of alumni, and promoting health and wellness in our Student Body; and
- Truman State University currently has the Athletic Fee which brings in \$58.00 per student, every semester; and
- The Athletic Fee was implemented on Truman State University's campus in 2007 at the price of \$50.00 per student every semester; and
- It has been requested by the OAF Committee that the Student Government approves putting untying the Athletic Fee from the Consumer Price Index up for vote in the Student Government 2017 spring election; and
- If the Athletic Fee is not tied to inflation, its funding changes will be made every six years after the OAF Committee Review; and
- If the Athletic Fee were to increase with the rate of inflation of this past year, the Athletic Fee would be \$119.14 for the 2017-2018 academic school year.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT,

- Will put untying the Athletic Fee from the annual rate of inflation up for a vote on the Student Government spring 2017 elections. The Student Association will ultimately approve or deny the following: "The Athletic Fee is currently \$116.00 a year per student. The Athletics fee is also currently tied to the Consumer Price Index, which in this past year increased 2.7 percent. At this rate, if the Athletic fee were to increase by that full amount it would be \$119.14 for the 2017-2018 academic school year. The Organizational Activities Fee Committee is formed every three years to review student fees, including the Athletic Fee. Given the purpose of this review the current OAF Committee does not find it necessary that the Athletics fee be tied to CPI. I support that the Athletic Fee be untied from the Consumer

Price Index. This will ensure any funding changes for this fee come from the OAF Committee with final approval from the student body.”; and

- If the untying of the Athletic Fee from CPI passes during the Student Government 2017 spring election, the price charged for the Athletic Fee will not change for students; and
- The Athletic Fee shall continue to be reviewed every three years as the Organizational Activity Fee Review Committee meets, alternating between a fee review year and a project review year; and
- OAF recommends that the 2020 review year be for funding as well as projects due to our current inability to review funds because of the present long term project
- This 2020 funding review will not alter the structure of the 6 year rotation, but rather be an exception to it. The year 2023 will resume the original rotation as a fee review year and 2026 will only make project and procedural recommendations; and
- In order to protect the Athletic Fee passed by the Students of Truman State University, the administration will not be allowed the authority to alter the fee price based on CPI.

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT DIRECTS THAT,

Additional copies of this resolution are disseminated to President, Susan Thomas; Interim Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, Richard Coughlin; Truman State University Board of Governors; Vice President of Student Affairs, Lou Ann Gilchrist; Director of Athletics, Jerry Wollmering; Vice President of Administration, Finance and Planning, Dave Rector; Chair of the Athletic Accountability Fee Committee, Cassidy Smestad; the Truman Media Network; and the University Archives.

Approved by: Unanimous Consent 4/17/17

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JJ Dorrell', written in a cursive style.

President of the Student Association, JJ Dorrell