

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
November 6, 2018
Called to order: 9:02**

Preliminary Items

- a. Roll Call
- b. Approval of Minutes
- c. Gallery Introductions/Business
- d. Membership Appointment/Resignation

Auxiliary Reports

- a. Speaker of the Student Senate
- b. Student Representative to the Board of Governors
- c. Faculty Advisor
- d. Staff Advisor
- e. Academic Affairs Chair
 - i. We want to look into why the credit limits are the way they are. Also, it is hard for science majors because there is a lot of work for little credit. Maybe a minimum of 11?
 - ii. Also want to talk to Deanna about a resolution concerning the Dialogues postponement.
 - iii. Maddie is looking into making band a credit option on a sliding scale.
 - iv. We have four applications for commencement speaker and it closes on Sunday, so that's exciting.
 - v. Chairs - please finish your outlines - we would like a draft after Thanksgiving break! Deadline is Tuesday after Thanksgiving Break!
- f. External Affairs Chair
 - i. We talked more in depth about Katie's new baby - the student guide - places to eat, places to go, within a mile radius. We are divvying up months for activities. I will talk to Edwards, as well for input. "Rachel you are the coolest." ~ Katie (Maura affirms)
- g. Environmental Affairs Chair
 - i. Thursday - Sodexo will be handing out free reusable mugs from 10-1 in Starbucks!
 - ii. The Sustainability Office is handing out reusable straws right now!
- h. Student Affairs Chair
 - i. We changed the meeting time.
 - ii. Went to two new student organization hearings.
 - iii. J.D. Smiser talked to me about the Truman State University Food Bank.
 - iv. Extra swipes from Sodexo - could they buy meals with the extra money? They have started working on it, so that's awesome.
- i. Diversity Chair
 - i. Monday is International Spirit Day - you will be getting a sign up for that now.
 - ii. Will be contacting our new PR people for posting the poster for International Education Week.
 - iii. We will be deciding how much we will be contributing to Simone Sanders.
 - iv. Almost done with the bathroom list.
 - v. Working on including disabilities into diversity week, so let me know if you have any ideas.
- j. Appropriations Committee Chair
 - i. Caleb, Laura, and I met today about KSA. We are working through our concerns and that's all good.
- k. Athletic Fee Accountability Chair
- l. Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Chair
- m. Health, Wellness and Safety Chair
 - i. My committee is so stoked - we want to make an award at the LRP for faculty who have helped students work on their mental health and take care of themselves. We are super excited about that.
 - ii. I have KP working on a resolution about signage for gluten free options on campus.
 - iii. Will be talking about UCS stuff.

- n. Sexual Assault Prevention Designee
 - i. We met with the Title IX officer today and we have lots of ideas. Will be writing our stance, especially empowerment, etc. and will be working on events.
- o. SAB Representative
- p. FAC Representative
- q. Public Relations Director
 - i. Currently working on an analysis and recommendation for Facebook and Instagram and will be presenting that soon.
 - ii. Requesting Canva Pro and Hootsuite, so they will be looking at prices. Will also be making an email account to host those two programs.
- r. Legislative Director
- s. Parking Appeals Committee Chair
- t. Purple Friday Subcommittee Chair
 - i. Met yesterday. Will be doing a promotional video with recognizable students, faculty, and staff.
 - ii. Purple Food Day is this Friday and I think we have it covered. Right now, we are supposed to be on the Quad, but coming up with an alternative plan for rain (SUB). 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- u. TEDx Conference Ad Hoc Committee Chair
 - i. WE HAD TEDx
 - ii. I sent them the emails for the survey.
 - iii. Rachel is uploading our photos to Flickr and they are in the slack as well!
 - iv. Hopefully the videos will be coming soon. Will be getting in touch with TMN.
 - v. We will be working on completing the post event checklist. After that we will be looking into renewing the license.
- v. Parking Ad Hoc Committee Chair
 - i. I had my meeting with Chad and we talked about the Pershing Lot. He will be doing a survey asap. I am looking into someone for my position next semester.

Executive Reports

- a. Treasurer
 - i. Let me know if you spend money.
 - ii. A month ago, we approved an ESFAC slate and we didn't hear from them for a while. Well, I heard from them yesterday. Donna Liss went out and bought everything right after we approved it. All is cool. They did so well.
 - iii. Pink copies of the FRFs will now be going in the mailboxes that Jared made for you.
 - iv. Canva and Hootsuite - \$467 a year for both of them.
- b. Secretary
 - i. I hopefully have a replacement - in training currently! Mixed feelings!
- c. President and Vice President of the Student Association
 - i. T-shirts! Our game plan is to get new long sleeves and restock the short sleeves that we got here. (\$600) We can get all chairs and exec and staff and BOG rep free t-shirts. We are going to offer to associates that they can get t-shirts for \$6. I will be sending out a spreadsheet for sizes and such. Talk to your associates. Do this quickly so we can get them by break. Will be waiting to restock the short sleeves until the spring budget is passed and hopefully, we have more money.
 - ii. Chester Pelsang IV will be appointed as a Presidential Aid Holiday Czar. He will be planning the holiday party (Friday, November 30 8 p.m.!! Tell your committee members!!!) We will be doing White Elephant gift exchange with literal trash, spending no money at all.
 - iii. Reminder - this Thursday from 9-11, the enrollment management consultant will be presenting his findings. Please, please, please come, neither of us can be there the whole time, so please help us out!
 - iv. Survey - still in the works! We have the completed survey and we will be getting it through the second round of Dr. Edwards editing soon. We are hoping that it will be due by the end of the semester so that we can have the data to inform the projects of next semester. Work that into your plans.

- v. Vision Doc - we are getting that off the ground! We are getting a meeting time, let us know if you have ideas or want to join.
- vi. WLC - not much, but we met again today. Shania has joined and we met with the student workers helping with it.

Discussion

(Leppanen) University Counseling Services - Many of you know the bones of the situation. They posted their limitations on Facebook because they updated the paragraph above the limitations. Students have read and are concerned that this is new, updated limitations.

These are not new limitations. Please let people know this fact. These have been their limitations for a long while. There has been a group formed on Facebook and it has sparked passionate terminology. They are very unhappy with how the administration is handling mental health on campus. Some is unfounded, some is productive and helpful. It is important to have the facts straight as representatives of the student body. If you or your friends have questions, please direct them to Brenda Higgins, or Janna Stoskopf, or President Thomas. They are all willing to help and explain.

This has all garnered a lot of hate for Truman. "Truman has a facade about mental health" for example. It is intense and anger-fueled. It is important that we work together on this. Nothing good is coming out of bashing Truman. Give your friends the facts, the realities of the situation. Their concerns are not unfounded, but anger and rage are not good for mental health.

Administration does really care. President Thomas cried in our meeting today. This has gone much too far. They are passionate and trying to find solutions. Help spread that knowledge around campus. It is our job to help facilitate that communication.

However, do not invalidate their feelings. We want their feedback and their opinion. Fighting and bickering drives wedges. We want there to be productive dialogue.

(Barker) - I would suggest that a resolution would help communicate our opinion on this issue and it would be a good thing for it to come soon.

(Schmidt) - Joe's idea - a student forum about mental health. We talked to Stoskopf and President Thomas and they are in favor, but not right now with the timing. They are planning on having a lot of proactive measures rolling out early next semester. We talked about it today and we are going to be organizing a productive forum that helps inform, is a collaborative effort between UCS, administration, and students, and give information before having an open discussion in which they can express their feelings and concerns.

(DeWitt) - this is a great opportunity to utilize our PR directors and letting students know that we are working on this.

(Wissler) - off of that, we should invite students to our open meeting so that they can listen in and contribute.

(Kolak) - this is old policy - why is it coming back to the table?

(Leppanen) - Yes, UCS's limitations of service are a legal part of their function. They are not psychiatrists. They are counselors and for protection purposes, they must say this. This is fine print. This does not say that they will deny or turn away students. What they actually changed was the paragraph before the limitations, and their goal was to help students understand these limitations and their purposes. The limitations in themselves have been university policy for years, decades. The way UCS functions is not changing because of this.

(Wimms) - I feel as if this wouldn't have gotten so out of hand if they would have sent out an email to the whole student body.

(Schmidt) - Stoskopf was also so confused by their rationale. They have a catch 22 right now because all of their time is taken up by meeting and caring for students.

(Wissler) - We also just had the health fee increase, and this is also not helping understanding. People there are only able to do so much, so I understand, but there are much, much better ways of going about this. They know that, but I like the idea of the forum and letting people know that we think it is important and are working on it.

(Slama) - their website is notoriously horrible. Their FAQ page is a whole website. The JED committee has been working on this. I imagine this is them working on their updates slowly. I was incredibly unimpressed with the timing. They are working on updating it.

(Deck) - what would a resolution entail?

A: There would be some discussion, more of an opinion, etc.

(Leppanen) - This issue brought up a lot of things - moving forward it is a goal to inform students, be the rational voice, thinking about the true mission of the university and the people we have been talking to. It is important that we work together to achieve our goals on this issue.

Please, please, please tell people how much President Thomas wants to meet with them, as well as the rest of the administration. They all care so much.