

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
February 28, 2019**

Called to Order 9:02 p.m.

Preliminary Items

a. Roll Call

i. Present:

1. Keaton Leppanen, President
2. Deanna Schmidt, Vice President
3. Adam Barker, Speaker
4. Lauren Hogan, Treasurer
5. Sam Tillman, Secretary
6. Katie Alexander, Academic Affairs Chair
7. Rachel Holt, External Affairs Chair
8. Jared Kolok, Environmental Affairs Chair
9. Adam Paris, Student Affairs Chair
10. Chantelle Wimms, Diversity Chair
11. Joon Bang, Appropriations Chair
12. Joe Slama, Health, Wellness, & Safety Chair
13. Caroline Costello, Sexual Assault Prevention Designee
14. Hannah Wissler, Purple Friday Chair & Ethics Justice

Auxiliary Reports

a. Academic Affairs Chair

- i. I'm meeting with Dr. Lindevald about issues related to students taking courses for credit/no credit. He is the one who sponsored the resolution allowing faculty to differentiate which students were taking their courses as credit/no credit, and the reasoning behind it is not great. Barry Poynter emailed me back about that also, I found his thoughts to be problematic, but we'll deal with that as we go along.
- ii. Educator of the Year: Would I be allowed to pay a musical group to perform?
 1. Hogan: Yes.
- iii. For the EOTY committee, I have someone from Leadership Scholars, but I still need someone from Pershing and McNair Scholars. Hopefully we'll have the full committee soon so we can schedule professor observations.
- iv. What you've all been waiting for...
 1. Research Mentor of the Year Finalists: Justin Jarvis - Economics, Cassidy Dobson - Chemistry, Julianna Edgar - Communication Disorders, Michael Rudy - Political Science.
 2. EOTY Finalists: Torbjörn Wandel - History, Jesse Krebs - Music, Rafael Tubongbanua - Nursing, Liulin Zhang - Chinese, John O'Brien - Chemistry, Christopher Outzen - Communications, Sarah Berke - Biology, David Gillette - Economics, Sarah Mohler - English, Michael Rudy - Political Science, Daniella Ostrowski - Biology.

b. External Affairs Chair

- i. Who is going to Jeff City? *Crickets* There is currently a tie in the poll for the date, so please respond if you haven't yet. We will get a tour at the very, because they are free. I'm still talking to Laura about whether we need a chaperone, but she's gone until Tuesday, so I won't know until after that.
- ii. We had an impromptu voter registration drive with the College Democrats (we made sure there was no political memorabilia, also we reached out to the College Republicans, but none of their folks were free), and a few people registered, a few more who took info sheets about the local city council election in April.
- iii. Poverty Awareness Dinner: I had to go through several hoops to talk to Sodexo, and I finally got an email from AM Housing; they have decided to have their dinner off campus, and apparently, are charge more than we would have. I sent an email back, because of the communication issues we'll work separately on this. We still want to have a dinner of our

- own, so I'm reaching out to Oxfam, the national organization for this kind of thing, and I'm reaching out to Hope Kitchen & the Serve Center.
- iv. Can we reimburse for gas?
 1. Hogan: Talk to Laura.
 - v. Questions:
 1. Schmidt: Did you talk to Zach Holstrom? He is the head of ResLife's Diversity Committee, they might be able to help with the poverty dinner.
- c. Environmental Affairs Chair**
- i. I called the Labyrinth company for designs, and they're pricey. It would be around \$1000 for one with rocks, whereas one with loose gravel would be around \$450, with pavers an additional \$200. I don't know how feasible this is right now, hopefully I will know more by spring break.
 - ii. Questions:
 1. Wissler: Is it possible for ESFAC to put some money toward this?
 - a. Schmidt: Talk to Laura about having a meeting with you and Lauren to talk about this.
 2. Kolok: Did President Thomas have any answers about naming protocol?
 - a. Leppanen: Yes, she talked to the General Counsel. Essentially, we have to write up our idea, and she can formalize it for a board report. There are a few specific things we would need in our write-up, and she needs it by March 25.
- d. Student Affairs Chair**
- i. Posters for Student Appreciation Week are amazing, thanks, Jade!
 - ii. I'm talking with Jared about using my Miscellaneous money to help fund the Labyrinth.
 - iii. When is President Thomas going to hand out candy?
 1. Schmidt: I will find out.
 - iv. Questions:
 1. Schmidt: Resolution?
 - a. Next week, I promise.
- e. Diversity Chair**
- i. We still need people for tabling to advertise Diversity Week.
 - ii. I finally found a movie to show, *Pariah*.
 - iii. I have a resolution coming on maps for gender-neutral bathrooms
 - iv. Jade is working on posters, I'm excited!
 - v. I just need a few Stu Gov people to help set up and tear down with tabling, CDI staff will help fill in the bulk of the time.
 - vi. Simone Sanders was supposed to be in the Activities Room, but CSI switched it on me, she'll be in OPPH now.
 - vii. We're spending money, I'll bring that up later.
 - viii. 3D printed (braille) maps: Admissions loves it, but because half of them are retiring/leaving, I'm seeing if the Art department can help.
- f. Appropriations Committee Chair**
- i. There will be four items on the slate this week, two are applications that didn't pass the comm. Club Baseball's application was poorly written.
 1. Hogan: Twice, by the way, we sent it back to them and it was still iffy. Their games are away, so this wouldn't pose a tangible benefit to campus. Also, they dropped the ball on FAC funding.
- g. Health, Wellness and Safety Chair**
- i. The resolution about Mental Wellness Week is being second read on Sunday.
 - ii. We are going to meet soon to read essays for Faculty Mental Health Honoree
- h. Sexual Assault Prevention Designee**
- i. Upon harassing people from RHA and NRHH, I finally have a list of people to send a doodle poll to!
 - ii. Questions:
 1. Leppanen: Have you heard about SB 259? It is a Title IX bill with some troubling implications. President Thomas said "it has legs" in the legislature.
 2. Yes, Dr. Millot mentioned it, she was not pleased.

3. Leppanen: Some background: basically, it would set up an administrative hearing system in Missouri, where anyone who has been accused of sexual misconduct or Title IX violations, if they feel they have been falsely accused, they could go to this court. It would force the university to be more court-like in its handling of cases. Additionally, if someone makes it through the system, they could then directly sue the Title IX coordinator (Dr. Millot) for damages. It's crazy.
- i. Purple Friday Subcommittee Chair
 - i. I'm talking to Laura about renting yard games for our March event, and I'll be going to Hightower for prices on the candy.
 - ii. We're going to have a cute little poster to hang up places.
 - iii. Ethics Justice: If you find any glaring issues with the Elections Packet, please comment/let me know. On the issue of including FAC, I just adjusted the opening paragraph to say "Hello, Candidate" to be more neutral. Otherwise, there was really no way to shift the focus from Student Government, that is what most of the packet is directed to.
 - iv. Jade got back to me with an Olympics-themed poster, that will get sent to Publications, a bit less than \$100 for the first round, not much more for the second.
 - v. Questions:
 1. Schmidt: I will get the script to you before Sunday. Dr. Edwards suggested using Student Appreciation Week and Diversity Week to publicize elections.

Executive Reports

a. Treasurer

- i. Another refresher on how you are supposed to spend money at Hightower:
 1. You go to the store, figure how much you need, get the item number. Give all that to me, I give it to Laura, everything works out fine.
- ii. Is Hannah the only one ordering more candy?
 1. Yes? Ok, We'll probably increase the Purchase Order anyway.
- iii. Joe, please email Laura about the money for stickers.
- iv. Engagement gift: I found a plant called a Peace Lily, it costs \$27 at Home Depot. I think it would look nice in a white ceramic bamboo flare potm, which brings the total cost to \$48 (with shipping) from Home Depot. Max cost of everything should be no more than \$55. I'm trying to find a cheaper plant from HyVee.
- v. I talked to Kyra, she is definitely in on it!
- vi. Donations toward this: no more than \$5, by ExComm next week.
- vii. I will have updates tomorrow, and I want all of you to contact me by tomorrow with a form of communication that you will readily respond to (as in, immediately).
- viii. Questions:
 1. Holt: Will you bring change on Sunday, or do I have to Venmo?
 - a. I will bring change.

b. Secretary

- i. If you tell me you will be absent, please still send me a message. My memory is fallible.
- ii. The website will be updated soon!

c. Speaker

- i. Next Tuesday I'm helping with the marketing focus group, I will report back on that.
 1. Hogan: Me, too!
 2. Schmidt: if you haven't been contacted, don't be offended
- ii. Resolutions are forthcoming from Rules Revision.
- iii. Come to the orchestra concert!

d. President & Vice President

- i. Faculty Senate: Another interesting meeting! There was some fallout from last time, and lots of discussion.
 1. Truman Week: They are now figuring out what to do with the academic component, because apparently, they disbanded the committee focused on that... sigh. And it gets better, because according to Terry Olson,

student feedback says students hate the NON-academic parts of Truman week... big sigh.

2. Speaking-Enhanced courses are a thing now, woo?
3. Symposium: Dr. Alberts tried to motion for a standing committee; there was a very awkward five minutes with no second for his motion, then finally a second out of pity, then it was summarily slammed down. Dr. Young was on our side about this: she said that since there was so much bad blood with the committee this year, and his proposal had a lot of the same things, she said it's necessary to raze it to the ground. She is writing a resolution to form an ad hoc committee, though.
4. Perspectives: there are some problems... proposals for all of them were rejected. The ones that came forward were the Social & STEM perspectives (no one is safe though), and they found the goal statements were not in line with what the curriculum should be, that there were issues with double counting, and upper level counting. Basically, they were told to fix everything.
 - a. A side note on that: if you serve on one of those committees, be careful what you say. If you say something from a Stu Gov perspective, make sure it is in line with our official statements (i.e. resolutions). You are free to share your personal opinion, but make it very clear that it is your own opinion and not that of Stu Gov. They will pounce on what you say if you aren't careful.
 - ii. The all-school email is not going out tomorrow, we only got one blurb. Please. Send. Your. Blurbs. As. Soon. As. Possible. Monday morning at the latest.
 - iii. President Thomas and Dr. Stoskopf were excited about creating an online interactive so students know who to ask for specific issues. To aid with that, if you can come up with list of questions you know are frequently asked by students, that would be great, we have started a document for that. If you have any suggestions, comment by the University office it pertains to, if it doesn't pertain to one, put it at the bottom.
 - iv. Upcoming General Meetings: this Sunday's meeting is still happening, but the big question is the Sunday we come back from spring break. Some things to consider: this next meeting has a LOT of stuff being first read, and if they don't get second read within two weeks, they must be first read again... which would ruin our schedule. The plan is to have that meeting, but we must have butts in seats to do things. It will be later than normal, so stay tuned.

Adjourned 10:07 p.m.