



### **Student Government Resolution 118.024**

#### **A Resolution Amending the Constitution of Student Government: Revising Committee Descriptions**

**Sponsored by Adam Barker, Rules Revision Ad Hoc Committee Chair; Jared Kolok, Environmental Affairs Chair; Adam Paris, Student Affairs Chair; Sam Tillman, Secretary**

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 University policy and in the fulfillment of the University mission; and
- Student Government is bound by the rules detailed in its governing documents; and
- Some committee descriptions in the Constitution are not completely accurate in describing the duties of those committees; and
- Certain phrases in the descriptions should be written to be clearer and more concise;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- By approving this resolution, the Student Senate is approving the proposed changes<sup>1</sup> to the Constitution and consenting to put these changes up to a vote of the Student Association; and
- When the constitutional changes come up for a vote by the Student Association in the Spring Election of 2019, the ballot language shall be: “A vote ‘yes’ on this measure shall be considered approval for the changes proposed to the Student Government Constitution; and, a vote ‘no’ shall be considered a vote against the suggested changes to the Student Government Constitution. Attached, there are copies of both the current Student Government Constitution and the suggested, amended version.”; and
- Upon approval by the Student Association, the proposed changes to the Constitution shall immediately take effect.

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<sup>1</sup> See appendix I.

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT DIRECTS THAT

Additional copies of this resolution be disseminated to President Sue Thomas; Janna Stoskopf, Vice President of Student Affairs; Truman Media Network; and the University Archives.

Passed 8-1-2, April 14, 2019

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.

Keaton Leppanen, President of the Student Association

## Appendix I

### Clause 1

The Academic Affairs Committee strives to ~~maintain~~ **nurture** the academic quality of Truman State University from the perspective of the Student Association. This committee strives to promote a diverse curriculum encompassing the philosophy, values, content, and ideals of a Liberal Arts and Sciences education; academic integrity and other ethics and values inherent in a liberal arts and sciences education; academic advising which assures that students understand the role of the Liberal Arts and Sciences in the University's curriculum; and proper student representation within faculty and University governance.

### Clause 2

The Student Affairs Committee strives to ensure the fulfillment of the University's mission in the non-academic aspects of the University community from the perspective of the Student Association. This committee actively works to: improve the quality of student life; guarantee the rights and promote the desires of the Student Association; further the enhancement of an all-encompassing living and learning environment; **gather student opinion on issues that impact the Student Association and the University community**; and ensure that University policies and programs are commensurate with the best interests of the Student Association.

- a. The Purple Friday Committee is a subcommittee of the Student Affairs Committee.
- b. The Purple Friday Committee's structure shall be detailed in the Standing Rules.

### Clause 3

The External Affairs Committee strives to promote communication between the Student Association and the larger society of which it is a part. This committee ~~actively~~ works to: establish and maintain communication with members of the Kirksville community and **the Kirksville City Council**, the Missouri State Government, and the student governments from other universities in order to share perspectives and gather information, thereby increasing the awareness of the Student Association on issues which impact its well-being in order to create an informed citizenry.; ~~exchange information and perspectives with prospective and future members of the Student Association; and gather student opinion on issues that impact the Student Association and the University community.~~

### Clause 4

~~The Environmental Affairs Committee strives to ensure the maintenance of a campus environment that is commensurate with the goals of a Liberal Arts and Sciences university from the perspective of the Student Association. This committee carefully considers issues concerning resource management and recycling, construction, repairs, renovations, campus beautification, and handicap accessibility in order to assure that all facilities and grounds are optimally utilized and maintained in a safe and environmentally responsible manner; decisions affecting the~~

~~campus environment will receive appropriate student, faculty, staff, and administrative input prior to implementation; and the University's facilities in no way inhibit or hinder, but rather enhance, the Liberal Arts and Sciences environment.~~

The Environmental Affairs Committee strives to promote a sustainable and environmentally sound campus from the perspective of the Student Association. The committee carefully considers issues concerning resource management and recycling, campus beautification, sustainable behaviors and practices, and informational outreach to the Student Association and the community pertaining to the above. This is in order to assure that: all facilities and grounds are maintained and utilized in an environmentally responsible manner; decisions affecting the campus environment will receive input from students and appropriate guidance from faculty, staff, and administration prior to implementation; and the environmental impacts of the University are managed locally and regionally.

#### Clause 5

The Diversity Committee strives to ~~improve the harmony among the diverse population~~ **promote an inclusive campus environment that recognizes the diverse backgrounds and needs** of the Student Association and ~~to actively work~~ **works** to represent the interests and needs of **all students, especially those from** marginalized ~~students and~~ **groups and** communities. The Committee shall ~~promote diversity in all of its forms through one~~ **fulfill its stated mission through an annual** Diversity Week, other diversity programs, involvement in University policy making, and **collaboration with administrative and student groups across campus that promote diversity and inclusion.**

#### Clause 6

The Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee strives to nurture a campus environment of **well-being** ~~through a commitment to continuous improvement of University~~ **by working to improve** ~~public~~ **the health and safety of the members of the University community.** The committee ~~will serve in order to:~~ **shall advocate for mindful** ~~encourage~~ **positive physical and mental health** practices **among members** of the ~~Student Association at large by~~ **University community,** ~~promoting~~ **promote** awareness of healthy lifestyle development; identify ~~protection~~ **safety** concerns; **promote sexual assault prevention;** ~~solve comfort problems;~~ and ~~secure~~ **advocate for** safety measures **and policies that aid** the general welfare of all ~~University~~ **University** students, faculty, and staff.