

**TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT
FIFTH SESSION OF THE 2019-2020 GENERAL BODY
SEPTEMBER 8, 2019
Called to Order: 5:05 P.M.**

1) Preliminary Items

- a) Roll Call
- b) Approval of Minutes
 - i) Approved.
- c) Gallery Introductions/Business
- d) Membership Appointment/Resignation
 - i) Resignation of Lizzie Cremer from the Co-Chair of the Diversity Committee and Voting Senator Position (Cremer)
 - (1) Approved.
 - ii) Major Appointment of Lizzie Cremer to the Vice Chair of the Diversity Committee (Montúfar)
 - (1) Approved.
 - iii) Major Appointment of Jacob Bichsel to Voting Senator (Schmidt)
 - (1) Approved.
 - iv) Minor Appointment Victor Wei and Joshna Karki to Academic Affairs (Schmidt)
 - (1) Approved.
 - v) Minor Appointment of Josh German to Diversity Committee (Schmidt)
 - (1) Approved.
 - vi) Minor Appointment of Ethan Kershaw to the Environmental Affairs Committee (Shmidt)
 - (1) Approved.
 - vii) Minor Appointment of Emily Smith, Jose Reyes, and Ireti Romini to the External Affairs Committee (Schmidt)
 - (1) Approved.
 - viii) Minor Appointment of Kiren MacLeod, Jesse Wren, Alexandra Crawford. and Jacob Bichsel to the Student Affairs Committee (Schmidt)
 - (1) Approved.
 - ix) Minor Appointment of Kiren MacLeod to the Rules Revision Ad Hoc Committee (Schmidt)
 - (1) Approved.
- e) Oath of Office
 - i) Swearing in of Ethan Kershaw, Joshna Karki, Victor Wei, and Kiren MacLeod as Incoming Senators
 - ii) Swearing in of Jesse Wren, Emily Smith, Alexandra Crawford, Josh German, Luke Rascher, Jose Reyes, and Ireti Rotimi as Voting Senators
- f) Changes to the Agenda

2) Auxiliary Reports

- a) Speaker of the Student Senate
 - i) Rules Revision meetings are now held at 7:30 P.M. on Wednesdays.
 - ii) The Ethical Code is up for discussion tonight. We are looking to make it applicable to all of Student Government.
 - iii) The constitutional rewrite will be brought up in the Rules Revision committee meeting this week and brought up to body in the following weeks.
 - iv) If you would like discussion items on the agenda, email Jared.
- b) Faculty Advisor
 - i) N.A.
- c) Staff Advisor
 - i) Laura's role is the director of the Student Union and director of campus activity.
 - ii) I work with Appropriations, Student Affairs, Health Wellness and Safety, Sexual Assault Prevention, etc. Let me know if you need anything, I will be here on Sundays

- iii) Meg Edwards is the Faculty Advisor and works with external/environmental/academic affairs.
- d) SAB Representative
 - i) N.A.
- e) Student Representative to the Board of Governors
 - i) No report.
- f) Athletic Fee Accountability Committee
 - i) N.A.
- g) Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee
 - i) N.A.
- h) Chair Pro Tempore
 - i) External Affairs Committee
 - (1) Meetings are held at 5:30 P.M. on Wednesday. We will be sending out chair applications if you are interested, please fill that out ASAP for both positions.
 - ii) Student Affairs Committee
 - (1) We need to set up a meeting to discuss future projects. We will be sending out chair applications if you are interested, please fill that out ASAP for both positions.
- i) Academic Affairs Committee
 - i) Our first project is working on a redesign of a brochure for academic integrity. I scheduled a meeting with Provost Gooch.
 - ii) I need to pick up the plaque for the educator of the year. I will be getting in touch with my committee to set up a meeting time.
- j) Appropriations Committee
 - i) We have one application for the glowsticks, and we typically suspended the standing rules in the past since we have no committee, that will be coming up in the next week in order to get it in on time.
- k) Diversity chair
 - i) Meetings at 5:30 P.M. on Mondays, that is subject to change.
 - (1) Bates: Are you aware Carol Bennett is leaving? Her last day is Oct. 10th. Stay up to date on that.
- l) Environmental Affairs Committee
 - i) The labyrinth is underway. I have a meeting on Monday, Sept. 23rd meeting with Sam Guff (Physical Plant). We will discuss timeline for materials and planning. He would like volunteers for moving pavers, and that will most likely be occurring in October.
 - ii) We are on the docket for being a table during Sustainability Week on Oct. 5th, I figure this will be a great opportunity to co-table with the Bike Co-op to inform how easy it is to have a bike on campus/how to be safe.
- m) Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee
 - i) We are starting meetings on Monday at 8 P.M. in Baldwin Hall starting tomorrow. I will be meeting with Dr. Thomas to get her perspective and I will bring that back.
- n) Purple Friday Subcommittee
 - i) We are tabling this Friday in Magruder, and there is a link to tabling in the Slack, you should sign up.
 - ii) This Friday, Spike is on reservation and I need someone to wear the costume.
 - iii) This Thursday we are getting candy, and it will be less than \$100.
- o) Select Committee on Parking Appeals
 - i) Considered 9 appeals this week.
 - ii) Another to look at next week.
- p) Sexual Assault Prevention Designee
 - i) Sexual Assault Awareness Week held by the Woman's Resource Center is coming up in two weeks. We need people to sign up for tabling. I am posting the link in the Slack. I need to talk to the President and Vice President about social media for promotion.

- q) TEDx Ad Hoc Committee
 - i) We switched our meetings to Tuesday, and I will have more of a report by ExComm.
 - r) IT Director
 - i) Deepson has access to the website and we will be working on changes soon. Pictures will be uploaded to the website.
 - ii) Small changes are being added like Twitter/Facebook account links on the website.
 - iii) Suggestions are recommended.
- 3) Executive Reports**
- a) Treasurer
 - i) The group-picture will be ordered as soon as we know what size we want. That will be worked on this week.
 - ii) Committee chairs can only spend money. Chairs should have access to the budget, it is also on the website.
 - b) Secretary
 - i) I shared the office hour sign-ups with you all in Slack, also all of you should be added to Time Clock now, so please check into that sometime this week.
 - c) The President and Vice President of the Student Association
 - i) Katie and I have a joint-schedule document and that can be added to the minutes. Let us know if you want to meet or have questions (especially about the new member handbook.) ([Deanna and Katie's Joint Schedule](#))
 - ii) Chair positions like Student Affairs or External Affairs need to be filled the application link will be in the minutes ([Committee Chair Application](#))
 - (1) Women's Leadership Committee and the Vision Document committee still need chairs.
 - (a) A pressing position is the student representative to the Board of Governors. This is a two year long term, and we need to fill that position. We need one voting senator to sit on the committee to review applications to the position.
 - (2) Last year we passed a resolution over university alcohol possession, we are forming a student committee to look at specifics, please reach out if you'd like to serve on that.
 - iii) You all know your time commitments, sometimes Katie and I also designate required events to go to. We try to give two weeks notice of those requirements.
 - (1) We have round-table events. Presidents' Round Table is on Thursday Oct. 3rd in the SUB activities room at 7 P.M., and the New Students' Round Table is on Tuesday Oct. 29th, at 7 P.M. in the SUB Activities Room. Chairs are required to go to both, while voting senators are required to go to one, we highly encourage you attend both.
 - iv) UGC Meetings are occurring to review the university curriculum. The Leadership Scholar Program is changing, it is becoming less intensive and leaders who ran the program are now gone, so they are looking for new leadership.
 - (1) They are currently discussing perspective outcomes for the curriculum. There are four perspectives that are replacing the modes of inquiry. Each perspective has seven desired outcomes that students meet when taking classes under those perspectives. They are discussing if students should take one class that fills all seven outcomes,
 - (a) There are two different groups of ideology. One is that all outcomes are important and students should fill all of the outcomes. The other group believes it is impossible to regulate the outcomes, and rather a majority of the outcomes should be covered. Those are the two options. An Informal discussion is going to start next month and a formal one in November so they can begin designating classes under those perspectives since this curriculum takes effect next year.

- v) Every three years, OAF occurs (this is a student committee that looks at student fees each year and discusses them). This is to hold committees like FAC, Collegiate Readership, etc. accountable. Deanna and other presidents are meeting to interview five applicants to the chairship of OAF.
- vi) Katie and Deanna are creating weekly podcasts to discuss Student Government for the student body. Hopefully the first one will come out this week.
- vii) Sending out the link in the slack for Student Government dinners so we can schedule a hangout. ([StuGov Dinner Survey](#))
- viii) Dr. Alberts, a faculty staff professor has a class that conducts surveys that is currently studying campus climate. We are meeting with him to discuss and share the information.
- ix) Admissions office reached out and a showcase Saturday is on Sept. 28th. They take current students and prospective students out to lunch and to talk/answer questions. We need volunteers so we will send out the sign-up sheet. ([Showcase Saturday Lunch Volunteer Sign-Up](#))
- x) ExComm. meets once a week, and chairs are required to attend, and everyone else is welcome to come. These take place on Tuesdays at 9 P.M. in the UNI Complex outside the office.
- xi) Questions:
 - (1) Bichsel: What are the perspectives?
 - (a) Alexander: There was a new curriculum was passed last year. Right now there are modes of inquiry (scientific, for example, and you will have to take classes regarding that mode). The changes enacted are that modes of inquiry are now gone and are being replaced by perspectives, such as social sciences, STEM, arts and humanities, etc. There are seven desired outcome statements per each perspective that they hope for students to receive from the classes. The question is how do we guarantee the students get all seven outcomes from the perspectives.
 - (2) Woods: Are the perspectives are meant to match your career path?
 - (a) Alexander: No, this is part of the liberal arts program. This is the core curriculum for everyone.
 - (3) Raschel: What role does Student Government play in this?
 - (a) Alexander: Our power lies within our relationships and those are a considerable amount of lobbying power.
 - (4) Bichsel: Is there a calendar with all these dates up?
 - (a) Schmidt: No there is not, currently.
 - (5) Kiren: For the secret Board of Governors committee, may incoming senators be included?
 - (a) Schmidt: Yes, they are incoming senators are included like voting senators.

4) Old Business

- a) N.A.

5) New Business

- a) [Rules Revision Resolution II- Code of Conduct](#) (Kolok)

- i) We are looking through all the governing documents, and the Code of Conduct does not reflect/apply to every member of Student Government. It applies to the Student Senate, and that includes voting senators/incoming senators, but not the Executive Board as well as others. This resolution aims at clarifying the language and reworking it to be more inclusive, concise, clear, and professional.
- ii) Resolution is first read.

- b) Discussion on how to appropriately dissent. (Schmidt)

- i) We wanted a formal discussion to emphasize the importance of the Code of Conduct especially within controversial topics. You must act professionally within meetings and when representing Student Government on campus. We wanted to talk about the best way to conduct yourself in case of disagreement. We don't want to have ethics violations. We

have a few tips with everybody for civil discourse/dissent. You have a right to voice your opinion, but the vote of the body reflects the official opinion of Student Government. You can still have your own opinion, but you must clarify that those are your own opinions and not the body as a whole. This is because legislation has to pass as a body. We want to emphasize following university Code of Conduct, as well. For example: chalking, it must be affiliated with an organization and must be up to UNI code.

(1) Discussion:

(a) Paris: Can individuals chalk?

(i) Bates: Only departments, offices and organizations. Anything that doesn't fit within guidelines will have to be washed off. If you want to report something, that is okay.

6) Announcements

a) Body pictures are sent out, if you need your headshots let Rachel Holt know.

b) This Friday, at 8 P.M. in Ophelia Parish, there are concerts to attend,

c) Questions:

i) Wei: Who do we message if we cannot make meetings,

(1) Nikitow: Me.

ii) Rascher: Where can we find official documents?

(1) Kolok: Our website: senate.truman.edu

(a) And the university?

(i) Conduct.truman.edu

Adjourned: 6:17 P.M.