

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT
GENERAL MEETING
February 24, 2019**

Called to order 5:00 p.m.

Preliminary Items

a. Roll Call

i. Present:

1. Keaton Leppanen, President
2. Deanna Schmidt, Vice President
3. Jared Kolok, Speaker Pro Tempore/Environmental Affairs Chair
4. Lauren Hogan, Treasurer
5. Sam Tillman, Secretary
6. Tiffany Middlemas, Student Representative to the Board of Governors
7. Laura Bates, Staff Advisor
8. Rachel Holt, External Affairs Chair
9. Adam Paris, Student Affairs Chair
10. Joon Bang, Appropriations Chair
11. Kyle Weber, Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Chair
12. Joe Slama, Health, Wellness, and Safety Chair
13. Caroline Costello, Sexual Assault Prevention Designee
14. Hannah Wissler, Purple Friday Chair/Ethics Justice
15. Doug Adolphson, Voting Senator
16. Lizzier Cremer, Voting Senator
17. Shania Montúfar, Voting Senator
18. Rachel Owings, Voting Senator
19. Kathleen Placke, Voting Senator

b. Approval of Minutes

c. Changes to the Agenda

- i. Hogan: I would like to add my discussion item.

Auxiliary Reports

a. Speaker Pro Tempore of the Student Senate

- i. Please be nice to me.

b. Student Representative to the Board of Governors

- i. No report.

c. Staff Advisor

- i. Lauren has forwarded me stuff for Student Appreciation Week; on that subject, please make sure to get your paperwork in this week for events after spring break. After that, I will probably not order it. Please think ahead on any purchases.
- ii. The Einstein's sink is continuing to cause problems, we are trying to get it remedied quickly. If you see any facilities issues, report them to one of my staff.

d. External Affairs Chair

- i. We have several things upcoming, the only event happening soon is the voter registration drive with the College Democrats and College Republicans.

e. Environmental Affairs Chair

- i. No report.

f. Student Affairs Chair

- i. Who do I send posters to for approval stamping?
 1. Bates: Katie Best or Teresa Wheeler, I would give them specifics on how many you have/need.
- ii. For residence hall approval, what do I have to do?
 1. Bates: You have to physically take them to MO Hall.

g. Appropriations Chair

- i. We have three items on the slate later in the meeting.

h. Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Chair

- i. This year has been going pretty smoothly, the slate is looking pretty good, and I'll be bringing it in a couple of weeks.
 - ii. Some of the projects for this year/next year include light shields, water bottle fillers, solar power for the University Farm, improved composting and recycling, and more automatic sinks. We are working with Physical Plant to finalize how solar power will work at the farm, the end goal is for it to be completely off the grid.
- i. Health, Wellness and Safety Chair
 - i. The video from the JED town hall is going up soon, we're hoping to make that a yearly thing. JED is hoping to have smaller events throughout the year in the future.
- j. Sexual Assault Prevention Designee
 - i. No report.
- k. Purple Friday Subcommittee Chair
 - i. Next event is either March 22 or March 29; hopefully weather will cooperate! We'll have some fun yard games and other ephemera. Someone will bring a set of ladder golf and I'll bring cornhole.
 - ii. Questions:
 - 1. Hogan: How about
- l. Ethics Justice:
 - i. I talked to Jade today about posters. Do I need to reserve space to do election announcements, or not?
 - 1. Bates: Yes.
 - ii. The updated election packet is coming soon.
 - iii. Elections Info Night in March

Executive Reports

- a. Treasurer
 - i. Jared, anything? *Legitimate roast*
- b. Secretary
 - i. Try to remember to sign out when you do your office hour!
- c. Vice President and President of the Student Association
 - i. The Survey: it only took $\frac{3}{4}$ of the school year, but we got results! A bit of an exercise in futility, not stat sig, but I think it is helpful for getting a pulse on the student body. There are some GEMS in the comments. I hope that you read the most relevant comments to your committee.
 - ii. Phase-in of curriculum won! This fall will S&SS and H&W perspective, Fall 2020 symposium, high impact experiences, etc. This process has shown
 - iii. Great meeting with Janna and Sue, bulk of conversation on admin communication. Apparently, the marketing consultants have had mirroring suggestions with ours. Sue likes the idea of creating a guide of who to talk to for things. She, like us, gets random emails. She is willing to have her staff compile that. Videos, fishbowl friday, other thngs.
 - iv. We are still looking for a TEDx chair! It would be best for the person doing this to start
 - v. For the first time in awhile, Truman is awarding an honorary degree. We need a stugov rep on that committee, lots of important people on the comm, you get to work with Tiffany! *Lauren waves her arms emphatically*
 - vi. CSI LRP: nominate! You work with some fantastic people, they deserve some recognition.
 - vii. Stu Gov dinner tomorrow in Ryle.
 - viii. Questions:
 - 1. Paris: I was wondering about the credit/no credit, I heard Dr. Poynter
 - 2. Wissler: When is the LRP banquet?
 - a. April 10. When
 - b. Bates: March 20.

Old Business

New Business

- a. Appropriations Slate (Bang)

- i. Three items, the first is for Sigma Tau Delta. They are sending three members to an academic conference in St. Louis, and they would like \$210 for partial funding of their attendance. We think their attendance will represent Truman well, so we support this.
- ii. Second is a capstone project for Health & Exercise Science students. They will be having events on March 27, April 3, and April 10 to educate students on how to make a healthy meal plan. They were initially requesting \$146 for food, but because that would be rather complicated, we decided to offer funding for their posters and other supplies, totaling \$170.
- iii. Third is students who are going on an alternative spring break sponsored by the Serve Center. Among their service projects there is a garden that grows food for people who cannot afford it.
- iv. Questions:
 - 1. Wissler: Why are the Health & Exercise Science students being offered more money than they asked for?
 - a. Hogan: It was too complicated to try and deal with funding their food, so we decided to pay for their publicity materials and supplies, which ended up being a bit more than they had originally asked for.
 - 2. Owings: Which department is Sigma Tau Delta affiliated with?
 - a. Bang: English
 - 3. Leppanen: I am just wondering how the third one will benefit Truman or its students.
 - a. Bang: One of Truman's mission statements is to develop worldly citizens, and I think these students getting this experience would help achieve that.
 - b. Bates: It is open to all students, and they do service-learning projects while they are there.
 - c. Leppanen: I think that assuages some of my concerns.
- v. Passed by unanimous consent
- b. First Read: Spring, 2019 Election Packet (Wissler)**
 - i. Most of the changes were updating names and dates. I updated the timeline so it fits the calendar. I moved the second information session from 8:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. to accommodate my schedule. On page six, I changed the definition of active campaigning a bit, the time limit is shorter. I also felt that online posts, talking to friends, and talking to a group you are in does not fall under active campaigning, so that is updated to reflect that.
 - ii. Questions:
 - 1. Leppanen: Packets are due Tuesday, April 2. Is there a reason why it's not April 1?
 - a. I think last year that Monday was the day after Easter, but it's not this year, so I can change that.
 - 2. Bates: I would send this to Dr. Edwards. Also, could we move the filing deadline to 4:00 p.m. on the 12th so I have time to do grade checks?
 - a. I think that would be fine, but apparently the Standing Rules say 5:00 p.m, so I don't know if we can do that.
 - i. Motion to suspend the Standing Rules
 - b. Ok, I will change that.
 - iii. Discussion:
 - 1. Bates: The one thing I noticed in the opening statement was that it advertises the election as though it were only for positions on Student Government, but then FAC is also on there. Maybe change it to reflect, something like "Student Body" elections.
 - a. Leppanen: That is from when I wrote it last year, my fault.
 - 2. Leppanen: Another thing that is my fault, the timeline to announce the results is poorly worded, please fix it.
- c. First Read: A Resolution Establishing Mental Health Week in the Student Government Standing Rules (Slama)**

- i. I've done this two years in a row now, so I would like my committee to continue on with it after I'm gone. I've gotten good comments about the week from several people. We all know how people tend to grumble about what Truman does or doesn't do for mental health; well, this is a positive thing that I'd like to keep going.
- ii. I've adopted the name Mental Health Week, because of the confusion this year. The timing is good I think because February can be a low point for people, people also said they wanted it sooner, after it was in late March one time.
- iii. Questions:
 - 1. Holt: How many people attended the events?
 - a. The town hall had good attendance, there were 25-30 at the first talk, only 2 at the second (because of ice), and the health fair was well-attended.
 - 2. Wissler: Are we planning on doing a memorial again like last year?
 - a. Bates: Student Affairs has blocked off a day and a space for this and following years, they hope to not have to use it, but it is there just in case. Since there was a student death, there will be a memorial on April 23 at 3:00.
 - 3. Holt: If this goes into the Standing Rules, would it have to be a specific budget item?
 - a. No other committees have specific budget items, so no.
- iv. Discussion:
 - 1. Leppanen: the second bullet point of the Whereas section needs a verb. It is unnecessary to include a note regarding the immediate implementation of this addition to the Standing Rules, that is only applicable to the Constitution. In Appendix 8, there should be commas for "Health, Wellness, and Safety." Additionally, I would make sure to more specifically define the programming of Mental Health Week. I would, for the standing rules, consider having more generic wording about the programming as "programming concerning mental health." Just in the case that there future circumstance of a Senate or Student Body that does not feel the need to vigorously pursue mental health programming.
 - 2. Owings: I think it would be fine to call it "mental health programming," especially because you've changed the name of the week to "Mental Health Week."
 - 3. Schmidt: For the timing of MHW, maybe include something in the Whereas section defining why the beginning of February is a good time.
 - 4. Paris: What would happen to someone if they were unable to fulfill the requirement of MHW?
 - a. Leppanen: I think that falls under impeachable offenses, but whether any action is taken is up to the body.
- d. Discussion Item: Sarah Holtmeyer Engagement Gift (Hogan)
 - i. Some of you might not know her, but Sarah recently got engaged to Zach Holstrom. Since Sarah is a very big fan of plants, and they met each other on Student Government, we were thinking of buying her a planter with "True Love Stu Gov" If you would like to donate to this (no more than \$5), we will probably go to Hobby Lobby to look for a Love Fern and a planter. I'll talk more about this later.
 - ii. Wissler: Could you maybe have a cost estimate by ExComm?
 - 1. Yes.

Announcements

- a. Orchestra concert Saturday, March 2 at 8:00 p.m. in OPPH, our own Adam Barker will be a soloist!
- b. Bates: The de-stress room for Career & Grad School Week will either be in SUB 3201 or 3204.

Links

Appropriations Slate:

https://docs.google.com/a/truman.edu/document/d/1rRoteMzfCEdal19ycYVbi4kYR3aKQopTAp3XuV6_my0/edit?usp=drive_web

Election Packet:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Pu_69kXgaDdgdOxFWWro4aktUnxpSoWtWYMTTpL_PCE/edit?usp=sharing

Mental Health Week Resolution:

https://docs.google.com/a/truman.edu/document/d/1ZRyIoo7jWQsdPeSKxZhjH3jdEaumK8-arAnA3O93CYk/edit?usp=drive_web

Adjourned 6:03 p.m.