

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
March 21, 2019**

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, and Safety Chair
 - 13. Caroline Costello, Sexual Assault Prevention Designee
 - 14. Hannah Wissler, Purple Friday Chair, Ethics Justice
 - 15. Shania Montúfar, TEDx Conference Chair

Auxiliary Reports

- a. Speaker of the Student Senate**
 - i. No report.
- b. Academic Affairs Chair**
 - i. Educator of the Year observations and Research Mentor interviews are in full swing! Please RSVP to the banquet if you have not.
 - ii. Credit/No credit issues: I sent a survey to professors asking what they know/think about the current policy and how they think affects students.
 - iii. Freshman Guide: We're working on re-formatting the sections and subsections with questions as headers, to hit on common questions first-year students have.
 - iv. Commencement speaker: We need more applicants! Deadline is April 5.
 - v. I'm looking for a professor who may be interested in chairing a committee on Course Threads, so if you know of someone, let me know.
- c. External Affairs Chair**
 - i. Poverty Dinner: Not happy news, but here it is: There were several complications with times and details, so we will not be having it. I am frustrated with how it turned out, I don't know if we will work with them again.
 - ii. I have a lot of money to use, maybe we will use some for an ice cream social to open the Labyrinth.
 - iii. Going to the Capitol is not happening either, sorry about that. Scheduling just wasn't working.
 - 1. Schmidt: Laura suggested we could write postcards to our representatives in lieu of going in person.
- d. Environmental Affairs Chair**
 - i. I have a budget for Earth Week! \$200 from my budget will be going to posters, and ESFAC is putting up \$640 for various things. That slate will be coming.
 - ii. Labyrinth: If we do it, we might have to do the installation work ourselves.
 - 1. Schmidt: I think we have our activity for Retreat!
 - iii. Questions:
 - 1. Leppanen: The deadline for the naming document is Monday.
- e. Student Affairs Chair**
 - i. Student Appreciation Week has gone great!
 - ii. The raffle has a lot of entries, and tomorrow will be fun, with pizza and Hannah's event on the quad.
- f. Diversity Chair**

- i. Symone Sanders was great!
 - ii. The movie is next Thursday at 6:30, I hope you can come!
 - iii. Questions:
 - 1. Leppanen: Any progress on the 3D maps?
 - a. I contacted some Art faculty, but no one is emailing me back, so no.
 - b. Leppanen: Try going to their office hours.
 - g. Appropriations Committee Chair**
 - i. The budget is exhausted, so we are no longer accepting applications.
 - ii. Questions/Comments:
 - 1. Hogan: In the future, be careful in how you talk to organizations about Appropriations. If you do, please just briefly explain the application process, so there is no confusion.
 - 2. Bang: When can I print an election packet?
 - a. Leppanen: Not until April 1 at 8 a.m. At that point you can get your election packet and begin collecting signatures.
 - h. Health, Wellness and Safety Chair**
 - i. Colby is looking into the feasibility of a Safety Walk, and it apparently overlaps well with an environmental scan, so we will be talking further with Janna.
 - ii. Janna has put me in charge of the memorial service, right now I am contacting people who knew Abbie to find out what would be nice to do.
 - iii. Mental Health Honoree selection is going well!
 - iv. KP is writing a resolution about a food pantry.
 - i. Sexual Assault Prevention Designee**
 - i. Sexual Assault Prevention Week is in the works! We have four main events planned, one for each day. One day will feature a talk by Dr. Millot, the next will have a pledge drive, the next with empowerment yoga, and the last with another pledge drive.
 - j. Purple Friday Subcommittee Chair**
 - k. TEDx Conference Ad Hoc Committee Chair**
- Executive Reports**
- a. Treasurer**
 - i. I've been thinking that going forward, it might be beneficial to restructure the Appropriations committee and the application process. I think it would be better to have the Treasurer as the chair, because they have more direct control of the disbursement process, and so having them directly in charge instead of just on the committee would eliminate a middle man. Instead of having a voting senator be required to be the chair, maybe a requirement to have one or two voting senators on the committee?
 - b. Secretary**
 - i. No report
 - c. President and Vice President of the Student Association**
 - i. Student Representative to the Alumni Board: since the current one (Brett Combs) is graduating, we need to appoint a replacement. If you're interested, contact us.
 - ii. UGC:
 - 1. The Arts & Humanities Perspective did not pass, mainly because the STEM Perspective has not gone through Faculty Senate, so they wanted to wait and see.
 - 2. Some new committees were formed, and for the High-Impact Experiences committee we have Joe and Sam as our reps. We need two people on the Intercultural Perspectives committee, so talk to us if you're interested. The Big-Picture committee won't exist for a little while.
 - 3. Course Threads: these were supposed to be handled by the Big-Picture committee, but we can revive interest by lobbying!
 - iii. Student Body Email: send your blurbs by ExComm next week!
 - iv. OAF: I have drafted some preliminary procedures after talking with many people. If you have any thoughts, let me know. We may let Rules Revision take a look at it to make sure it's good. Read through the SG section of the last OAF report when you have a chance.

- v. We are a month from the transition meeting, which means end-of-year reports! On that note, we want you to have honest discussions with your committees to talk about their futures, in order to determine what needs to change to increase their effectiveness.

Discussion

a. TEDx Conference

- i. Leppanen: we were under the impression there was a consensus on continuing TEDx, apparently there is not. Because of how previously decided the process of establishing and renewing ad hoc committees, we never had a formal discussion on the committee's existence. That discussion does not have to happen, but we will have one now.
- ii. Leppanen: TEDx either happens or it does not. We have three options: one, we don't have it; two, we have it next year, with speaker and committee applications live now; and third, committee applications this semester and speaker applications next semester. The third is what Katie did last year, the second is what we plan to do.
- iii. Montúfar: I feel that the majority of the body does want to do it. As Katie has said, it would be a lot easier on everyone involved to select speakers this semester.
- iv. Alexander: If someone doesn't believe TEDx should happen, I would hope they voice their concerns now. I think the event brought the campus together, and was great publicity for the University and Student Government. It was a unifying experience, with professors and students sharing their ideas in the same space. I don't think that can be replicated any other way, because the name lends its weight. We had over fifty applications among professors and students. I think it would be a great loss to not have it again. We have to get started early, because of the time crunch. I don't want Shania to have to deal with the stress I had.
- v. Holt: I don't think we are concerned with the event happening, it was great for Hannah and everyone involved. What is a concern is how it will fit into the budget.
- vi. Leppanen: On the budget: we've been burning through our rollover, and with enrollment declining, our budget is going to be the smallest it's ever been. There are things we can do to make it grow, we are not confined to lobbying for fee changes only during OAF years.
- vii. Hogan: Deanna has been asking for a month for people interested in being chair, if there were any concerns with the conference, they should have been brought up sooner. Shania's appointment was not in my mind the time to discuss those concerns.
- viii. Wissler: This event is truly invaluable. For the people that did it, it was amazing and stands out on a résumé. Yes, money is an issue, but it's always going to be, and I think it's an issue of allocation, not total amount. Some supplies we will probably not have to pay for again, so that will help.
- ix. Barker: Student Government has three purposes: putting on events, public policy, and appropriation. TEDx is an event fully embodies the liberal arts ideal of Truman, and I think it is the best possible event SG can do right now.
- x. Kolok: Is there a definite number for the total cost?
 - 1. Alexander: Last year it was \$1400, with a \$250 sponsorship from SAB.
 - 2. Hogan: theoretically, we would not have to spend almost \$400 on supplies. There are other costs that could be trimmed. Women's Leadership Conference will need less money, as well as Student Appreciation Week.
 - 3. Alexander: Without the supplies we already have, it would be \$1166.
- xi. Schmidt: Is cost truly the only concern?
- xii. Holt: No, I wonder whether the effort from putting it on two years in a row could create burnout.
- xiii. Schmidt: From what I gathered, there some licensing things that we don't have to renew until next year, so we may end up doing it biannually, but we don't know how consecutive

events will go until we try it. FWIW, you can always come to us with concerns. I'm sorry that people felt like it got pushed through.

- xiv. Leppanen: Truth be told, we don't always do the best job communicating everything that's going on. We'll try our best to make sure everyone is in the loop. Discussion is healthy!