

Student Affairs Committee End of Year Report

Submitted by Adam Paris: 2018-2019 Committee Chair

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Members

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The Year in Review and Some General Notes

General Committee Notes

New Student Organization Charter Hearings: I (Adam Paris) have been going to these since freshman year. Basically what you do is ask pre-decided questions to a group and evaluate their responses. The Organizational Development team should reach out to the President or Vice-President and then they may contact yourself.

Shining Star Award/Leadership Recognition Programs: The Center for Student Involvement (CSI) should reach out to you regarding this award. It is an award that has a monetary amount attached (up to you how much or for how many awards you give out). Basically, the winner is someone who has done such a good job at doing something that Student Government would also be doing or might be doing. I would recommend that this award is

advertised in some way because otherwise the number or nominees will be very small. Either the Chair or someone on the Committee will hand out the award at the Leadership Recognition Program Banquet.

Enforce attendance strictly. People will not show up if you give them leeway. Your committee members may also not do what you ask them to do and in that case you have to figure out how to encourage them to do so. If they do not show up and do not give you a valid and good reason-report the absence.

If you are trying to get help for tabling-you may have to *bribe* people or at least say you will buy them some food. You can have the President and Vice-President make the event mandatory. You can pair with another Committee Chair and make their event mandatory for your committee if they make your event mandatory for their committee. You can mandate that your committee work multiple hours at your event, it is being put on by your committee so they should participate. Remember, events can be made mandatory and if the committee members fail to show up it can be counted as an absence. I recommend one absence for every shift that they miss. The absence policy is also currently; 1 unexcused absence or a total of 5 absences. Any more and they are up for removal. Send your intention of removal to the secretary because constitutionally it is their duty. I also recommend keeping a separate count of committee member absences so you know exactly how many they have at all times. Be lenient when the absence is for something important but do not believe every story you are told.

Events

Student Appreciation Week

Date: Monday March 18th-Friday March 22 (the week after spring break) 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Location: Quad/SUB

Description: This was a week to celebrate students being students. We gave out a large variety of candy (\$232.05-not enough) on the Quad for Monday/Tuesday-this was a massive hit. Popcorn (less than \$15) in the SUB on Wednesday due to weather-this was not very popular but is extremely cheap and can be rented through the Center for Student Involvement (CSI) (contact Laura or Teresa West). We had assorted cookies (148 ct. \$173.53) on Thursday-great idea, need more cookies/chocolate chips is very popular. On Friday, we did pizza (30 ct. 10 peperoni, 5 sausage, and 15 cheese \$287.70)-this was the most popular and was gone in about an hour and a half-I suggest ordering more. On Friday, we also paired with the Purple Friday sub-committee who were putting on their event “Goof Off Day” and this pairing worked out amazingly well. We had a Twitter giveaway for best “Treat Yo Self” meme (that was the whole theme of SAW) and the award was a \$25 Amazon gift card. We then had 16 other winners for a giveaway. Once each day, a student could enter their name into a box which we then pulled winners from. Always pull back-up winners in case people do not pick up their prizes. This is an event that can be done very well by yourself, but it can be taken above and beyond if you pair with groups. The administration and faculty did not officially pair with us, but they also put on their own Student Appreciation week/days/events.

Spring BBQ

Date: 4-11-2019 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

Location: Quad

Description: The CSI reached out and asked us to sponsor a BBQ on the Quad. We had no money left in the budget so External Affairs Committee Chair, Rachel Holt (wow amazing person), took money out of their budget to sponsor the event. We went and played/setup yard games on the Quad. There was a table we had and we had several giveaways. All around a fun time.

Oktoberfest

Date: 10-5-2018 3:15-6:45 pm

Location: Pershing Arena

Description: The event is PR for Student Government. We go and give out candy, mugs, or recycling bins (asked Environmental Affairs Committee Chair, Jared Kolok, great guy seriously, beforehand). It is a great way to get people, especially first year student, interested in Student Government.

Student Visit Event Table/Student Life Reception

Date: 2-2-2019 1:30-2:30 pm

Location: SUB Hub

Description: I reached out to the CSI and requested to have a table at the Reception. They acquiesced and Jared Kolok (so selfless) spent an hour or so with me talking to potential new students and convincing them how great Truman and Student Government could be.

University Showcase Lunch x2

Date: 2-18-2019 11:00 am to 1:00 pm and 3-30-2019 12:15-1:15 pm

Location: SUB Georgian Rooms

Description: Signed up and encouraged the body to sign up to have free (yes free) lunch and all you had to do was to take some time out of your day and talk to potential new students. Great PR event.

Back to School Bash

Date: 8-24-2018 3:30-6:00 pm

Location: SUB Georgian Rooms

Description: The CSI reached out to have Student Government represented at the event. I provided coloring sheets and coloring utensils. A great time and a relaxing way to come back to campus.

Finals Scream

Date: Unknown/5-5-2019 8:00 pm-10:00 pm

Location: SUB Hub/SUB Alumni Room and The Mall

Description: The CSI reached out to pair with us. I had the option to fund it or not. I provided coloring materials and games. I also stayed the whole time, helped with set-up and clean-up, and I helped out the other activities going on as well.

Resolutions

[A Resolution Encouraging Truman to Reconsider the University's Alcohol Policies](#): Passed

[A Resolution Expressing the Student Associations Support for an Outdoor Fitness Court in Order](#)

[to Promote Overall Student Health](#): Draft/Needs work

- Can go along the same lines
- Can include swings/park like equipment if wanted

Future Project Suggestions

Doctor's Note for Absences Policy

Have no clue if this would be viable or practical

****Outdoor Fitness Court**

See above

Hammocks or Swings on-campus

Susan Limestall, the Health and Sciences Department, the Environmental Affairs

Committee, ESFAC, etc. are potential people/things you can reach out to for help

Replace the statue in the Pit

See Lauren Hogan/Resolution about it from 2018-2019 for details, Student Affairs Chair

the year before me

Look into the Medical Amnesty Policy only being a Board of Governors policy and not a

University policy

Use rollover money from the budget, ~about \$100, for giveaways

Notes and Suggestions for Future Committee Chairs

- Hightower Wholesale is AMAZING
- The Center for Student Involvement (CSI) is your best-friend
- Pair up with others on events and projects-Collaboration
- Reach out to more people for ideas
- This committee's main focus was on Student Government PR

- In my opinion, this committee is a “Permanent Ad Hoc Committee”-you can literally do basically anything you’d like
- The Chair appoints a Student Government Representative to the Residence Hall Association (RHA). This can be a very important position of influence for the Student Government. I would suggest looking outside of anyone who works for RES Life but still on Student Government for opinions that are more ours and less RES Life.

Respectfully Submitted,

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