

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT
GENERAL MEETING
February 10, 2019**

Preliminary Items

- a. Roll Call
- b. Approval of Minutes
- c. Gallery Introductions/Business
- d. Membership Appointment/Resignation/Removals
 - i. Appointment of Rachel Owings to Voting Senator on External Affairs (Leppanen)
 1. Approved
 - ii. Appointment of Hannah Wissler to Ethics Justice (Leppanen)
 1. Approved
- e. Oath of Office
- f. Changes to the Agenda

Auxiliary Reports

- a. Speaker of the Student Senate
 - i. Rules Revision meets this week, talking about Office Hours, possibly talking about putting Mental Wellness Week in the Standing Rules
 - ii. He sees your emails, he promises!
 - iii. Agenda items need to be in by Friday afternoon!!
- b. Student Representative to the Board of Governors
 - i. Kristin Kennedy had her baby on Friday!
 - ii. Meeting yesterday
 - iii. Passed both of the new majors → Modern Languages (BA) and Philosophy and Religion (BS)
 - iv. Dobson Hall is closing next year because of low enrollment
 1. Saving ~\$250,000 for the university
 - v. JED meeting tomorrow at 5
 - vi. 77% of our graduates report going to grad school or being employed--good stats, especially given that 99% of our students respond to that survey
 - vii. Passed the building of the new Sesquicentennial Plaza for this summer!
 - viii. Questions
 1. Does the BoG have a say in the major name change or the changing to 4 credits? (In relation to PoliSci changing to Political Science and International Relations)
 - a. No, but Faculty Senate does
- c. Faculty Advisor
- d. Staff Advisor
 - i. JED town hall tomorrow
 - ii. Thursday at 3: State of the University Address in the Georgian Rooms
 1. Will discuss Dobson, state revenue, big stuff like that
- e. Academic Affairs Chair
 - i. Meeting with Jack Holcomb this Tuesday about Freshman Guide
 - ii. Wrote prompt for Commencement, apps open on the 18th
 - iii. Meeting with IDSOC went well on Friday
 - iv. Dr. Jarvis invited her to present the idea not this week but next week
 - v. EOTY nominations closed, total nominations were about 135!!!!!
 1. Invited about 45 professors and 10 research mentors to respond to their prompt to continue moving on
 2. "What is your vision of the ideal educator? How do you live up to that?" can submit essays or....other stuff!
- f. Parking Ad Hoc Committee Chair
- g. Women's Leadership Conference Ad Hoc Committee Chair
 - i. Conference is NEXT WEEKEND!!!!!

- ii. Share the FB page!!!! 200 people responded but only 40 confirmed going. SHARE!!
- iii. If you're volunteering, you'll hear from Shania
- iv. Baldwin Hall -- check in starts at 11:30
- h. External Affairs Chair**
 - i. Big week!
 - ii. Hope's Kitchen next Saturday -- check out the sheet to see if you signed up (remember it's mandatory to do a service event this semester)!
 - iii. Truman at the Capitol is (theoretically) happening on Tuesday
 - 1. "It's supposed to be pretty moist" - Rachel
 - 2. Stay tuned to emails, it's up to Heidi and the bus drivers
 - 3. If it doesn't happen, we're gonna figure out our own day at the Capitol later this semester.
 - 4. Business formal! Wear comfy shoes! Lunch is provided!
 - 5. We're not going to be aggressive or to lobby for specific causes, we are going to be nice and to make them like Truman
 - 6. Not going to lobby for personal reasons or ideas. If you do choose to do that, you NEED TO GO ON YOUR OWN TIME and TAKE OFF ALL TRUMAN GEAR
- i. Environmental Affairs Chair**
 - i. Earth Week is happening!
 - ii. Struggling with next steps for Labrinth idea, we'll talk about that at excomm
- j. Student Affairs Chair**
 - i. Career Ready Coach Search Committee is chugging along
 - ii. New organization charter hearing coming up
 - iii. Just posted tabling options for the quad, please sign up
 - iv. Money motion coming later this meeting
- k. Diversity Chair**
 - i. Officially made the schedule for Diversity Week!!
 - 1. Thursday March 21 → Symone Sanders
 - 2. Friday March 22 → Career center presentation in alumni room
 - 3. Monday March 25 → Disabilities Panel
 - 4. Tuesday March 26 → Hip Hop Trivia
 - 5. Wednesday March 27 → Inclusion and Mental Health Circle Discussion
 - 6. Thursday March 28 → Love, Simon movie showing (or other movie now, stay tuned)
 - ii. Will talk with Laura about the Love Simon showing
 - iii. Will talk with Lauren about spending money on rocks
- l. Appropriations Committee Chair**
 - i. Couldn't meet last week because of weather, had an online meeting
 - ii. Slate coming this meeting
- m. Athletic Fee Accountability Chair**
 - i. Met as a committee this week, should have an approved slate by next week
 - ii. Applications for chair position go out tomorrow, tell your promising freshmen friends!!!!
Need to be student athletes and need to commit to a 3-year position
- n. Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Chair**
 - i. Working on final slate, discussion item may come at ExComm this week? Stay tuned
 - ii. Slate by end of March
- o. Health, Wellness and Safety Chair**
 - i. Mental Health Week is this week!! Check out the FB!!
 - ii. JED Town Hall tomorrow 5 PM in the BH Auditorium! Students can voice comments, questions, concerns, and learn a LOT about JED.....it'll be about an hour and it's gonna be great
 - iii. STILL NEED HELP WITH TABLING especially Tuesday morning
 - 1. Just telling people to come to events and passing out candy
 - iv. Spent less than \$24 on candy for tabling

- v. Will also be spending \$50 to cover room reservation for Mental Wellness Week
- vi. Selection committee meeting today for Mental Health Honoree of the Year! Yay!
- vii. Joe's enjoying his time on a faculty committee. It can be done!
- p.** Sexual Assault Prevention Designee
 - i. Got some unhelpful emails about Sexual Assault Prevention Week, this week Dr. Millot is going to force people to participate, stay tuned
- q.** SAB Representative
- r.** FAC Representative
 - i. Applications for funding are now open, so tell organizations who want to put on events in the fall! Open till March 22
 - ii. Also, new member applications are open till Feb 27, if you know anyone interested
- s.** Public Relations Director
 - i. She's been in contact with people mentioning events in their reports
 - ii. Mental Wellness Week is up and running on FB, check it out
 - iii. Student Appreciation Week is getting readynow
 - iv. Course Repeat Policy will also be advertised soon
- t.** Legislative Director
 - i. He *PROMISES* there will be more reports this semester (we'll see) (it is now in the minutes, it is binding)
 - ii. Full report can be found here:
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vqzCJtfCjbEm-6VUY9PBtw9oX6UqEoh3STdkyZx8Clw/edit>
 - iii. Budget will be wonky this year
 - 1. We are about \$425 million short from projected income taxes (not great)
 - 2. Higher ed isn't state's priority, so curious what Dr. Thomas' thoughts are. Go to State of U Address to find out more
 - 3. Dobson closing will help, but not sure if that'll be enough
 - iv. Bills are looking like they don't want to hurt us
 - 1. One is about Title IX complaints and how they're filed, emphasizing a more organized timeline for the process
 - v. Could have another gov't shutdown on Friday, be on the lookout for that
 - vi. Let him know if you have questions
- u.** Parking Appeals Committee Chair
- v.** Purple Friday Subcommittee Chair
 - i. Finished crafting this week
 - ii. Palentine's Day in this Friday in the SUB 11-2!
 - iii. Also have the Truman SnapChat this Friday so let her know if you wanna use it!
 - iv. Stay tuned for if she needs help with tabling
- w.** Ethics Justice
 - i. Meeting with Jade about publicity for elections, and Adam, Keaton, and Deanna sometime this week
 - ii. Also Dr. Edwards

Executive Reports

- a.** Treasurer
 - i. Let her know if you're gonna spend money
- b.** Secretary
 - i. *from Deanna*: Sam, please come back, you take much better notes than I do
- c.** President & Vice President of the Student Association
 - i. Met with Dr. Alberts, Dr. Norgard after meeting last week for 3 hours to talk about Symposium. We'll talk about that in discussion.
 - ii. Also met with Dr. Thomas this week and got a fabulous pep talk; we're doing really great, especially with lobbying for what we believe in through faculty committees. Keep it up!!

- iii. We need people for Janna's 2 new advisory committees: Culinary Council and Student Affairs Advisory Committee!
 - 1. Talk to Keaton if interested
 - 2. Most importantly we need STUDENTS AT LARGE so tell your friends!
- iv. Board of Governors' presentation was yesterday and went really well! They're all really impressed at the work we all are doing, keep it up!
- v. Survey is getting more responses; it's due this week on the 15th so keep telling people to take it!
- vi. UGC is rescheduled from last week to this Tuesday (2/12) 3-5 in the SUB Alumni Room. Will be talking about Symposium, not necessarily whether or not to delay but it may come up.
- vii. State of University Address this Thursday (as has been said)
 - 1. StuGov usually sits together so you should come!!
- viii. How we're going to do Presidents' Round Table debriefs:
 - 1. SO MUCH INFORMATION so we're gonna break it up into chunks:
 - a. This week: Communication between Students & Admin
 - b. Next week: Truman Culture & Mental Health
 - c. Week after that: "Grab-bag" of topics (anything else you want to discuss)
 - 2. All 3 of these weeks will be focused on concrete projects we can take from these discussions we had. The idea is that in the next two weeks, your committees will each look at the compiled notes and find the suggestions relevant to you, and maybe come up with concrete ideas that you can do or suggest to future committees. Then the last week, we'll talk about those.
- ix. StuGov dinner tomorrow 6:30 (but you can come earlier!)
- x. Tell Deanna if you want to play indoor intramural volleyball!!!! No experience is needed (really, we're quite bad most of the time, but it's so fun!) Let me know by the end of this week, please! :)

Old Business

New Business

- a. Money Motion for \$1,500 for Student Appreciation Week (Paris)
 - i. No later than April 16 for Student Appreciation Week
 - ii. Doing bigger giveaways than last year -- not doing prize baskets, instead doing a bunch of cool giveaways
 - iii. Total of 17 winners
 - iv. First two days of tabling are cookies, then popcorn, cookies, pizza
 - 1. Concerns raised by Leppanen about the "high" number of cheese pizzas.
 - 2. Laura confirms, cheese pizza tends to be most popular.
 - v. Adopted by unanimous consent
- b. Appropriations Slate (Bang)
 - i. Questions:
 - 1. GlobeMed → posters are already up, so our logo won't be on them?
 - a. Correct
 - 2. GlobeMed → why do they expect 60-70 people in attendance?
 - a. Based on previous years, and they've already sold a significant amount of tickets
 - 3. GlobeMed → Why are we reimbursing the posters if our logo isn't on them?
 - a. Because Appropriations committee thought that we could fund other publicity items
 - 4. GlobeMed → When did we get the application?
 - a. Before winter break
 - 5. GlobeMed → Since our logo isn't on the posters, could we have them mention us at the dinner that we helped fund it?

- a. Yup, we can ask them
- ii. Discussion
 - 1. Not convinced by the music part of the slate; is it really promoting Truman?
 - a. Same debate as the past few years; should we fund an individual?
 - i. Other bodies have, but this body should decide how we want to proceed.
 - ii. We should keep in mind we are spending student money
 - b. Confused why he doesn't have other funding; couldn't the Music department help?
 - c. We have a limited budget and a lot of applications, shouldn't we use it for bigger organizations later this semester?
 - 2. But also we have funded individuals for trips like these
 - a. Also, this conference is very prestigious to be invited to; national, not regional
 - b. Honors Truman's music program and gives them a good reputation across the nation
 - c. Constitution/Standing Rules do say that we can fund individuals if they are representing the University in accordance with our mission statement
 - 3. Slate is split.
 - 4. First item: Donald Rabin
 - a. 10-2-2, passes.
 - 5. Second item: GlobeMed
 - a. Adopted by unanimous consent
- c. Discussion Item: Presidents' Roundtable Part I- Communication between Administration and Students (Leppanen)
 - i. Looking for concrete ways to increase communication between administration and students
 - ii. This year has been a step in the right direction; email about all-university address - good
 - 1. Would Dr. Thomas be open to us publishing stuff about our weekly meetings?
 - a. Keaton says maybe, but we'd need to think about that too. Could be too much info to share.
 - iii. Raising awareness of EXISTING CHANNELS
 - 1. Keaton and deanna meet with Pres. Thomas, Katie meets with Dr. Gooch, Adam meets with Janna, etc.
 - 2. Need a central place for students to reference
 - a. Flow chart?
 - b. Transparency guide? "Who to talk to with this problem"
 - 3. Video series in conjunction with film club to introduce admin and tell them who to go to with certain issues
 - iv. What information do they want to know? There's a LOT of things we could publish, but would they care?
 - 1. Students could select certain topics they want to receive more info about and then receive info on that topic
 - v. This isn't entirely all our responsibility; we have to promote respect and trust between both sides
 - vi. We can't expect students to know what they're upset about; they don't know enough (?)
 - 1. We are the bridge between admin and students; how do we do this better?
 - 2. Students don't always understand the situation, so they don't know what they're upset about; how do we better explain these things to them? Bullet points?
 - vii. Section in our monthly emails: "Faculty Senate Update" (the parts relevant to students)

1. Or: “Ways We’re Advocating For You”
- viii. “Motion to exhaust the speaker’s list....plus me?” - Keaton
 1. “How do you have more to say?”
- d. Discussion Item: Symposium Delay (Schmidt)
 - i. Last week after meeting, Keaton, Katie, and Deanna met with Dr. Alberts and Dr. Norgard for 3 hours to discuss how to move forward with the Symposium/curriculum in general.
 1. Dr. Alberts’ suggestion for a compromise: instead of a full-blown Symposium this fall, we do an 8-week block course Symposium in conjunction with the Self and Society Seminar to continue with momentum and work out kinks as we go
 2. Keaton, Katie, and Deanna aren’t thrilled about that idea, still want to see it delayed for a variety of reasons and want to discuss with the body to see what they think.
 3. Also, there seems to have been a misconception about where the preceptors are going to come from; can Student Government recruit ~50 preceptors?
 4. Also, any additional components of the new curriculum that we don’t want to see pushed forward this fall?
 - ii. Consensus from discussion:
 1. Still want to see it delayed till Fall 2020
 - a. This 8 week block course seems like MORE work in terms of condensing what we already have
 - b. Also still doesn’t seem like we have the time to work out kinks beforehand, and we really should not be doing that in front of the entire freshmen class
 - c. Can do other cool things in the meantime like look for funding, do a lecture series, establish actual meetings with students to get ideas for how to make this cool (fun and relatable!), not just have one or two involved on a faculty committee.
 2. Student Government should not be the ones recruiting the preceptors; we can help if they need help and our support, but we cannot manage or oversee the process
 - a. What “department” will be in charge of Symposium? Answer: not really a department, but the MC/Lecture Coordinator position they want to establish would need to oversee this
 3. Not as concerned about the other parts moving forward; SASS seems good, Health and Wellness seems ready. High Impact Experiences don’t, but those won’t be going through anyways we’ve heard.
- e. Discussion Item: Dobson Hall Shutdown (Paris)
 - i. Delayed till next week

Links

[2019 Student Appreciation Week Budget](#)
[2/10 Appropriations Slate](#)