

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT
GENERAL MEETING
12 February 2017**

Preliminary Items

- a** Roll Call
- b** Approval of Minutes
- c** Gallery Introductions/Business
 - i** Address from President Sue Thomas
 - MO constitution calls for balanced budget, projections for revenue growth were not met
 - Gov. Greitens cut \$146 Million 8% withhold from public higher ed institutions--accounted \$80 million of 146
 - a** Withheld Greenwood money
 - Trying to come up with #3.144 million
 - Looking at central money such as transportation, utility savings
 - Academic Affairs has 75%-80% of budget, also looking to cut centrally
 - Still missing \$300,000; looking into operating budgets
 - Statute 389: caps tuition increases at CPI (.7% right now)
 - a** 4 options to increasing tuition: do nothing, increase by .7% (\$50) and book it and then not charge it (for next year), surcharge of \$50 (paid by everyone, including those with full-tuition scholarships), book and wave .7% AND charge surcharge this year
 - b** **Board chose last option: raising tuition by \$50 next year and charging \$50 this year to everyone (on full-time students only)**
 - c** Grants will be available for the surcharge for any with extreme financial need
 - d** This will bring in \$250,000, only 8% of total withhold
 - e** Second tuition increase in past 5 years
 - NYT study of income found that median family income of Truman students is \$104,000
 - a** This is a doable surcharge according to this stat
 - University needs to protect reserve funds--untouchable; Truman is self-insured
 - Truman will never begin deficit spending
 - Email will be sent out tomorrow to student body and surcharge will be added on to student bill
 - Fiscal year begins July 1: Gov. Greitens recommended 9% cut to state education
 - a** 9% is just over \$4
 - b** 19% of payroll (\$750,000) goes to retirement funds
 - c** In all, cut of \$5 million
 - 1 year approach: VP's looking across lines to find cuts
 - a** Constituent will be put together to decide how to handle this in the future
 - b** This won't be the last budget cut the university sees in the near future
 - CPI next year is 2.1% (\$750,000 for Truman)
 - COFE (Presidents and Chancellors of MO Universities) will be raising tuition by the same amount
 - a** Will be charging per credit hour so percentage will be different across the state of MO
 - b** \$20 per credit hour is the absolute maximum (not confirmed)

- c 2.1% tuition increase next year (low-end guess), max would be 8% (the \$20 per credit increase--%2.5-2.7 million, only about half of cut)

- Capital campaign going well, most money going towards scholarships
- Housing on campus will not go up next year
- Email Dr. Thomas with any questions and come to the all-university meeting next week (Wednesday)

d Membership Appointment/Resignations

e Oath of Office

Auxiliary Reports

a. Speaker of the Student Senate

- i. Go to the German Chef if you can
- ii. Report attendance to either Combs or Holtmeyer

b. Student Representative to the Board of Governors

c. Faculty Advisor

- i. Attend the All-University meeting on Wednesday at 3:30 in the Georgian Rooms
- ii. UGC and Faculty Senate are looking at Next Step Teams' findings
 - 1. Pre-JINS course sequence coming up, modes will be changing
- iii. Attendance Policy issues at UGC
- iv. Truman Transformations being put together right now (almost set)

d. Staff Advisor

- i. Calendar already approved for Truman Transformations
- ii. Only about 6 weeks left before elections, reflect on how you've impacted the student body with your position/committee

e. Academic Affairs Chair

- i. Nominations for Academic Accolades banquet closed on Friday, 55 nominations, will be going over these this week and be in contact with the nominees soon

f. External Affairs Chair

- i. Truman at the Capitol coming up, 32 students going
- ii. Dr. Thomas coming in next week to speak about issues to bring up with legislators
- iii. Let Kyra know if you have specific legislators you want to meet with, especially if you are from out of town (by Monday Evening)
- iv. Look up how legislators voted on budget/tax issues

g. Environmental Affairs Chair

- i. Glass recycling is coming, physical plant is ready
- ii. Battery Recycling coming soon
- iii. Earth Week committee met today, google calendar available if interested

h. Student Affairs Chair

- i. MG printer petition still going around, all senators should pass a copy of this around
- ii. Shining Star deadline is this coming Friday, final push
- iii. Student Appreciation Week is in the works

i. Diversity Chair

j. Appropriations Committee Chair

- i. Slate approved over email last week cost \$50 extra than expected

k. Athletic Fee Accountability Chair

- i. First set of proposals coming up later

l. Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Chair

m. Health, Wellness and Safety Chair

- i. Committee working on independent projects, Spirituality week, athletic safety
- ii. Jacob Breese helping out as well

n. Sexual Assault Prevention Committee Chair

- i. Encourage students at large to apply for committee
- ii. Any recommendations should contact Olivia

o. SAB Representative

- i. Trumance is tomorrow in the Ryle Main Lounge at 7:00
 - ii. Adam Devine is this Thursday
- p. FAC Representative
 - i. Elise Sherman is new FAC representative
- q. Public Relations Director
- r. Legislative Director
 - i. Fallman on budget committee, will be updating
 - ii. Bills relating to campus sexual assaults coming about
 - iii. Legislating is moving extremely slowly, meet with Heidi Templeton to develop a message to the Capitol for next week
- s. RHA Representative
 - i. Truman will be hosting conference next February for Midwest Association of ResHalls Business Conference
 - ii. Hosting about 500 delegates from around the Midwest
 - iii. Allocated about \$30,000 to this conference

Executive Reports

- a. Treasurer
 - i. Going over budget tonight
 - ii. Chairs look for funding request form to be used in the future
- b. Secretary
 - i. Sign up for office hours if you haven't, and show up to them
 - ii. Send Holtmeyer committee attendance
 - iii. Contact Holtmeyer if you will not be able to attend a general body or excomm meeting
- c. Vice President of the Student Association
 - i. Student Forum regarding budget is a possibility
 - ii. Need a student rep for CSI hearings about chartering organizations, email Christy if interested
 - 1. 4:30-6:30 this Tuesday
 - iii. UGC will be changing the name of Truman Transformations, new program had a good retention rate, attendance policy will also be coming up at the meeting
 - 1. Campus-wide specific policy rather than course-specific will be brought up
- d. President of the Student Association

Other Reports

Old Business

- a. Second Read: A Resolution Supporting the Placement of a Suicide Prevention Hotline Phone Number on Student Identification Cards (Leppanen)
 - i. Passed unanimously

New Business

- a. Proposed Budget (Pelsang)
 - i. Approved
- b. Appropriations Slate (Ferrini)--Split in two
 - i. Looking to pay for background of acrobats (representative speaking on behalf of the African Students Association)
 - ii. First Slate not passed
 - iii. Second Slate passed by unanimous consent
- c. First Read: Athletic Fee Slate (Smestad)
 - i. Split into two slates, second coming later in the semester
 - ii. First-read

Announcements

- All-university Address
- Send valentines from Delta Phi Epsilon

- First day of Earth Week hosting a local food dinner on the 18th and a fashion show the next day, let Liam know if you are interested in modelling
- Pass around the petitions for a printer in MG