

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT
GENERAL MEETING
December 2, 2018**

Called to order 5:00 p.m.

Preliminary Items

- a. Roll Call
- b. Approval of Minutes
- c. Gallery Introductions/Business
- d. Membership Appointment/Resignation/Removals
 - i. Appointment of Miriana Scatola to Associate Senator on Diversity (Leppanen)
 1. Approved
 - ii. Appointment of Eric Ngo to Associate Senator on Academic Affairs (Leppanen)
 1. Approved
 - iii. Appointment of Alek Nikitow to Associate Senator on Environmental Affairs (Leppanen)
 1. Approved
 - iv. Appointment of Shania Montufar to Chair of Women's Leadership Conference Ad Hoc Committee (Leppanen)
 1. Approved
- e. Oath of Office
- f. Changes to the Agenda
 - i. Move Old and New Business before reports.

Auxiliary Reports

- a. Speaker of the Student Senate
 - i. The semester is wrapping up, let me know if you need help with anything.
 - ii. We have some things on our radar for next semester, including what happens when a president resigns, etc.
- b. Student Representative to the Board of Governors
 - i. We had a meeting yesterday.
 - ii. Marketing director has been chosen and he will start next semester.
 - iii. Katie got a shout out for TEDx!
 - iv. Be on the lookout - Governor Parson is coming to campus in January - 7th or 14th
 - v. Enrollment management - there was a short summary talking about what Truman needs to identify as primary enrollment concerns, how to address these. They are working with a committee and the marketing consultant and a firm as well.
 - vi. Alcohol policy in the res halls - VP of Student Affairs is tentatively discussing allowing students of age in West Campus and the Apartments to have alcohol in their dorms. The main reason for limiting it is because those are upperclassmen dense. Opening it in Missouri Hall makes it extremely hard to regulate.
 - vii. Questions:
 1. Leppanen - this policy is a compromise to appease either side of the wet/dry campus argument (students and faculty both). Expect a resolution. There are concerns but this step forward would be tremendous. Students can even make the decision.
 2. Bates - it is not uncommon to designate a space for this.
 3. Middlemas - to clarify, you would have to register. Also, the board itself is divided on this.
 4. Costello - What about your body as a container in the other halls?
 5. Slama - timeline? A: No, it's been a long conversation. It is now in open session, though, so I can talk about it.
 6. Holt - gray areas - What are they going to do?
 7. Leppanen - we will be talking about this with Dr. Thomas and will bring your questions to them.
- c. Faculty Advisor

- d. Staff Advisor**
 - i. TruInternships - everyone that received them were notified. Most of them are posted on TruPositions. They are \$9/hour internships. They close quickly. Let people know.
 - ii. I talked to Caleb, Keaton and Deanna. My secretary has resigned, so if you have expenses, get them to me quickly because she leaves Wednesday, and she does all the monetary stuff.
 - iii. MO passed a minimum wage increase - I am not sure how it affects us as an educational institution. We are in a really weird spot. Important to note that there are some staff members that make 8.67 an hour and that changes things. Pay attention to this.
- e. Academic Affairs Chair**
 - i. We selected our commencement speaker! I'll let you all know once I have heard back from them.
 - ii. Come to PJ Ex Comm on Tuesday!
- f. Parking Ad Hoc Committee Chair**
 - i. No report.
- g. External Affairs Chair**
 - i. Next semester there are two volunteer events - Jan. 26th - 9 volunteers for MLK event, Jan. 16th - Hope's Kitchen - as many as we want. We are looking at making this required, so put these in your calendars. I will be sending out sign-up sheets.
- h. Environmental Affairs Chair**
 - i. Last week on Weds. the Stat 210 class gave their survey results and there is a great wealth of data. Up to us to implement, starting with the resolution today. We are also looking at advertising, etc.
 - ii. Adam Paris and I met with Lauri on Friday about Fair Apartments, but there are no definitive plans right now.
- i. Student Affairs Chair**
 - i. Like he said, we met with Lauri.
 - ii. I will be meeting with VP Stoskopf.
 - iii. Finals Scream - next Sunday, Dec 9, 9-11 p.m.
- j. Diversity Chair**
 - i. No report.
- k. Appropriations Committee Chair**
 - i. Slate passed, will get those reimbursements done.
- l. Athletic Fee Accountability Chair**
- m. Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Chair**
 - i. We have received one proposal so far. There is a little bit of interest in changing our operating procedures in order to save more for long-term projects.
- n. Health, Wellness and Safety Chair**
 - i. No report.
- o. Sexual Assault Prevention Designee**
 - i. Thank you for reading my resolution!
 - ii. I am going to meet with Dr. Millot soon.
- p. SAB Representative**
 - i. Thursday night at 7 p.m. will be Holiday Lights at Kirk Memorial with Sweet Nothings, True Men, and Minor Detail. There will also be hot chocolate and cookies.
- q. FAC Representative**
- r. Public Relations Director**
- s. Legislative Director**
- t. Parking Appeals Committee Chair**
- u. Purple Friday Subcommittee Chair**
 - i. We are having an event this Friday on the Quad! Bonfire with s'mores, hot cocoa, hot cider, etc. Stop by and have a treat! I will let you know if we need more help. The event is from 11-2.
- v. TEDx Ad Hoc Committee Chair**

Executive Reports

- a. Treasurer
 - i. If you need anything, it is too late to order it, RIP.
 - ii. Anything in the first two weeks of next semester, let me know ASAP (ExComm).
 - iii. Did you know that my position is still available? Talk to Keaton and Deanna or me if you are interested.
- b. Secretary
 - i. No report.
- c. President and Vice President of the Student Association
 - i. Student body email - snuck up on us. Hoping to get that together this coming week. Chairs have a deadline of Tuesday at ExComm. Sooner the better.
 - ii. Grad Chords - Blue and silver grad chords won overwhelmingly! Who gets them will be clarified in a resolution next semester.
 - iii. T-shirts - the order has been sent in and we are waiting on Dan.
 - iv. Mandatory stuff - you must work one of the two volunteer events. (all voting members and chairs). If you do not show, they will count as absences.
 - v. Symposium - committee meeting this Wednesday. There was a survey that closed this week and I will have a copy of the results.
 - vi. PJ ExComm on Tuesday!!!
 - vii. Chairs - talk with your committees about projects and plans for next semester.
 - viii. Last Stu Gov dinner of the semester this Wednesday at 6 in Ryle!!
 - ix. We are having a meeting next Sunday, but will take a Straw Poll if we want to move the meeting up. Next week's meeting will be at 2 p.m.!!!

Old Business

- a. Second Read: A Resolution Amending the Standing Rules of Student Government: Committees and Committee Chairs (Barker)
 - i. Not a ton has changed. I added a couple of little things. It's pretty much the same.
 - ii. Discussion:
 1. Leppanen - I like what this resolution is doing, but I have a problem with Section 5 Clause 9. I am not a fan of that at all because one of the president's duties is to appoint the chair of the committee and the committee chair chooses a vice chair if they wish. This subverts the president's goal to create a cohesive body. I don't like the idea that chairs can choose their successors.
 2. Alexander - I agree with that on a preliminary level.
 3. Kolok - I am starting to agree with you more and more. The idea behind it was having a backup, but we already have that with the vice president.
 4. Wissler - I think that this is actually a very interesting way to do this. I think that this puts responsibility on the chair. I would be more comfortable if they assumed their duties and were then approved by the body. They should have first dibs if they were already named vice chair.
 5. Paris - originally this was put in so that the vice president could not just come in and kick the vice chair out of their job.
 6. Barker - I will accept Adam's amendment.
 - a. Leppanen - I don't love it. I think that this is a major things that contradicts lots of things in the constitution.
 7. Slama - I was feeling on the fence, but something occurred to me. For this to make sense, you have to be sure that the president has trusted the chair to pick wisely. In its current form I am not a fan because I can think of instances in which I would not be confident with that.
 8. Leppanen - I would like to address Hannah's point. I don't want to brush a vice chair aside. I think that it is important to have a deliberation and the opportunity for more members to be considered. I am in favor of things being based on merit. Also, we are assuming that vice chairs want to assume the responsibilities that they may not be ready for.

9. Schmidt - Question: What is the process for removing a chair? Does it go through pres and vp or through the body? I do agree with Keaton and I liked Joe's points. This could work if the Pres and VP had to approve a vice chair appointment. I did like Hannah's suggestion better, but I think it should go through the pres and vp first. They should respect that title in the process of choosing a new chair.

iii. Motion to table the resolution.

New Business

- a. Appropriations Slate (Derbak)
 - i. This was originally supposed to be passed last Sunday, but because of the weather, we are seeing it now. The KASA event went very well and since it already happened, this is a reimbursement.
 1. Questions:
 - a. Schmidt: How is the reimbursement going to work? A: All is in order.
 - b. Wissler: Was this open to everyone? A: Yes.
 2. Passed by unanimous consent.
- b. First Read: A Resolution for the Direction in which the Student Government will Advocate for Sexual Assault Prevention (Costello)
 - i. This is to talk about our direction. It has a lot from the White House Task Force and is a guide for future chairs, as well as what we will be following.
 - ii. Questions:
 1. Bates: Is this up to date? A: I am keeping an eye on DeVos's recommendations.
 - iii. Discussion:
 1. Leppanen: Brief rundown of the movement.
 - a. It's On Us Campaign - students taking responsibility for what happens, what they see. I will be modeling it off of what the University of Michigan has been working on.
 - iv. First Read
- c. First Read: A Resolution in Support of Delaying the Implementation of the Dialogues Curriculum until the Fall of 2020 (Alexander)
 - i. Deanna and I have been working on this for a few weeks after sitting in on UGC and our respective committees. We both feel that we support the Dialogues, but we are not seeing the progress we would like to in order for it to go up in the fall. At the last UGC meeting a resolution was voted down to postpone, but as this is the official opinion of the student association, it is important to pass this even though we disagree with faculty.
 - ii. Discussion:
 1. Schmidt: Question to the body - do we structure it by going positive and narrowing it down to the negative? (Dr. Thomas' suggestion) We are on board with that, but are open to suggestions about the title to make sure faculty don't discredit this, etc.
 2. Leppanen: Who proposed the resolution? A: Jarvis Maybe A Resolution in Support of Devoting More Time to Ensure the Best Implementation of the Dialogues.
 3. Costello: In Support of the Continued Improvement of the Dialogues?
 4. Slama: Defending the Motion to Delay the Implementation of the Dialogues?
 - a. Do we want to talk about how this may impact retention? A: It is towards the bottom.
 - b. I am wondering if it might not be more strategic to wait until next semester to pass this and get that out of the gate? I am willing to be persuaded.

5. Wissler: I think that the set up is a little bit dangerous in the way that it may be misread. They may also be able to pull things out of it that we don't necessarily mean outside of this context.
 6. Costello: Retention rate - they sent a survey about the symposium to the freshman, and that data could show that things that are not fully planned are not liked.
 7. Schmidt: In response to Joe: I originally wanted to say no, but I could also be persuaded. The faculty are expecting this, however. It doesn't hurt to do it now.
 8. Alexander: I have to disagree with postponing this. We cannot criticize the faculty for taking too long and then wait until the third week of January to give the faculty our opinion on this.
- iii. First read
- d. First Read: A Resolution in Support of Sodexo and the Formation of a Culinary Committee (Kolok)
- i. I asked Doug to write this resolution. In talking with Justin and Sodexo we have learned quite a bit. We have requested to meet with him on a bi-monthly basis to be kept in the loop. That was rejected because the Culinary Committee is in the works and we were referred to that instead. This is not well known to the students and we really want this to become a real committee. Important both for the student government and the student body.
 - ii. Questions:
 1. Costello: Doug, students from environmental organizations, etc.
 - iii. Discussion:
 1. Leppanen: Who is Shelby Gardener? A: She was hired this last summer.
 2. Schmidt: This process is already kind of in the works, do they have a date? A: This is more of Adam's purview. Paris: Stoskopf has mentioned the desire to have this implemented this year, but there is no real timeline.
 3. Leppanen: The survey data is great - is there a link to the data? A: All I have is a hard copy. I can reach out to Dr. Alberts.
 4. Bates: Within that - do you want to talk about the data set in terms of our campus size? Maybe recognizing this is low, but you believe it to be representational.
 - iv. First read.
- e. Discussion Item: The Freshman Guide (Alexander)
- i. Thank you to all the committee chairs! I will be emailing Jack Holcomb a more robust draft before break. We need to be making comments on this, look at whether anything is missing, etc. This is very important for student government - a way to help make freshmen feel more welcome on this campus. It is vital for our publicity that this is really well done. I appreciate your help with this.
 1. Deck: Format - what is the idea for what it will look like? A: It will be a pdf. I haven't talked to Dr. Holcomb specifically, but I get the impression that we will have a large say in how it ends up looking.
 2. Middlemas - You want to make sure that the titles go with the text in the page break. And the abandoned ski lodge is privately owned and is trespassing, so we shouldn't advocate for students to do that.
 3. Schmidt - colors? Graphs? Pictures?
 4. Bates - I would advocate making it look very nice. See if Jack would load this into the blackboard class that goes live in July. Also, I would give some strong

consideration to the names that are listed in here. They change so quickly that it may be best to leave this information off.

5. Kolok - The goal is for fall 2019 freshman to have this? A: yes.
 6. Deck - Disability Services - you do not have to email to get access. There is currently an office in Kirk. A lot of students come in with IEPs and those students do not need to fill out an application.
 7. Meyer - I noticed that there are two sections about the Women's Resource Center.
 8. DeWitt - I am typing up a comment - all the off the beaten path options involve demons or the racist history of the area.
 9. Leppanen - great job thus far guys! Read through and comment!
 10. Schmidt - are we going to talk about this again next week?
 - a. Alexander - if we want to talk about it next Sunday, each chair needs to have a finished version of their sections.
 11. Wissler - maybe putting some sections about practicing religious to have resources for area faith centers, etc.
 12. Slama - would it be helpful if chairs sign up to read two sections each that are not our own? A: I am fine, will discuss at Ex Comm.
 13. Kolok - off of Hannah - expand this out to Macon and Columbia, even.
- f. Discussion Item: Dialogues, Symposium, and Self-and-Society Seminar (Schmidt and Alexander)
- i. Schmidt - We are going to keep talking about this, wow. We haven't been giving a whole lot of background, so here's a brief run-down. I sent pics in the Slack of a handout Keaton got to explain the basics from the faculty. There were many politics involved. There were two competing plans, and the Dialogues won. No matter what your stance was before, we support the Dialogues because it passed and we need to work on making it the best it can be.
 - ii. Alexander - The things that are most relevant - the Self and Society 3 credit seminar that is major-specific. Goal is to guide students in creating college level papers, an intro into life at Truman, and their discipline. Also the symposium which will include a 50 minute lecture each week and a discussion within a small class of students modeled after shade tree time. Both during the first semester here.
 - iii. Schmidt - This is a big process. We have a few questions because the faculty had forums before break and students came to voice criticism. Dr. Alberts wants student feedback, to know where we are and where we want to go moving forward.
 1. To delay or not delay?
 2. Constructive concerns or ideas?
 - iv. Leppanen - new members, you are nearest to this issue, so please be talking to your friends, etc. and share those ideas with us.
 - v. Discussion:
 1. Paris - I have friends that live in Ryle and all of them agree that they do not like it (5 people)
 2. Wissler - the requirement is now 42 credits? How does that compare with what we are doing now? A: The main bulk is because of new state requirements.
 - a. Leppanen - I have brought this up and have been reassured that this is the same amount of credits in a different distribution.
 3. Costello - there are many things that they want to change about this. Different discussion groups and leaders. Their big thing is the creation of a community event. I asked about another trial run seeing as there are so many aspects that need to be changed, and they blew it off. They also blew off my comment about

what the survey says. They are talking about it going through no matter what and are not willing to budge from that. The Ryle students do not like it. I understand the want to make ids more of a definition for them, but they want to learn more about how to college. Also, how is building a web page providing digital literacy? What about excel? I like the idea of self and society being a small JINS. Symposium, then, could help freshmen in a different way.

4. Leppanen - Piggybacking. Thank you for going, that's awesome. We talked with Dr. Thomas about having lots of room to change the content. The symposium is happening, but everything else it more movable. She went around to two of the symposiums and chatted with the students and preceptors and she got very negative feedback. Most of the students were still there because they were committed to their fellow students or their SAs. That is not why we want them to stay. We want it to be innovative. Mention of a DaVinci project - liberal arts. Any ideas?
 5. Placke - there are some classes that make you create a website. But there are other things to be taught as well. I am concerned about the seminars being based upon their major. Some use it to jumpstart their majors.
 6. Slama - I have also talked to freshmen in Ryle, all negative. I think we are kidding ourselves if we are striving for perfection...we strive for excellence, certainly. If you are having to change this much, I am hesitant to say this is excellence. I think the digital literacy website thing could go very far awry.
 7. Shimmens - I am worried about the major-specific classes, there was some confusion about who would go where, etc and it makes me nervous. What about double majors or undeclared? Also, I worry about making it an exact copy of Jins.
 8. DeWitt - I wanted to mention on the point of groups creating community - the rationale is that students are all together at one of the events during the week and they will sit with different people each week.
 - a. Costello - I worry that the size will prevent this from being effective.
 9. Montufar - I really don't like major specific classes. We already get to know each other really well. I want to reconsider that. Also my overall concern is that there is a huge lack of communication between the student body and the faculty... maybe we need to state that we want to have a conversation about this.
 10. Paris - Shade tree - my SA really covered the topics, but no one wanted to talk. We always ended up playing games and talking, etc. Some of my friends on other floors dreaded their time.
- g. Executive Order: Establishing a Women's Leadership Conference Ad Hoc Committee of Student Government (Leppanen)
- i. Last year we held this conference and it went really well. Due to budget restrictions this year, we had to reimagine what this is going to look like. Deanna has worked on it this semester in working with the Women and Gender Studies Conference. This is the way we can continue this endeavor.
 1. Kolok - last year was the first year for this, correct? I am in support, but long term, is a subcommittee something we should consider?
 - a. Schmidt - I am planning on seeing how this year goes and talking with the committee afterwards.

Announcements

1. Finals Scream!!
2. Wednesday is Gingerbread House decorating - in teams!

3. Einstein construction is super noisy. Please stay patient with us in the pursuit of bagels and coffee.

Meeting Adjourned - 7:03 p.m.

Links

Committee Changes Resolution:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1W2jVTci9N71OjlU4tJ2SoRbKkNZBEviwMDnNXx992-8/edit?usp=sharing>

Appropriations Slate:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NK5RkHWEHLgPJomgT8HvOOQvkgR6Y6j2VbeEWZahtAQ/edit?usp=sharing>

[Sexual Assault Prevention Legislation](#)

[Resolution to Delay the Dialogues](#)

[Sodexo Resolution](#)

Freshman Guide:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1e3-8QBbLsySMPTZLV6tZ6gfZ9mQ8vUKNpBgw9eWatgA/edit>
[Executive Order WLC Ad Hoc Committee](#)