



Student Government Resolution 118.014

A Resolution Supporting the Double Counting of *Dialogues* Courses

Sponsored by Keaton Leppanen, President of the Student Association; Deanna Schmidt, Vice President of the Student Association; Katie Alexander, Academic Affairs Committee Chair; and Eric Ngo, Academic Affairs Committee Member

WHEREAS,

- The Student Government is the official governing body of the Student Association and exists to represent the present and long-term best interest of the Student Association in the formulation of University policy and in the fulfillment of the University mission; and
- Through the adoption of Senate Bill 5516-B in November 2018, Truman State faculty approved the creation of a new core curriculum (*The Dialogues*);¹ and
- Senate Bill 5516-B specifies that Writing Enhanced and Intercultural courses can double count towards major requirements; but the Perspectives have “limited double-counting”;² and
- Senate Bill 5516-B does not define the term “limited double-counting”; and
- In attempting to define these limitations, Undergraduate Council drafted and passed a bill in March 2019 suggesting the following stipulations:
 - “A course satisfying one Disciplinary Perspective may not simultaneously satisfy another Disciplinary Perspective in a student’s program of study.
 - ...any part of the Dialogues other than JINS courses may double-count with any major, minor, or other requirements.

¹ <http://wp-internal.truman.edu/provost/files/2015/01/DRAFT-Minutes-NOV-2017-1.pdf>

² <http://wp-internal.truman.edu/provost/files/2018/01/App-E-Proposed-Comparison-Chart-11-27-17.pdf>

- ...a course satisfying the JINS requirement may only double-count with an interdisciplinary major or minor.”³
- Requiring students to take separate courses to satisfy the various Disciplinary Perspectives continues to promote diverse studies in the breadth of liberal arts, as initially suggested by the proposal of a new core curriculum; and
- Allowing students to double-count requirements of the Dialogues with major, minor, or other requirements grants students significantly more freedom when arranging their schedules, increasing the potential for students to pursue interdisciplinary study or to change or add majors and/or minors;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

- Supports the “Bill to Double Count *Dialogues* Courses” passed by Undergraduate Council on March 7, 2019.

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF TRUMAN STATE 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; Chair of the Undergraduate Council, Justin Jarvis; Chair of Faculty Senate, Scott Alberts; Truman Media Network; and the University Archives.

Passed by Unanimous Consent, March 24, 2019



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³ <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1gg6mdk7OZmeCyBTFxHJiNxS9Kp89Ob16KmUF--Zd--g/edit#>