



Student Government Resolution 118.006

**A Resolution for the Student Government to Publish a Yearly Freshman Guide to Truman
Academics and Student Life**

**Sponsored by Katie Alexander, Academic Affairs Committee Chair; Sam Tillman and
Maddie Meyer, Academic Affairs Committee Members**

WHEREAS,

- The Student Government is the official governing body of the Student Association and exists to represent the present and long term best interests of the Student Association in the formulation of the University policy and in the fulfillment of the University mission; and
- In its representation of the student body, the Student Government has a unique opportunity to positively influence the lives of Truman students through outreach initiatives; and
- Freshman students may struggle to adjust to life as a Truman student as they leave their support systems for the first time; and
- The introductory week at Truman, currently known as “Truman Days,” has lacked consistency in recent years; and
- The new freshman experiences in the Dialogues curriculum are still in discussion; and
- The future of “Truman Days” is unknown; and
- Even a strong introductory program may still not cover every aspect of life at Truman; and
- No comprehensive student guide currently exists in any form; and
- Freshman students may benefit from access to a document that helps them navigate academic and student life, especially one written from a student perspective; and
- Dr. Jack Holcomb, Director of the Center of Academic Excellence, has expressed his strong support for such a project; and
- Publishing a guide for freshman students may increase the Student Government’s visibility on campus; and
- This document will need to be revised before each fall semester begins to ensure that information is still correct and relevant for students; and
- Once the first guide is written, this is likely to be a small task; and
- Each standing committee of the Student Government has important information to share with freshman students;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT,

- Supports the creation of a freshman guide to Truman academics and student life; and

- Directs all standing committees of the Student Government to create a section of the guide; and
- Further directs that future chairs of the above committees review their respective sections of the guide by the conclusion of their term in the spring semester.

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT DIRECTS THAT,

Additional copies of this resolution be disseminated to President Sue Thomas; Truman State University Board of Governors, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, Janet Gooch; Executive Secretary to the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, DeeDee Moore; Vice President of Student Affairs, Janna Stoskopf; Director of the Center of Academic Excellence, Dr. Jack Holcomb; Truman Media Network; and the University Archives.

Passed by Unanimous Consent, 10/28/18

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Keaton Leppanen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

President of the Student Association, Keaton Leppanen