

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
September 4, 2018**

**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. See the ExComm report from last week!
- f. External Affairs Chair
  - i. I turned in the slips for the table for the voter registration drive.
  - ii. I emailed the Dems and the Reps for money, and I haven't heard anything yet. I'll give them a few days.
  - iii. Kaylee will be working on the slips.
  - iv. We meet on Thursday nights!
- g. Environmental Affairs Chair
  - i. No new report.
  - ii. I did find a Research Mentor of the Year from 2014 that I am working on giving to Dr. David Connor, the winner.
- h. Student Affairs Chair
  - i. I am looking at Sodexo's website and working on ordering hot chocolate, cider and cookies or something. I will be working with Caleb!
- i. Diversity Chair
  - i. As a reminder: Info Meeting next Tuesday!! I have loaded it up with memes and gifs.
  - ii. I am starting to plan for what I want to do this year. The hardest part is making the dollars stretch... working on bringing all of the speakers that I had planned on, so I am working with other organizations.
  - iii. After the meeting I will be really pushing getting committee members!
- j. Appropriations Committee Chair
- k. Athletic Fee Accountability Chair
- l. Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Chair
- m. Health, Wellness and Safety Chair
  - i. Most of what I have to say is also from last week. Tomorrow I am looking into stuff at the health center.
  - ii. The Health Dialogue committee has their first meeting on Thursday.
  - iii. Questions: Deck: They are not doing a lot of advertising for the suicide prevention seminars, and I'm wondering if you could ask about that? A: Yes; if it helps, they are mostly full when they occur.
- n. Sexual Assault Prevention Committee Chair
- o. SAB Representative
- p. FAC Representative
- q. Public Relations Director
- r. Legislative Director
- s. Parking Appeals Committee Chair
  - i. I will begin working once I have gotten more information from the last chair, etc!
- t. Purple Friday Subcommittee Chair
  - i. I'll check the form when I get home. I am still in need of a committee.
  - ii. How do you reserve a space in the SUB? A: Talk to Laura.

- iii. Maybe the Friday after next I'll do a photo booth welcome back type of thing. I'll try to order some stuff on Amazon through Caleb. Probably props and candy. I'd love help manning that table as well!
- iv. Please share the thing on the facebook!
- u. TEDx Conference Ad Hoc Committee Chair
  - i. I don't know what happened to our banner because I gave it to them, but they haven't put it up yet? I've called all of the phone numbers for physical plant, etc. and IT'S ALL FOR THE FIX IT LINE. Everything's fine, I will get in touch with them somehow.
  - ii. I've been working on a bunch of minutia. All good.

### **Executive Reports**

- a. Treasurer
  - i. If you need to spend money, let me know.
  - ii. You have money now, so you can spend it.
  - iii. If you need money, let me know. We can make some adjustments.
  - iv. Please set up a meeting with me to discuss events if need be!
  - v. Ledger is being sent out. I will not put things on it until the bills have been paid.
  - vi. Questions: Alexander: This form - I forgot to fill it out, but do I need to have the receipt to give to you? A: Yes, if you can find it? I'll talk to Laura.
- b. Secretary
  - i. I am working on historian type things - hopefully soon there will be a copy of end of the year reports in the office!
  - ii. Please keep checking the calendar for me!
- c. President and Vice President of the Student Association
  - i. First - hopefully you are setting up meetings with your committees. If you have semi-stable meeting times, please send those to Maura so she can add them to the calendar.
  - ii. Expect the new member handbook not this week but next week with the absence policy, which we will have to pass before we pass the new member handbook.
  - iii. Yay the organizational liaison program passed! Start brainstorming how you and your committee would like to start contacting organizations. If you want to reach out already, more power to ya.
  - iv. We had our second talk with Dr. Thomas today and it was great! She is a chatter and we went 1/2 hour over. We covered a lot of cool stuff.
    - 1. Ray Stewart, of ABC reached out to her about diversity and we would love input on that, we are going to talk about it more with her next week.
    - 2. We talked more about sport teams: basically she was very receptive of the student side, and she shared her side. The gist of it is that timing sucks, but at the same time, it was not as cut and dry as many people thought it was. All of the departments had to settle their budget cuts at the same deadline for the BoG. Each department had discretion over when to finalize and let the students know, etc. Athletics waited until the last minute. This was not something that they tried to pull over on the students. Unfortunately, athletics decided to cut teams rather than cut travel budgets...
      - a. She has met with the wrestling team. Every document on this has been released, exactly because she is not trying to hide anything from us. She offered the option of the teams raising their own funds to help them. We can only get so much from her, and would need to talk to Jerry for more information.
      - b. She recognized the fact that these are very hard decisions to make, whether he knew from the get-go what was happening, who's to say. The timing is on him, but we can only know by hearing it from his side.
      - c. Prior to cutting these teams, we offered just as many NCAA teams as Mizzou does. Now only Mizzou beats us in number of teams in the state of Missouri. WE are in compliance with Title

IX because we offer every sport for women possible in the Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC).

3. Inclement Weather - We thanked her for the policy. They left it vague so that they could include tornadoes as well as snow and ice. It's in Joe's court now.
4. If you have anything to add to our next meeting with her, let us know.
- v. I am talking with Heidi Templeton about our student body email. Let us know if you would like us to add anything ASAP!
- vi. COMM 170 Test Out is never ending. So, we had long discussion last year, and over the summer Mary Shapiro did research and surveys over the summer.
  1. Option 1: Run as it currently is, but use professors from all disciplines to judge. Apparently there wasn't interest.
  2. Option 2: It would be a paid test out of about \$50 to go in the week before school starts and give a speech before COMM faculty. But this is still run by the faculty. The Comm dept is talking about this tomorrow so please send up all hopes, wishes, desires, etc. that they pass it.
  3. We created a committee, but honestly it's still in the hands of the comm dept. You kind of see the harsh reality of serving on committees. The faculty complains about budget cuts and being overworked.
- vii. Symposium: We had another meeting, and they are looking to changing the entire university schedule next fall to revolve around the symposiums. Deanna pulled up a graphic. 11-12 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays for symposiums. There will be some things offered for upperclassmen, or it will be "chapel time" - a rest hour across campus, where you could visit professors office hours.
  1. Objection: LABS ARE REAL. They did talk about this, but their solution is that most 4 hour labs are not for freshmen, but there are some students that would still have a conflict. The departments would have to restructure. We'll see!

**d. President of the Student Association**

**Discussion**

1. Absence Policy!
  - a. We are trying to consolidate and clarify the absence policy. We have also changed requirements for associate senators and other positions. There is a section about excuse policy, but it doesn't really define anything.
    - i. Nothing has changed in attendance requirements, it's just clearer.
  - b. Questions: Holt: I don't like the unexcused plus five? These are not defined.
    - i. DeWitt: Two unexcused absences necessitate removal? So two retreats?  
A: I will flag that, because the language needs to be changed.
    - ii. Excuse policy has not been hashed out yet.
    - iii. Schmidt: Should we clearly define them? A: Yes and No; mixed responses on how defined these items should be.
    - iv. Where do we stop or start being understanding? Or do we add an umbrella clause and lower the number of absences?
    - v. Most groups define absence: workplace, organizations; this concept is not new.
    - vi. Wednesday at 7 is Rules Revision, and we will be debating this in front of the body, as well.