



**Student Government Resolution 118.025**  
**A Resolution Formalizing Student Government's Role in Earth Week**  
**Sponsored by Jared Kolok, Environmental Affairs Committee Chair; Rachel Holt,**  
**External Affairs Chair; and Hannah Wissler, Ethics Justice**

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
- Planning for the 2019 Earth Week has taken place in conjunction with the Sustainability Office, Environmental Campus Organization (ECO), and other environmentally focused organizations; and
- The Sustainability Office requested \$728.85 for Earth Week projects and materials from the Student Government's Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee<sup>1</sup>; and
- The request was approved by the Student Senate on March 31, 2019<sup>2</sup>; and
- Since the approval of the funding, there has been some confusion as to who has authority over Earth Week; and
- According to the Truman State University Student Government's Standing Rules, the Environmental Affairs Committee is responsible for planning and executing Earth Week programming lasting at least three days<sup>3</sup>; and
- The Environmental Affairs Committee has benefited by working with outside organizations, including the Sustainability Office; and
- The Environmental Affairs Committee has, in the past, offered logistical and monetary support to outside organization, often cutting into its own limited budget for the betterment of Earth Week; and

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<sup>1</sup> <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1aQvHOuphCNKSCWtkohKJFWrPPo5EY6Uk6fUTx0xu6tk/edit>

<sup>2</sup> <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1w5rzyjDXI7K0t1zL2ffsKG2SJ0R7QI8txVOZqNc0s1Y/edit>

<sup>3</sup> <http://senate.truman.edu/files/2018/04/Standing-Rules-of-the-Truman-State-University-Student-Government-Spring-2018.pdf>

- It is the intent of the Environmental Affairs Committee to continue working with outside organizations, including the Sustainability Office, to make Earth Week as successful as possible to further the missions of the University and Student Government;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

- Recognizes that outside organizations receiving monetary support from Student Government or the ESFAC fee must work in collaboration with Student Government for promotional materials; and
- Supports the continuation of Earth Week with the involvement of willing outside organizations; and
- Recognizes that the Environmental Affairs Committee has the responsibility to supervise the development and implementation of Earth Week plans; and
- Supports the past actions of the Environmental Affairs Committee in carrying out logistic and monetary oversight of Earth Week.

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT DIRECTS THAT

Additional copies of this resolution be disseminated to President Sue Thomas; Truman State University Board of Governors; Janna Stoskopf, Vice President for Student Affairs; Donna Liss, Chair of the President's Sustainability Action Committee; Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee; Meaghan Schneider and Jimmy Clemens, Representatives to the Sustainability Office; Environment Campus Organization; Truman Media Network; and the University Archives.

Passed by Unanimous Consent, April 28, 2019

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Keaton Leppanen", is centered below the text.

Keaton Leppanen, President of the Student Association