

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT
GENERAL MEETING
October 28, 2018
Called to Order 5:01 p.m.**

Preliminary Items

- a. Roll Call
- b. Approval of Minutes
- c. Gallery Introductions/Business
 - i. Dr. Scott Alberts, Chair of the Symposium Committee
 1. Happy to be here. Here in my current role as chair of the symposium committee. Last year, faculty voted on a new curriculum, Dialogue, which will go into effect next year. It was done to bring us up to state curriculum standards and enhance our freshman experience. We used to have a week for freshman at the beginning of the semester and that has been shortened for various reasons. We have found that students who find a sub-community stay, and those who don't, don't. Looking to redesign the curriculum to aid in this "sense of the whole" student body. Many have a sense of a small community, but not a sense of the whole and being a grand community. Truman isn't necessarily focused on sports, nor super small, so we are looking to get all the freshmen in a room at the same time to have a great freshman experience. We are also looking to enhance digital literacy. This is built into the 3 credit Self and Society seminar and 1 credit symposium. In a week you would have a seminar, symposium, and an online assignment. We did a trial run of the symposium this fall. We used Ryle hall as our pilot, every freshman in that hall was automatically registered. Students who had conflicts (orchestra, sports) were allowed to disenroll. We used the SAs as discussion leaders, which we are not sure was the best, so we will be working on that. The decision to give the SAs a little bit of training, and sending them straight into the symposium could have been better, we would like them to meet beforehand. Looking at students leading a 1 credit class as discussion leader. There would be training. This fall there was one faculty member assigned to two discussion groups. We are proposing that students do a full implementation that goes without the separate Truman Days. This would be something that would keep changing, so that it is successful. The lectures themselves have been pretty successful.
 2. Questions:
 - a. Slama - Thank you for coming tonight. Digital fluency - what specific skills? A: For the pilots the students are building a website and each week after each lecture, they would add something consistent with what they learned that week. It engaged them with the subject matter and learned how to embed a video, putting text on a web page, etc. Training - they had a tutorial video, whether they needed to use it or not. We also had faculty help, etc.
 - b. Wissler - This would eliminate coming to school early? A: No, but you would do more student affair things, tours, compliance, etc. It would eliminate the academic component. Grades? A: It would be two separate experiences. 3 credit "freshman jins" of sorts that would be graded as normal. The 1 credit symposium would be pass/fail.
 - c. Tillman - Common hour? A: Two parts. First, formal common hour where other things don't happen... whatever time we pick, freshman will all be in this, so you won't want to run lower level classes, and we have to accomodate the discussion leaders. Whatever time you pick, you cannot do other things whether it is a rule or not. Even picking Tuesdays at 7 this year, there were still complications though it wasn't that competitive with

many events. Formal discussion is important, but it will be that way anyways.

- d. Deck - plan moving forward with leaders? A: Opening it up to SAs, and a larger group as well. A professor would supervise the preceptors and then those students would go and work with the freshmen. The preceptors would be graded or pass/fail. It is a lot of work. If SAs were to do it, they would really have to work on what other work they cut down on. There are also a ton of students to grade.
- e. Wissler - registering this as a normal class? A: This is how the discussion will work, but for the talk, it will be 1200 in a room together.
- f. Alexander - how are they incentivised to lead it? A: Great resume line, many MAE would like it. You are talking about big questions and what makes Truman Truman. You get to be a wise leader. We need 50 of them.
- g. Costello - do we have data on how the pilot group feels? A: We do have a survey open right now. We do know that some of the students love it, some are having great discussion and others aren't.
- h. Holt - could this be a scholarship job? A: Yes, it could be.
- i. Deck - What are the ideas for mass implications? A: Part of it is that the only way to learn how to do it is to do it. The idea of engaging talks and good discussion afterwards is something that we haven't necessarily built in with our model here at Truman.
- j. Harrison - what is the purpose? A: Discussing things the way Truman people discuss things. What makes people human? Dr. Daughters gave a great talk on this, and then they went into a room and talked about what your major thinks about this idea. To do the things you wouldn't normally do until you are a junior or a senior and do it as a freshman. Building an environment of empathy. How do we make connections? Those discussions.
- k. DeWitt - Seminar and symp would be one semester? A: Yes. D: The only thing that would go from Truman Days is the four hour faculty seminar? A: Yes, but things like the library tour and such could be moved as well. It would be mostly Student Affairs things.
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- ii. Laurie Millot, Title IX Coordinator
 - 1. My job is all kinds of things - Institutional Compliance. I am going to make sure that the parts I have responsibility for will be good. But change for the students won't happen unless you make it happen. I will get you what you need.
- d. Membership Appointment/Resignation/Removals
 - i. Resignation of Abbie White from Associate Senator on Health, Wellness, and Safety (Slama)
 - ii. Appointment of Mason Brandt to Student at Large on the Appropriations Committee (Leppanen)
 - 1. Approved
 - iii. Appointment of Jade Harrison to co-Public Relations Director (Leppanen)
 - 1. Approved
 - iv. Appointment of Chloe Harris to co-Public Relations Director (Leppanen)
 - 1. Approved
- e. Oath of Office
- f. Changes to the Agenda

Auxiliary Reports

- a. Speaker of the Student Senate
 - i. Next week's meeting will be at 6 p.m. because of TEDx
 - ii. Rules revision - pretty minor stuff, clearing up language. We have decided to keep Purple Friday as a sub-committee.

- b.** Student Representative to the Board of Governors
 - i. No report.
- c.** Faculty Advisor
- d.** Staff Advisor
 - i. Hard week. Jana has already blocked off a date in the spring for a day of remembrance.
 - ii. Consultants are coming back 9-11 a.m. in the activities room, Nov. 8 to report their findings.
 - iii. Faculty -staff: We as an institution, we do well with benefits packages. My hourly staff got an increase, but their paycheck decreased because of tax and insurance and benefits going up. You may hear some staff talking about that.
- e.** Academic Affairs Chair
 - i. I have gotten some interest in the commencement speaker application, so that's good.
 - ii. Our course repeat and freshman guide resolutions are coming tonight!
- f.** Parking Ad Hoc Committee Chair
 - i. No report.
- g.** External Affairs Chair
 - i. Volunteering with high school is this Saturday at 10 a.m. in the SUB, first floor. Kaylee went to the meeting this week and they have 40 people on the body. Please please come if you can. I am getting donuts from Hy-vee for less than \$99. It's gonna be a little chilly. Dress for the weather. We will have waivers, and vests, and hot beverages.
 - ii. Voting is next Tuesday, the 6th!
 - iii. Notary? Business office or DPS.
- h.** Environmental Affairs Chair
 - i. No report.
- i.** Student Affairs Chair
 - i. Trunk or treat is going well.
 - ii. We are waiting on the survey to writing a resolution about the fair grounds.
 - iii. Looking into printers in more areas on campus.
- j.** Diversity Chair
 - i. No report.
- k.** Appropriations Committee Chair
 - i. Met with the student at large, that's nice.
 - ii. Dogspy slate next week.
 - iii. Looking for a replacement for my chair position because I am doing an internship at the white house.
- l.** Athletic Fee Accountability Chair
 - i. Sound boards are up in Pershing.
- m.** Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Chair
 - i. Applications are out currently.
 - ii. Talking about our long term big project- wind and solar solutions.
- n.** Health, Wellness and Safety Chair
 - i. Be kind to others.
 - ii. Take care of yourselves.
- o.** Sexual Assault Prevention Designee
 - i. We are meeting with the new Title IX officer on Friday!
- p.** SAB Representative
 - i. Kenan Thompson was a big success!
 - ii. We have IT showing on Halloween at 7 p.m. in the SUB.
- q.** FAC Representative
- r.** Public Relations Director
- s.** Legislative Director
- t.** Parking Appeals Committee Chair
- u.** Purple Friday Subcommittee Chair

- i. I met with Dean Harding and she is a great lady. She loves Truman and has a bunch of ideas. I will be continuing contact with her. I am going to work with Staff Council and they pointed me to another person, who I will meet with this week.
- ii. Purple Food Day stuff is in the works with Sodexo for next Friday, November 9 from 11-2 on the Quad.
- v. TEDx Ad Hoc Committee Chair
 - i. Ok! It's in a week! Our facebook has 415 followers! We did a raffle and I notified the 5 winners.
 - ii. Painted the super cool banner by the SUB.
 - iii. Workshop on Thursday went very well. We now have a full schedule!
 - iv. Looking for a photographer, and Brett can't do it. Rachel could do it!
 - v. Got our banners that we ordered. They are incorrect. I'll be talking to Winston tomorrow.
 - vi. Ticketing - happening this week from 10-2 every day and 5-8 on Thursday. Encourage people to COME TOMORROW. We are optimistic about selling out quick. You guys don't need tickets.
 - vii. You will be handing out tickets if your office hours fall between those times and I will be sending out instructions (take down name and email, fill in waitlist, and there will be individual tickets to hand them. There will also be a list so that they can pick which session they would like to go to. It will be in the slack.) We still have a few spots remaining in our ticketing hours. Please help.
 - viii. Sending out sign-ups to volunteer at the event. It will all be pretty fun. You only need to come for about half of it, one session. You can come and watch the other session for free because you are volunteering!
 - ix. When giving out tickets, you can let people know about the livestream option for the session they did not get a ticket for.

Executive Reports

- a. Treasurer
 - i. Let me know if you are spending money.
 - ii. I ordered more funding request forms.
 - iii. When you order things through me - I need two weeks minimum. Hard deadline. I reserve the right to not order things because I do not have the time to do so. Two weeks before you need it.
- b. Secretary
 - i. I have received two interest emails about interest in my position! I will be meeting with them this week.
 - ii. I will begin to email the resolutions out to the body - it's really silly anyways that you don't receive the final copy.
 - iii. Chairs please email me at mcs5883 so that I can share the attendance doc with you!
- c. President and Vice President of the Student Association
 - i. TEDx - not mandatory, but STRONGLY ENCOURAGED.
 - ii. Working on the Student Body Survey! We will be offering 3 \$15 gift cards as incentives.
 - iii. SAB, FAC, and I have our monthly meeting this week. We will be talking about OAF. If you are interested in forming the new protocol, please reach out to me.
 - iv. Vis Doc - Lots of you expressed interest; we will be reaching out. Deanna and I will be chairing this committee.
 - v. Student Body Email was sent out on Friday.
 - vi. UGC is having a special meeting this Tuesday at 3 p.m. and they will start having meetings twice a month to work through the curriculum changes.
 - vii. Stu Gov dinner will be at 5 p.m. again this week on Wednesday in Ryle.

Old Business

- a. Second Read: A Resolution for the Student Government to Publish a Yearly Freshman Guide to Truman Academics and Student Life (Alexander)

- i. It has been edited with your comments from last Sunday.
 - ii. Adopted by Unanimous Consent.
- b. Second Read: A Resolution in Continued Support of the Proposed Changes to the Current Course Repeat Policy (Alexander)
 - i. It's mostly like last time. We talked to the people who had some input, so here we are.
 - ii. Adopted by Unanimous Consent.

New Business

- a. Discussion Item: Student Government Ryle Hall Student Advisor Survey Summary: Symposium Pilot Fall 2018 (Leppanen)
 - i. This is what the survey says. 17 total SAs, 10 took the survey, 9 of them were discussion leaders.
 - ii. The committee will not be keeping SAs as discussion leaders.
 - iii. Discussion
 - 1. Slama - I skimmed, but do you indicate that these are adapted results? A: In the footnotes.
 - 2. Wissler - I thought this was mandatory? A: There are 12 discussion leaders and 9 of those filled it out. We got the good majority of discussion leaders.
 - 3. DeWitt - The written response - did you look at them as a whole? Was the person in support not a discussion leader? I am curious. A: I did not, but they talked about discussion in their response.
 - 4. Wissler - this supports what we thought this whole semester, but these may also be emotionally charged. Very useful data, though.
 - 5. Costello - I think it is a firm negative response, but it proves our point that Student Advisors should not be the ones facilitating this portion of it.
 - 6. Leppanen - going off of that, the symposium is going ahead. The real point of the survey is focused on how we can improve. Where are the weak points? How can we make it the best that it can be?
 - 7. Middlemas - Topics? A: Yes, there is a survey live for those in the course; topics are over their heads, potentially, so working on that for the future.
 - 8. Slama - do they have concerns about the course itself? Are we going to do anything with that? A: Part of that is that they do not feel informed enough about the situation. They did not feel prepared or trained. The course itself is a discussion at UGC this week. They are talking about postponing the curriculum change another year. Dr. ALberts wants to make it totally live next fall.
 - 9. Bates - There was a curriculum committee a decade ago and faculty did not want to change it. I'm a little concerned about going full speed ahead and stopping it. Also, what does it do for the 42 hour common core? Anecdotal feedback - The preparation varied from faculty talk to talk. For shade tree they are given questions, etc. They were supposed to be consistent, but I don't think it has been. Some of the faculty are very in tune with their talk and subject area and translating that to a non-major, etc., has been difficult. How is it able to be implemented by anyone? Once it gets going, I believe it will be very popular.
 - 10. Costello - I think that our curriculum kind of already hits these things that they are trying to force upon the freshmen. I have talked to some of the freshmen and they have expressed that it is over their heads.
 - 11. Leppanen - Speed vs. Slow down came up in FS this week. UGC is doing two meetings a month to devote as much time as possible to this. This is an argument right now. A lot of FS and chairs are saying it needs to be pedal to the metal from a scheduling aspect as well as legislatively. Better prepping - we have been talking to Dr. Thomas and VP Stoskopf about preceptors to meet with the faculty each week to learn about the topic ahead of time. Talk to us if you have any opinions of concerns!

Announcements

1. Bates - If you were invited to take a survey - please know that I don't choose the time these emails go out.
2. Schmidt - If you are interested in the Critical Language Session - come 6 p.m. on Tuesday in Violette 1332
3. Wissler - Senior day is this Saturday at 2 p.m.
4. Tillman - North Star Music Festival is Thursday-Saturday in OP!

Adjourned 6:42 p.m.

Links

[Resolution to Create a Yearly Freshman Guide to...](#)

[Course Repeat Policy x2](#)

[Ryle SA Survey Data](#)