

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT
GENERAL MEETING
January 27, 2019**

Called to order 5:00

Preliminary Items

- a. Roll Call
- b. Approval of Minutes
- c. Gallery Introductions/Business
- d. Membership Appointment/Resignation/Removals
 - i. Resignation of Caleb DeWitt from Treasurer (DeWitt)
 - ii. Resignation of Chloe Harris from Public Relations Director (Leppanen)
 - iii. Appointment of Lauren Hogan to Treasurer (Leppanen)
 1. Approved
 - iv. Appointment of Abbie White to Associate Senator (Leppanen)
 1. Approved
- e. Oath of Office
- f. Changes to the Agenda
 - i. Second Read: The Spring 2019 Budget (DeWitt)
 - ii. There is only one change from last week, the allotment of \$100 in Student Affairs for Shining Star.
 1. Passed by unanimous consent.

Auxiliary Reports

- a. Speaker of the Student Senate
 - i.
- b. Student Representative to the Board of Governors
- c. Faculty Advisor
 - i. Make sure you sign up for TruAlerts.
 - ii. The weather this week will be kind of sad, so take care of yourself.
 - iii. Lots of you have sent me questions about spending money; I had no time last week. Now that Lauren is installed, get your stuff together and send it to her and a timely manner.
 - iv. Questions:
 1. Wissler: did you get my paperwork?
 - a. Yes.
 2. Wissler: is there any possibility that morning classes will be cancelled Wednesday?
 - a. I doubt it, the coldest part of the night will be when people are sleeping, however there is a slight chance.
- d. Staff Advisor
- e. Academic Affairs Chair
 - i. Student speaker selection is in the works, and we have a timeline set for that.
 - ii. EOTY nominations open Tomorrow! You don't have to do much to your professors!
 - iii. Hear more about our other projects at ExComm!
 - iv. Questions:
 1. Bates: maybe Send the link to CDI and CIS for their weekly emails? I would also make certain the date and the link are very clear, ResLife is very strict about that.
 2. Paris: is it a conflict of interest to nominate Dr. Edwards?
 - a. Bates: No, I am the advisor to Academic Affairs for that reason.
- f. Parking Ad Hoc Committee Chair
- g. Women's Leadership Conference Chair
 - i. We've put something on Facebook, and the reception has been good so far.
 - ii. I wrote the StuGov Buzz article for January 31, so look out for that!
- h. External Affairs Chair
 - i. Thank you to all who came out yesterday!
 - ii. If you still want/need to volunteer for Hope's Kitchen, you can still sign up! There are more spots in reality than what are on the sign up sheet.

- i.** Environmental Affairs Chair
 - i. I am trying to meet with people about the Fair Apartments lot, if you have ANY naming ideas, please send them to me.
 - ii. Questions:
 - 1. Hogan: when are the dates for Earth Week?
 - a. April 22-26.
- j.** Student Affairs Chair
 - i. I have another committee member now!
 - ii. Questions:
 - 1. Hogan: When is Student Appreciation Week?
 - a. March 18-22.
- k.** Diversity Chair
 - i. I'm working on stuff for Diversity Week, and I am still trying to explore avenues for posting the map of gender-neutral bathrooms.
 - ii. Questions:
 - 1. Hogan: When is Diversity Week?
 - a. March 21-28.
- l.** Appropriations Committee Chair
- m.** Athletic Fee Accountability Chair
 - i. First meeting, a lot of good discussion on the proposals, we will have a slate in a couple of weeks. Everything is going smoothly.
- n.** Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Chair
 - i. We are forming a grading rubric to determine which projects will get money.
- o.** Health, Wellness and Safety Chair
 - i. The first day of Mental Wellness Week, there will a town hall by the JED COMMITTEE at 5 pm in Baldwin Auditorium or Violette 1000.
 - ii. The schedule is coming together, I am very close to having confirmation of locations and times. If you can sign up to table, that would be great!
 - iii. KP is now meeting regularly with JD Smelzer about the possibility of a student food pantry.
 - iv. I had the idea that I could get t-shirts for the week, something about eradicating TTS Syndrome. I don't know if there is time, but if we do get them, they will be handed out during and/or after Mental Wellness Week.
 - v. Questions:
 - 1. Schmidt: What will the town hall be like, exactly?
 - a. About 30 minutes of a presentation, and about the same amount of Q&A.
 - 2. Schmidt: Will any administrators be there?
 - a. Bates: I think Dr. Stoskopf and Dr. Gooch will be there for the welcome.
- p.** Sexual Assault Prevention Designee
- q.** SAB Representative
- r.** FAC Representative
- s.** Public Relations Director
 - i. I have a PR form, please fill it out and send it to me at least a week before you need something done. I will send it out and other related forms.
- t.** Legislative Director
- u.** Parking Appeals Committee Chair
- v.** Purple Friday Subcommittee Chair
 - i. All the money and paperwork for our January event is done.
 - ii. Our February event will be a sort of Valentine's Day-themed event, we will hand out candy and other stuff.
 - iii. Questions:
 - 1. Purple Palentine's Day?
 - a. Maybe

Executive Reports

- a.** Treasurer
 - i. I will have more for you next week after I have talked to Caleb. There will be rules! Let me know if you spend money.

- b. Secretary
 - i. If you haven't signed up for an office hour, please do!
- c. President and Vice President of the Student Association
 - i. Thank you for all your help at the Round Table!
 - ii. StuGov dinner is now 6:30 on Mondays (in Ryle), first one of the semester will be tomorrow!
 - iii. Next week: The meeting will be earlier because of the Super Bowl, 12:30 in the CSI complex or the conference room.
 - iv. Chair meetings: Thank you to everyone who scheduled a meeting with us, we only have a couple more to do.
 - v. Student Body email: that is going out this week, the survey is finally going out!
 - vi. Ethics Justice is opening up, if you have interest, please talk to us!
 - vii. Voting Senator openings: please encourage Associate members and anyone else who might have interest to apply, we will be interviewing and appointing people to those positions in the near future.
 - viii. Meeting with Sue Thomas: If you have any burning questions you want us to ask her, let us know.
 - ix. Board of Governors presentation: Every year, the President and VP present to the Board of Governors about what we've done in the last year. If you have anything you would like us to consider putting in our report, talk to us.
 - x. AFAC & ESFAC are reviewing applications right now, so talk to your StuGov reps (Kathleen and Jared, respectively) if you have any strong opinions about those applications.
 - xi. Activities Fair: thank you for signing up!
 - xii. Faculty Senate: Thursday 3-5 pm in the SUB Alumni Room. They will be talking about Symposium, so it will be fun(?).

Old Business

- a. Second Read: A Resolution in Support of Sodexo and the Formation of a Culinary Committee (Kolok)
 - i. I spoke with Janna last week, I have changed the name of the body to the Culinary Council, that change is reflected in the resolution.
 - ii. I reworded what the purpose of the Council will be.
 - iii. Questions:
 - 1. Wissler: So this council is being formed, does it already exist?
 - a. Not yet. Janna is getting the paperwork finalized.
 - iv. Passed by Unanimous Consent.

New Business

- a. First Read: A Resolution Designating the Official Graduation Honor Cord of the Truman State University Student Government (Leppanen)
 - i. Previously, we had ordered and given out graduation cords on an ad hoc basis, but we wanted to make it a more formal process so that it can become a repeatable and purposeful occurrence.
 - ii. Questions:
 - 1. Hogan: Have you compared these to other cords given out?
 - a. We sent a survey to StuGov members, the feedback from that chose the design, they look good.
 - 2. Bates: Moving forward, would you consider making this a standard budget item?
 - a. I'll think about it
 - 3. Wissler: In the Therefore section, where it talks about the qualifications for earning a graduation cord, if you haven't served two years, is it totally up to the discretion of the President?
 - a. Yes, that is intended to account for special cases where someone has served less than two years but has still made significant contributions.

4. Slama: Could we do something where chairs submit things and it is first-come first-serve?
 - a. A: I think that is too complicated.
 5. Paris: do you see this being added to the duties of the President in the Constitution or Standing Rules?
 - a. A: I think having it as a standing resolution is fine. Doing that would probably be rather complicated.
- iii. Discussion:
1. Schmidt: to Keaton's point about not making a big deal, I think that this is a good
 2. Kolok: I fear that some president may play favorites down the road, are you concerned about that?
 - a. Leppanen: I see your concern, but I don't think it is likely to be abused.
 3. Bates: I offer a friendly to include Janna in the distribution.
 - a. Accepted
- iv. First Read
- b. Discussion Item: Presidents' Roundtable (Leppanen)
- i. It was fantastic! We just sent out a feedback survey, and we've already gotten 10-15
 - ii. We contacted every stud org (about 250) Approx. 70 RSVPs, about 55 attendees.
 - iii. Discussions were great, we can go over the notes from that.
 - iv. Discussion:
 1. Harrison: I had one person approach me and say that he was really glad that this event happened, he felt less intimidated by the atmosphere
 2. Holt: We talked a long time about curriculum, I was with several History-focused people. We also talked about school spirit, and the idea of punch cards was brought up, maybe for sporting events and other similar things. Another thing discussed was the visibility of the administration; Sue Thomas gets a lot of blame because she is the President, and people feel they need to find someone to blame for the school's problems. I swapped tables with Jared for a bit, that discussion was about that if we want to see a mentality change school-wide, it has to be from the top down. For example, professors being more encouraging, saying "yes, this is a hard school, but you can do the work, you belong here." On the lights, some people thought they were important, others less so.
 3. Hogan: When Troy Paino was here, we made t-shirts, and that was a lot of why he was thought of as cool. If we could do something remotely like that, maybe that would help with Sue Thomas' image?
 4. DeWitt: When were talking about what StuGov could do for them, a lot of people don't know what StuGov CAN do; they would like to know what we can help them with, when they should come to us for help.
 5. Leppanen: On the leadership issue, Paino & Thomas have very different leadership styles, not to say one is better than the other. To be honest, Paino left before things got tough. Dr. Thomas has had to deal with a lot of difficult challenges (budget, personnel, etc.). I think she is coming around to the idea of doing some self-promotion to improve student perceptions. For the State of Truman speech, she has previously given only to faculty, staff, and a few members of StuGov, now she would like to advertise it more to students.
 6. Montúfar: I was at a table with a lot of multicultural organizations; they feel that Truman doesn't do anything specifically wrong with diversity, but there aren't a lot of specific things done to expand diversity initiatives (like a diversity-focused Showcase). I think there are a lot of things relating to diversity and inclusivity that can be addressed by every committee, not just Diversity.

- a. Bates: there did used to be a Diversity Day-type thing, with budget decreases, that got eliminated, but it may not be dead forever. The Multicultural Ambassador Program was one that was planned but not enough people applied to keep it going.
 7. Cremer: A lot of them would like monthly emails from Administration about what is going on. Freshman advising is something that can be improved, I've had personal experience with being put in classes I can't actually take. There were also questions about who the mental health staff are.
 - a. Slama: There is a part-time psychiatrist currently on staff, there will be a full-time psychologist in the fall (who will working for Truman and A.T. Still).
 8. Bates: In comparison to other presidents, from a staff perspective, Sue Thomas has given a more personalized interaction. She's had thank-you luncheons for faculty and staff, written thank-you notes to students for work they've done, accepted pretty much every invitation to student events that she's received.
 9. White: I saw something about Fishbowl Fridays (fishbowl of random questions), I think it might be fun to have her answer a few.
 10. Wimms: On mental health, they felt like profs need to be more involved. First-year GPA not counted against your scholarships/appeals. Students feel they did not know what the policies are to protect students, when they should go to their profs and when to go to higher ups. Advising has issues, can students choose their own advisors? We were all from STEM majors, we felt like divers. For international studs, they feel like they need a safe space to talk about their identities, for whatever reason, they don't always feel comfortable talking to American students. They feel that the Symposium needs to be interesting.
 11. Slama: On the Symposium: a lot of faculty and students feel there is no singular positive thing that Truman has as an identity, hopefully through this that may be created, but maybe there are other ways also.
 12. Alexander: I was at a table with several sorority leaders, and they did not feel well supported by administration. More specifically, they felt that admin doesn't necessarily disapprove of Greek life, but that its existence is not totally supported, either. Another point of discussion was the disconnect with athletics, that there's not a lot of representation on campus, especially on the Body.
 13. Leppanen: Great discussion, now onto the next part: if you could all summarize your notes from the Round Table and send it to Sam, he will condense everything into a nice summary.
- c. Discussion Item: Spring Election Dates (Barker)
 - i. Currently, the election dates are slated to be April 15-18. The presidential debate is scheduled for April 10. I have talked to Keaton and Deanna, we would like to have the transitional meeting the week after Easter (April 28).
 - ii. Passed by Unanimous Consent.
- d. First Read: A Resolution Amending the Standing Rules of Student Government: Committees and Committee Chairs (Barker)
 - i. We eliminated any reference to Vice Chairs taking over if a Chair steps down, the only other changes were with wording, specifically changing "Standing" Committees to Primary/Secondary Committees.
 - ii. Questions:
 1. Hogan: what about the Sexual Assault Prevention Committee?
 - a. We changed that last semester to eliminate the committee and instead have a Designee for Sexual Assault Prevention on the Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee.

- iii. First Read
- e. Money motion: Posters (Slama)
 - i. A student came to me with a proposal for some posters to promote mental health awareness, she has asked for \$100.
 - ii. Questions:
 - 1. Schmidt: Did you talk to Jade about having these designed?
 - a. Bates: That has been assigned to Emily.
 - 2. Wissler: is our logo going to be on them?
 - a. Yes.
 - 3. DeWitt: Is there any reason why it is \$100? How widely are they trying to spread the posters?
 - a. They will be spread across campus.
 - 4. Bates: the student in question is a member of the JED Committee, she was a friend of Abbie (who passed away last semester). The goal with these is to grab the attention of those who may be feeling hopeless (which is why the word is on the posters), and to get them to seek the help they may need.
 - 5. Wissler: For a possible second round of printing, could they be on the back of bathroom stall doors?
 - a. Bates: I don't think so, but hold that thought.

Announcements

Leppanen: The University Conduct Board is accepting applications! If you're interested, talk to me or Katie.

Bates: It will be cold this week, there will be free hot snacks in the SUB one day (possibly Thursday).

Slama: Take care of yourselves, if you're sick, don't go to class!

Adjourned 6:34

Links

Sodexo Resolution:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lqfNDMBHqoPQ7-XC0q5G-TQYqZnv2Kia5I5oGLLManE/edit>

Spring 2018 Budget:

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

Grad Cord Resolution:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1taJ85jtXPomepFyY1mDb5SIzCHGnq2QdnVoS4VS0jhE/edit?usp=sharing>

Committee Changes Resolution:

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