

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT
GENERAL MEETING
January 21, 2019
Called to order 7:00 pm**

Preliminary Items

- a. Roll Call
- b. Approval of Minutes
- c. Gallery Introductions/Business
 - i. Laura Bates, speaking on behalf of Janna Stoskopf, Vice President for Student Affairs
 1. Janna wants to make the Body aware of the creation of the Student Affairs Advisory Board. The purpose of this Board is to provide students experience serving on such an entity, to grow student understanding of the issues dealt with by Student Affairs, and to advise the VP for Student Affairs on student concerns.
 2. The board will consist of 14 members, all serving one-year terms, and will include:
 - a. Two students from the Center for Diversity & Inclusion,
 - b. Two students from the Center for International Students,
 - c. Two students at-large,
 - d. One student Senator at-large
 - e. One student Senator from the Student Affairs Committee
 - f. One student Senator from the Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee
 - g. One student from the Student Activities Board
 - h. Four faculty/staff
 3. In addition, the board will include the following as members *ex officio*:
 - a. Janna Stoskopf, VP for Student Affairs
 - b. Dave Lusk, Associate VP for Career Development
 - c. Brenda Higgins, Director of University Counseling Services
 - ii. Laura Bates discussing change in SUB hours
 1. With Missouri passing a minimum wage increase, the SUB budget is not equipped to handle the increase for the spring semester. In order to maintain service but to not eliminate any jobs, it was decided to reduce the operating hours of the SUB. This means that
 2. Of the events requiring room reservations, there were only about 10 affected by the reduction in hours.
 3. Room reservations with confirmations were not adjusted, while ones still awaiting confirmation were moved to different times. For reservations that could not be moved, we are working with those groups to find another space.
 4. This semester and going forward, we will be developing a long-term plan to deal with the continuing minimum wage increases and the impact it will have on operating expenses.
 5. Questions
 - a. Wissler - since the minimum wage will continue to increase, will hours continue to be reduced, and will the building have to close during the day?
 - i. A: The building will not close and reopen during the middle of the day. Whether there are any room reservations or whether Sodexo is open plays into the building being open. When Sodexo is open, the building is open. When there are no reservations in the building, it may be closed, but not necessarily, because we seek to have consistent hours during non-holidays. For example, the building was closed this weekend because there were no reservations Saturday-Monday.
 - b. Holt: might there be a fee increase?

- i. A: I don't have the power to do that, but if there is negative feedback and/or problems with implementing new/reduced hours, we may take a look at doing so.
 - c. Wissler: would the number of jobs potentially be reduced from 48 to 40?
 - i. A: We do an "intent to return" survey at the end of each year that helps us determine staffing, but we rarely let people go from that. We don't want to reduce the number of campus jobs for students, but we are looking at how to do similar work with fewer staff.
- d. Membership Appointment/Resignation/Removals
 - i. Appointment of Emma Rollings to Associate Senator on the Environmental Affairs Committee (Leppanen)
 - 1. Approved
- e. Oath of Office
- f. Changes to the Agenda

Auxiliary Reports

- a. Speaker of the Student Senate
 - i. Good to see all of your cold, sad faces here!
 - ii. I will be resigning from Elections Administrator/Ethics Justice (as I intend on running in the spring elections), but not until after I find a replacement.
 - iii. Office hours: voting members are required to work one hour per week (logged on the computer) in the Senate Office. We think it would be a good time to work on Student Government projects, as well as to interact with the student body. Keep the window and the door open!
 - iv. Rules Revision: meetings will be at 4 pm on Tuesdays. I would be glad to have new committee members!
- b. Student Representative to the Board of Governors
 - i. No report
- c. Faculty Advisor
- d. Staff Advisor
 - i. W-2 forms going out soon, you can find them on Truview; there are W-4 changes also.
 - ii. There is a new dean for the School of Health Science & Education, Lance Ratcliff, he will start in the summer.
 - iii. The bookstore had its contract with Follett for another five years in August, part of that contract includes some renovations, these will likely happen over Spring Break.
 - iv. Einstein's is open! However, it is now the only breakfast option, this means that Main Street will not open until 10:15. In addition, since Einstein's will not be open on weekends, Starbucks will be open for breakfast on weekends.
 - v. The library project is done!
 - vi. At the next Board of Governors meeting, the contractor for the Mall Project will be selected.
 - vii. Questions:
 - 1. Alexander: Does this mean Chik-fil-A is not opening for breakfast anymore?
 - a. A: No. Talking with Justin from Sodexo, they were only making 30 biscuits a day, so it was likely not breaking even anyway, but with meals being able to be used at Chik-fil-A next year, that may impact sales, so Chik-fil-A's hours may or may not change back next year.
 - 2. How will the green space look on the mall?
 - a. The current plan is to make it more level, so there will probably be a retaining wall put in to make that possible.
- e. Academic Affairs Chair
 - i. Exciting news! Student Commencement speaker selection is happening again! And again!
 - ii. Course threads: Bridget Thomas (Classics Department, Head of Interdisciplinary Studies) is supportive of the idea.
 - iii. Maddie is working on the restructuring of Band credits.
 - iv. We are now working on Educator of the Year!

- v. Sam is in charge of doing videos for the Admissions office.
- f.** Parking Ad Hoc Committee Chair
- g.** Women's Leadership Conference Ad Hoc Committee Chair
 - i. It's less than a month away! :o
 - ii. Saturday, February 16, 12-4 pm.
 - iii. Please sign up to volunteer! I will update you closer to the event on which things volunteers will be in charge of specifically.
- h.** External Affairs Chair
 - i. Reminder: voting members are required to sign up to volunteer for ONE service event this semester. Please sign up if you have not!
 - ii. Truman at the Capital! I met with Heidi Templeton, who is great, and I can tell you that there are 20 spots allotted for Student Government. Sign up if you haven't, tell associates that they can come, too!
 - iii. You have the power to require your committee members to volunteer! We need volunteers!
 - iv. Questions:
 - 1. Slama: is Truman at the Capital an official University event?
 - a. A: It has never been, but it is a wonderful opportunity to show your love of Truman to state lawmakers.
 - 2. Bates: for historical context, Stu Gov's participation used to be a separate event from Truman lobbying day, now they are merged as one.
 - a. Holt: The goal of this is to get lawmakers to like us (and give us money)!
- i.** Environmental Affairs Chair
 - i. No report
- j.** Student Affairs Chair
 - i. We will have a table at the Student Visit Event on February 2.
 - ii. Scholarship hours have been reduced to 58 this semester, will we have to change that in the Freshman Guide?
 - iii. Student Appreciation Week will be in late March, we will have giveaways and other fun stuff.
 - iv. Jenni Nuhn is now the Assistant Director for the Career Center, and I am on a committee to find a new Career Coach.
 - v. We are giving out the Shining Star award this semester. Students can be nominated by other students and/or professors for doing work to improve the University.
 - vi. Questions:
 - 1. Bates: for the Freshman Guide, you could make a reference to the Payroll Office, they send out emails detailing the number of hours students have to work.
- k.** Diversity Chair
 - i. No report
- l.** Appropriations Committee Chair
 - i. We four applications in right now, but we have not been able to meet yet. We will definitely have a meeting next week, so you will see some applications then.
 - ii. Questions:
 - 1. Bates: could you and Caleb figure out a meeting time that works for the both of you?
 - a. A: Yes
- m.** Athletic Fee Accountability Chair
 - i. Our first meeting this semester is tomorrow, will be discussing applications from last semester. There are some big ones in there (\$4 million project), it will be fun.
 - ii. We will be finalizing the application for my position.
 - iii. We will also be finalizing the process for projects to actually receive their funding.
- n.** Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Chair
 - i. We are meeting tomorrow at 6, and we have a couple of interesting projects, including funding for the Sustainability Office. Talk to me if you have questions
- o.** Health, Wellness and Safety Chair
 - i. We have been discussing Academic Accolades Award, talk to me if you have any thoughts.
 - ii. Mental Wellness Week starting Monday, Feb. 11. Interesting speakers

- iii. Questions:
 - 1. Wissler: our Purple Friday event for February is the same week as Mental Wellness Week, could we possibly coordinate?
 - a. A: Yes
- p. Sexual Assault Prevention Designee
 - i. I have been talking to Dr. Millot, she and Megan Swingle will be talking about getting the Truman Way nationally recognized. Dr. Millot is also in contact with the Kansas City Chiefs about possible getting them involved in Sexual Assault Prevention Week.
- q. SAB Representative
- r. FAC Representative
- s. Public Relations Director
- t. Legislative Director
- u. Parking Appeals Committee Chair
- v. Purple Friday Subcommittee Chair
 - i. We tabled in McClain this past week, we will do the drawing tomorrow! February event Feb. 15, some sort of Galentine's Day thing, may be inside if it's too cold. One of my committee may take over my position next year, but all of them currently have a conflict with Sunday evenings.
 - ii. Questions:
 - 1. Bates: could you talk to me about prize reporting forms?
 - a. A: Yes.

Executive Reports

- a. Treasurer
 - i. Name tags are in the office!
 - ii. Spring budget: if you are a committee chair, talk to me if you have any concerns.
 - iii. Prizes/awards: if you purchase anything like that, you must get it approved by Laura before you buy it.
- b. Secretary
- c. Vice President and President of the Student Association
 - i. ExComm: 9 pm on Thursdays in the CSI complex. Meetings are open to anyone! These meetings are a great way to see behind-the-scenes discussion on things.
 - ii. In case you haven't seen the Slack, UGC is unhappy with the structure of faculty governance, so this will something interesting to watch going forward.
 - iii. Also at the last UGC meeting, the Communication Skills perspective passed, as well as the Health & Wellness Perspective (for H&W, this basically means your faculty advisor has to ask you if you are well).
 - iv. Dr. Alberts gave the Symposium Committee report, I will send that out later.
 - v. UGC did get our resolution on the Dialogues, but no one really wanted to talk about it :((((Dr. Jarvis encourages us to persevere, and he will come to our meeting in two weeks to talk about what we can do.
 - vi. Activities Fair: NEXT Wednesday, January 30 - please sign up if you can, it is a great way to recruit new members to the body!
 - vii. Blurbs for the Student Body Email are due tonight!
 - viii. Office hours: we will be having discussions on how to improve any inefficiencies that exist, but for the time being they will be the same as before, as Adam said.
 - ix. Meetings with Chairs: if you haven't set up a meeting time, please talk to us and set up a time! We are trying to direct focus of each committee to a primary project.
 - x. There are several voting positions open, and normally elections are held to fill those, but since they have been vacated, we are going to appoint new members (via applications and interviews). Associates can apply; committee chairs, encourage your associates to apply.
 - xi. Ethics Justice/Elections Administrator: if you are not running in the spring elections, you may serve in this position. Talk to us if you are interested.
 - xii. Stu Gov dinner, thank you to the NINE of you

- xiii. President's roundtable: this Wednesday, 6-7:30 pm in the SUB Activities Room, please sign up NOW. Fifty (!) RSVPs, which is great, but since there will be so many organizational leaders there, we highly recommend that you attend. You will be seated at a table, which will have two StuGov reps and five or six organizational leaders. We want you to foster discussion over questions we have created. Keaton ordered the food, so it will be GREAT. There will be vegetarian *and* gluten-free options. Please dress nicely (business casual, *wear your name tags*).
- xiv. Unfortunately, our terms will end at the end of this semester. If you are interested in ours or any other position, talk to us (or whomever is in that position).

New Business

- a. First Read: A Resolution in Support of Sodexo and the Formation of a Culinary Committee (Kolok)
 - i. Motion to first read
 - ii. Not much has changed since I tabled it, there is another source.
 - iii. Questions:
 - 1. Schmidt: What is a pulper?
 - a. A: It grinds up food, napkins, etc. into a pulp so it is easier to compost.
 - iv. Discussion:
 - 1. Leppanen: in the Therefore section, some of these things have already happened, could the statements saying "supports" be changed to "commends" or something like that?
 - a. A: Yes
 - 2. First read.
- b. First Read: The Spring 2019 Budget (DeWitt)
 - i. Motion to first read.
 - ii. The reserve money is down a bit, but that is not something to worry about.
 - iii. Money from Parking Appeals was put in Executive Miscellaneous
 - iv. There is an open PO at Hightower Wholesale for candy; Chairs, let me know before you go get some, just bring me the bill. We have about \$140 for that.
 - v. Questions:
 - 1. Could we move the money for Shining Star from Exec to Student Affairs?
 - a. A: Possibly
 - 2. Bates: if you are going to cut poster money for Parking Appeals, could you ask PR chairs about electronic advertisement
 - vi. Discussion:
 - 1. Amendment to move \$100 for Shining Star Award to Student Affairs.
 - a. Accepted
 - 2. First read
- c. Discussion Item: The Faculty Mental Health Honoree of the Year (Slama)
 - i. This award was the brainchild of me, Caroline and Kathleen. We met briefly to discuss particulars, but I would like more eyes on it, so now I bring it before you.
 - ii. Discussion:
 - 1. Will the description of this award be on the nomination/applications? How will this be measured?
 - a. A: Yes, and this will probably be similar to Educator of the Year, with an interview and observation component.
 - 2. Schmidt: Academic Affairs used to something with Ed of the Year where we gave students of a particular professor in-class surveys about their instructor, could this be a possibility?

- a. A: Yes
- 3. Leppanen: Will this be advertised in conjunction with Educator of the Year?
 - a. A: Yes
- 4. Holt: if there is an instructor who is otherwise outstanding, but lacking in a particular area (perhaps such as encouraging mental health) would there any effect on the nomination process for Educator of the Year?
 - a. A: on the application, nominators will choose one of Educator of the Year, Research Mentor of the Year, or Mental Health Honoree, so that should eliminate anyone from being nominated for the wrong award.
- 5. Leppanen: is there the possibility of this being skewed toward HES faculty? Could you perhaps specify the applicants having “gone beyond their job description”?
 - a. A: Yes

Adjourned 8:25 pm

Links

Sodexo Resolution

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lqfNDMBHqoPQ7-XC0q5G-TQYqZnv2Kia5l5oGLLManE/edit>

Spring 2018 Budget

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1DX9z8jpnhkJMBZasgTrk7h_l1w6f5wzuZqIj3T77Ok4/edit?usp=sharing

HWS Accolades Award Description

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hW2cMzqtKlIzIS8chJBM2J6_C31u7KNJohb4CjTKr-E/edit?usp=sharing