

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT
GENERAL MEETING
September 2, 2019
Called to Order: 7:00 P.M.**

1) Preliminary Items

- a) Roll Call
 - i) Deanna Schmidt, President of the Student Association
 - ii) Katie Alexander, Vice President of the Student Association
 - iii) Jared Kolok, Speaker of the Student Senate
 - iv) Rachel Holt, Treasurer
 - v) Alek Nikitow, Secretary
 - vi) Keaton Leppanen, IT Director
 - vii) Shania Montúfar, TEDx Committee Chair, Diversity Committee Co-Chair
 - viii) Lizzie Cremer, Diversity Committee Co-Chair
 - ix) Caroline Goldsby, Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee Chair
 - x) Adam Paris, Parking Appeals Committee Chair
 - xi) Emma Rollings, Environmental Affairs Committee Chair
 - xii) Abbie White, Purple Friday Subcommittee Chair
 - xiii) Caroline Costello, Sexual Assault Prevention Designee
 - xiv) Sam Tillman, Associate Senator
- b) Approval of Minutes
 - i) Approved.
- c) Gallery Introductions/Business
- d) Membership Appointment/Resignation
 - i) Major Appointment of Maddie Sarasio Meyer to Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee (Schmidt)
 - (1) Approved.
 - ii) Major Appointment of Caroline Goldsby to the Chair of the Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee (Schmidt)
 - (1) Approved.
 - iii) Major Appointment of Abbie White to the Chair of the Purple Friday Subcommittee
 - (1) Approved.
 - iv) Minor Appointment of Sam Tillman to the Diversity Committee as an Associate Senator (Schmidt)
 - (1) Approved.
- e) Oath of Office
- f) Changes to the Agenda
 - i) Motion to move the Second Read of the Fall 2019 Budget to the top of the agenda.
 - (1) Approved.

2) Auxiliary Reports

- a) Speaker of the Student Senate
 - i) I have sent out an email to all of the freshmen interested in running. There is a trickle of ballot measures and pictures coming in. I have a meeting with Laura to prepare for elections starting next Monday.
 - (1) Will space be set aside for campaigning next week?
 - (a) We will not be doing so.
- b) Faculty Advisor
 - i) No report.
- c) Staff Advisor
 - i) No report.
- d) SAB Representative
 - i) No report.

- e) Student Representative to the Board of Governors
 - i) No report.
 - f) Athletic Fee Accountability Committee
 - i) No report.
 - g) Chair Pro Tempore
 - i) External Affairs Committee
 - (1) No report.
 - ii) Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee
 - (1) No report.
 - h) Academic Affairs Committee
 - i) No report.
 - i) Environmental Affairs Committee
 - i) No report.
 - j) Diversity Co-chair
 - i) Went to Activities Fair and got meeting times/info of the organizations attending./
 - k) Purple Friday Subcommittee
 - i) No report.
 - l) Select Committee on Parking Appeals
 - i) Parking tickets are starting tomorrow. I will be meeting on Wednesday (Sep. 4th) to start looking at appeals.
 - m) Sexual Assault Prevention Designee
 - i) I have been in contact with the Women's Resource Center and Sexual Assault Week will be in September. I will need help with tabling, they are using our pledges.
 - n) TEDx Ad Hoc Committee
 - i) First meeting last Friday. We picked Abbie Mueller and Lizzy Cremer as the last two speakers. Meeting with TMN tv and the event manager.
 - (1) Date?
 - (a) November 10th.
 - (2) How many speakers?
 - (a) 6 total speakers.
 - o) IT Director
 - i) More drastic redesigns are coming, if you have any input please talk to me.
- 3) Executive Reports**
- a) Treasurer
 - i) No report.
 - b) Secretary
 - i) No report.
 - c) The President and Vice President of the Student Association
 - i) We had our first meeting with Janna and Dr. Thomas, talking about goals for this year.
 - ii) First faculty senate meeting of the year last week, we talked about perspectives and outcome requirements.
 - iii) Met with Adam McMichael to talk about the Homecoming committee. HC is now directed towards bringing enthusiasm to whole campus rather than just organizations. We are trying to get a Student Government representative on the HC committee. Will most likely either be a chair or senator from External Affairs or Student Affairs committee.
 - iv) We will be sending another all-school email a week from today to advertise voting, OAF (OAF needs more applicants), and our first podcast being announced, let us know if you want to add things to the email.
 - v) No voting senator has yet reached out about OAF or Board of Governor representative positions. These positions have to be someone on the body. We will be having a meeting in the next two weeks.
 - (1) The representative will serve on a selection committee.
 - vi) We are sending out the committee preference sheet again.
 - (1) Committee Preferences (2019-2020) Survey

- vii) We will need help setting up election posters.
- viii) We will be sending out a sign-up sheet for StuGov Buzz articles again.
 - (1) StuGov Buzz Sign-Up
- ix) \$33.33 on OAF posters
- x) Retreat starts at noon; attendance is mandatory.
- xi) Sign up for flag football (IM)
 - (1) Where do i sign up?
 - (a) Go to IM leagues' webpage and we can also email it.
- xii) Stu. Gov. dinners this week.
- xiii) Katie and Deanna Joint Schedule

4) Old Business

- a) Second Read of the Fall 2019 Budget (Holt)
 - i) Not much has changed, we had landed on an agreement on \$1400 for TedX, to do so we took \$100 from Public Affairs and \$100 from HIV Testing. Also homecoming is back under External Affairs,
 - (1) Why is there a line item for the past president's gavel?
 - (a) I will leave that for discussion later.
 - ii) Discussion:
 - (1) Move to transfer \$100 out of Misc Exec. to line item of president's gavel
 - (a) Accepted.
 - iii) Passed.
- b) Second Read of a Resolution Amending the Standing Rules and Constitution of the Truman State University Student Government Redefining the Role of the Treasurer to Encompass the Appropriations Chair and All Responsibilities Therein (Kolok)
 - i) Motion to second read.
 - ii) Not a lot has changed. I fixed some grammatical issues. Also I moved Clause 2 under Section 5 so it does not contradict previous/post clauses.
 - iii) Discussion:
 - (1) Costello: I want to reiterate that the change is unnecessary. Appropriations had problems because of the people in the positions last year, not because of the structure. I believe it gives too much power to the executive board.
 - (2) Dewitt: Bullet point #5 is incorrect, there is very little overlap in between positions. The only overlap is a meeting with Laura. Appropriations Chair is meant to be a liaison between the committee and the treasurer. The treasurer's role is to advise from a statistical/logistical standpoint. Ultimately this should come down to who has votes and it should not come down to the executive power.
 - (3) Motion to table the resolution until next Sunday.
 - (a) Failure to receive second.
 - (4) Schmidt: I think it is important to note that any executive member can fill the position. Treasurer has always been sent from executive since it makes the most sense to have the person who controls the money watching over the finances. I support the consolidation of the two positions. Also it is important to note that other exec. board members already serve in chair positions.
 - (5) Dewitt: I think in the case of finances it's too much power.
 - (6) Meyer: It seems like this would be cutting down bureaucracy required. It is easier to organize a meeting between two people as opposed to three. I am not seeing why this would be such a bad thing.
 - (7) Leppanen: The appointment process would be the exact same, I don't believe there'd be an avenue for executive to steal power, also each appropriation would have to be approved by the senate. I think this would eliminate a lot of stress and communication errors.

- (8) Is it possible to do a co-chair on this committee.
 - (a) Schmidt: It is possible but is it not constitutionally legitimized by any other governing documents, we would have to edit the procedure/etc.
- (9) Schmidt: I served as pro temp to Appropriations and I wasn't sure why I was sharing an email with Treasurer and I wasn't sure what my job was and I know that previous position holders have felt the same.
- (10) Motion to extend discussion by 10 minutes.
 - (a) passed.
- (11) Schmidt: I am aware this is addressing one bad semester; however, I still support the change because I think it's important to streamline communication within Student Government. I Respectfully disagree with conflict of interests and I disagree and believe the Treasurer's job is to manage finances and we already trust them with \$30,000 and I trust our current treasurer to manage the finances of Appropriations. Remember that the treasurer acts as a guide in the chairship and only votes in case of a tie.
- (12) Dewitt: In my experience the chair is the largest voice on the committee and the senate body does vote but they don't always know what happens within the committee. What we need is a clarification of the two roles but not consolidation.
- (13) Tillman: We have a finite amount of time, I think if we can streamline and make things faster it will benefit us all. I feel if there was an actual problem (which I see as unlikely) that other members of the body would step up and hold the Treasurer accountable.
- (14) Dewitt: I believe the appropriations chair is to read the applications and bring it to the committee while the treasurer will be the guiding role, and the committee discusses. In my experience it seems that the applications got mixed up since both had joint access to emails.
- (15) There seems to be issues in the gap between the decisions of the committee and the actual implementation of the decision. (Treasurer vs. Appropriation chair's job.)
- (16) I will be removing clause 5 of the whereas.

iv) Questions:

(1) N.A.

v) Passed.

5) New Business

a) Discussion on the New Member Handbook for 2019 (Schmidt)

- i) This will be a discussion item rather than the body voting. If you would like to vote we can discuss that. We tried cutting this down and are trying to get this updated/accurate to hand out at retreat. Some people had suggestions last year and this is to bring those up before final approval next week.
- ii) I think there needs to be a summary for bare essential obligations so people will not get confused.
 - (1) There's a brief part about absences, would you like to see more?
 - (a) Maybe like a chart with info, office hours, time obligations, etc.
 - (b) There are large blocks of text, be more concise and aesthetically pleasing.
 - (c) Maybe make it it's own document or separate appendix.
 - (d) Suggestion to have it right after the table of contents, also maybe make it a pdf accessible elsewhere.
 - (2) Have you asked any members interested in joining but haven't yet?
 - (a) We asked members right after they joined and who had questions last year.

- (b) Might it be possible to hand this hypothetical document out to people who are campaigning so they understand the expectations? It can be like a short list.
 - (3) Is there anyway the expectations can be condensed into a promotional document so it's easier for people to be prepared before they run.
- iii) The Corresponding Resolution from the 2018-2019 Session
- b) Money Motion for \$500 for Fall 2019 Retreat (Alexander)**
 - i) Motion for no more than \$500 no later than December 2019
 - ii) We are going to be using this for food at retreat (September 15th)
 - (1) What kinds of food are we going to expect?
 - (2) We will be talking to Sodexo for food, meeting will have a dessert bar and hot chocolate.
 - (3) Retreat is mandatory.
 - (4) Approved.
- c) Closed discussion on candidates for the University Conduct Board (Schmidt)**
 - i) University Conduct Board Student Consideration- Personal Statements
 - ii) University Conduct Board Student Consideration-Interview Impressions

6) Announcements

- There are election posters in the office that need to be passed out before next week.
- Janna will be pulling a group together to have conversations about revising the alcohol policy regarding resident halls.

Adjourned: 8:49 P.M.