

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT
GENERAL MEETING
August 18, 2019
Called to Order: 6:02 P.M.**

1) Preliminary Items

a) Roll Call

i) Present:

- (1) Deanna Schmidt, President of the Student Association
- (2) Katie Alexander, Vice President of the Student Association
- (3) Jared Kolok, Speaker of the Student Senate
- (4) Rachel Holt, Treasurer
- (5) Alek Nikitow, Secretary
- (6) Laura Bates, Staff Advisor
- (7) Keaton Leppanen, IT Director
- (8) Shania Montúfar, TEDx Committee Chair, Diversity Committee Co-Chair
- (9) Lizzie Cremer, Diversity Committee Co-Chair
- (10) Adam Paris, Parking Appeals Committee Chair
- (11) Emma Rollings, Environmental Affairs Committee Chair
- (12) Caroline Costello, Sexual Assault Prevention Designee
- (13) Tiffany Middlemas, Board of Governors Representative
- (14) Adam Barker, Senior Senator
- (15) Abbie White, Voting Senator

b) Approval of Minutes

i) Approved.

c) Gallery Introductions/Business

d) Membership Appointment/Resignation

i) Minor Appointment of Jared Kolok to Rules Revision Ad Hoc Committee Chair (Schmidt)

(1) Approved.

ii) Major Appointment of Keaton Leppanen to Information Technology (IT) Director (Schmidt)

(1) Approved.

iii) Resignation of Hyun-Joon Bang from a Voting Senator Position on the Student Senate (Schmidt)

(1) Approved.

e) Oath of Office

f) Changes to the Agenda

2) Auxiliary Reports

a) Speaker of the Student Senate

i) An executive board meeting was held and discussed election information that will need to be approved later. The election handbook will be up for approval.

b) Faculty Advisor

i) No Report.

c) Staff Advisor

i) No Report.

d) Athletic Fee Accountability Committee

i) N/A.

e) Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee

i) N/A.

f) Chair Pro Tempore

i) Academic Affairs Committee

- (1) We are documenting a vision for the program and we currently have a committee of 7 faculty members. We have also reached out to 5 other faculty

within STEM, and we will be meeting within the next few weeks to prepare for the December meeting.

- ii) External Affairs Committee
 - (1) Committee has met twice.
 - iii) Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee
 - (1) Still looking for a chair.
 - g) Environmental Affairs Committee
 - i) Done research for projects over the summer, mostly looking at native MO plants. Fairgrounds and the Labyrinth is moving along.
 - h) Diversity Co-chair
 - i) Working on getting an idea for 3D printed maps; looking at avenues online. We will also be attending meetings with identity based organizations for more contact. Currently, admissions is currently changing with staff, but we will be contacting them later on for future project ideas. Finally, the diversity retreat is coming up and will be open to everybody.
 - (1) Costello: Dr. Hart was just hired, Carol Bennet should have more info on the diversity retreat.
 - i) Select Committee on Parking Appeals
 - i) Will be meeting with a parking appeals representative, they will not be doing appeals for about two weeks.
 - (1) Info: This committee is designed to review parking appeals.
 - j) Sexual Assault Prevention Designee
 - i) Met with Dr. Melot and discussed the Truman Way presentation. We are working with Greek Life to get students to sign the Truman Way pledge, additionally, Dr. Melot will also be attempting to get students to sign. Finally, made more contact with the Women's Resource Center.
 - k) TEDx Ad Hoc Committee
 - i) There has been an issue with the Sub reservation, we moved the conference from the 9th of November to the 10th. First committee meeting is next week.
 - (1) We have lost a speaker set to speak at the conference. A meeting with the committee will take place to select a new speaker.
 - l) IT Director
 - i) Going to be redoing a lot of the website but will also be trying to keep it updated. If you need things posted to the website let Keaton know, feel free to suggest things.
- 3) Executive Reports**
- a) Treasurer
 - i) Student Government has a larger budget, will be going to run it past Laura before the body. A draft is made up, if you have any questions contact Rachel. This week would be best.
 - (1) Info: \$29,400 for this year and a \$8,320 rollover.
 - b) Secretary
 - i) Chairs please let Alek know about committee meetings starting, will be sending out a poll/document for tracking attendance each week.
 - c) The President and Vice President of the Student Association
 - i) There is a discussion item for Truman Week coming up.
 - ii) We would like to start having meetings with chairs to talk about committee visions and ideas for the years, chairs need to sign up for a meeting on Katie and Deanna's joint schedule within the next two weeks. Others, please sign up to meet with Katie. (Schedules sent by email.)
 - iii) We need blurbs for the end-of-the-month email by Wednesday (August 21st), the link to a Google doc has been sent by email.
 - iv) There are lots of open committee chairs and we have sent out applications. These include: Academic Affairs, External Affairs, Health Wellness and Safety, ESFAC, Webmaster

(under Keaton to learn), PR Director, Vision Doc., Student Affairs, and Purple Friday. Also, we need student committee members for Course Threads - please talk to Katie.

- (1) There is a scholarship job for PR director, will be advertised on TruPositions
- v) Excomm meetings will begin soon, a slack channel is being created to find a time to meet, details to be discussed there.
- vi) OAF and the Board of Governors (BOG) search has been combined. Deanna will be meeting with other presidents to pick a chair for OAF. Tiffany and Deanna have been working on BOG and are hoping to have the committee ready by next Friday (August 30th) and applications open.
- vii) By the end of next week, we will be staffing more events to meet new freshmen. There was a sign up sheet sent out through email, please sign up.
- viii) Tabling for election packets next Monday (August 26th), retreat is September 15th.
 - (1) Question: When will election packets be passed out?
 - (a) As of now, we will be passing them out on Monday the 26th
 - (2) What is the general time frame for the retreat?
 - (a) There is no exact timeline but the Sub opens at noon and typically end by 4 P.M.

4) Old Business

- a) N/A.

5) New Business

a) Discussion on Truman Days (Alexander)

- i) Discussion: We would like to discuss how Truman Week went.
- ii) What went well?

- (1) Deanna and Katie got the opportunity to speak to the freshmen, we should continue that.
- (2) Great attendance from Student Government members, ran efficiently with all members working.
- (3) LGBTQ+ Luncheon went well.

iii) What could have gone better?

- (1) Members who were helping need better instructions on what they should have been doing.
 - (a) Example: the freshmen rave, the obligations felt lost and unnecessary; we need more productive jobs.
- (2) Faculty need to have an MC for the college cup lined up.
- (3) For the Bulldogs in Action event logistics need to be ironed out.
 - (a) Example: Groups working at thrift stores had to wait for the store to open for about 45 minutes. The freshmen who signed up to serve the community shouldn't have to feel like they weren't serving/doing that much to help.
- (4) Times for events were not communicated properly in general.
- (5) There were issues with the meals, maybe we should look at cutting costs on the meal plans and using dining dollars instead.
 - (a) Send Laura questions if you need to.
- (6) Show up early for card swiping events
 - (a) We got constructive criticism back for the Truman Way presentations
 - (b) Deanna's suggestion to the next president is to be more direct with emails to get the information needed/organized.
 - (c) Sometimes card swiping wasn't needed and was a miscommunication.

b) Discussion on Student Candidates to the University Conduct Board (Schmidt)

- i) Motion to discuss the slate of student candidates to the University Conduct Board.
- ii) The University Conduct Board has a history with Student Government whereas the President of Student Government typically has approved the slate to JD Smiser, the head of the conduct board. This year, JD Smiser has asked for approval from the entire body of

Student Government. We have some bios/applications to read, if you need more information please know that is an okay opinion. It is possible to ask more questions or to have the slate of candidates to appear before the body.

- iii) Discussion
 - (1) Ask Keaton about the Conduct Board if you have any questions about it.. Keaton suggests that he would like to see the candidates in person and mentions that often times that club affiliations of the candidates are important in order to assure diversity across the board.
 - (2) Adam Paris abstains from vote due to conflict of interest.
 - (3) In the past the Student Government president reviewed the slate and lately more recently it has been a combined efforts of the president, JD Smiser and a representative of the conduct board to make the decision.
 - (4) Does the body feel comfortable with the information given?
 - (a) Keaton: I would like to see the candidates in person.
 - (b) White: The first two bios are worded well but the third is less so.
 - (c) Meyers: I agree with Keaton, there's not a lot of information or concrete examples in one of the freshman's bios.
 - (d) Paris: Have you seen the applications before?
 - (i) Schmidt: No.
- iv) Motioned to table.
- c) Money Motion for Board of Governors Recruitment Posters (\$100)
 - i) Motion for \$100 no later than December 31st.
 - ii) Approved.
- d) Approve Election Dates (Kolok)
 - i) There was an election plan created by the executive board. The official timeline is outlined within the document.
 - ii) Motion for the suspension of standing rules for a first read.
 - (1) Passed.
 - iii) Questions:
 - (1) Laura: Do you want active campaigning to start on the Monday of a holiday? I suggest moving it to the 3rd.
 - iv) Discussion:
 - (1) Laura: I cannot guarantee the Sub hub on September 12th.
- e) First Read of the Fall 2019 Election Handbook (Kolok)
 - i) Discussion:
 - (1) In the requirement checklist, add something about the UNI office being the destination.

6) Announcements

- Tuesday (August 20th) there will be an election video in progress at 4:30 P.N., we will need help. Meet in the Student Government office.

Adjourned: 7:14 P.M.