

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

Preliminary Items

a. Roll Call

i. Present

1. Keaton Leppanen, President
2. Deanna Schmidt, Vice President
3. Adam Barker, Speaker
4. Lauren Hogan, Treasurer
5. Sam Tillman, Secretary
6. Tiffany Middlemas, Student Representative to the Board of Governors
7. Dr. Meg Edwards, Faculty Advisor
8. Katie Alexander, Academic Affairs Chair
9. Rachel Holt, External Affairs Chair
10. Jared Kolok, Environmental Affairs Chair
11. Adam Paris, Student Affairs Chair
12. Chantelle Wimms, Diversity Chair
13. Joon Bang, Appropriations Chair
14. Kyle Weber, ESFAC Chair
15. Kathleen Placke, Voting Senator
16. Jessica Rood, SAB Representative
17. Shania Montúfar, TEDx Chair
18. Hannah Wissler, Purple Friday Chair, Ethics Justice
19. Doug Adolphson, Voting Senator
20. Lizzy Cremer, Voting Senator
21. Colby Cook, Voting Senator
22. Maddie Meyer, Voting Senator
23. Alek Nikitow, Voting Senator
24. Rachel Owings, Voting Senator
25. Emma Rollings, Associate Senator

b. Approval of Minutes

c. Gallery Introductions/Business

d. Membership Appointment/Resignation/Removals

- i. Appointment of Nguyen Do to Associate Senator on the Student Affairs Committee (Leppanen)
 1. Approved
- ii. Appointment of Jessica Rood to SAB Representative (Leppanen)
 1. Approved

e. Oath of Office

f. Changes to the Agenda

Auxiliary Reports

a. Speaker of the Student Senate

- i. No report.

b. Student Representative to the Board of Governors

- i. No report.

c. Faculty Advisor

- i. No report.

d. Academic Affairs Chair

- i. EOTY is humming along, we are in the second week of observations and interviews.
- ii. Please RSVP to the banquet, if you don't, you won't get food. Come to ExComm to hear more about our projects!
- iii. Questions:
 1. Hogan: Could I have your bill from Sodexo for the banquet?

e. External Affairs Chair

- i. As I said at ExComm, due to the complications we had trying to do the poverty dinner, I'm not sure if we'll work with AM Housing again.
- f. Environmental Affairs Chair**
 - i. I will have a plan (budget, etc.) for the Labyrinth by ExComm.
 - ii. Earth Week: ESFAC has about \$600, I have \$200 for posters, they are buying rights for Wall-E.
- g. Student Affairs Chair**
 - i. Student Appreciation Week was a blast!
 - ii. I will announce the raffle winners later this week.
 - iii. I have a resolution coming later, that will be fun.
- h. Diversity Chair**
 - i. Symone Sanders was really great, President Thomas and Janna Stoskopf were there!
 - ii. Career Center event also went well.
 - iii. We need someone to help with popcorn for the movie, let me know if you can!
- i. Appropriations Committee Chair**
 - i. We have officially depleted our budget, so no more applications coming in.
- j. Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Chair**
 - i. The University Farm director has an internship there this summer, talk to him if you're interested.
- k. Health, Wellness and Safety Chair (Placke)**
 - i. Mental Health Honoree is still going on, I am working on a food pantry resolution. Apparently the faculty in OP have created a food pantry for all students.
 - ii. Janna has asked Joe to plan the memorial service, he is working on gathering help from Psychology and Communication Disorders students.
- l. SAB Representative**
 - i. We had a public forum last week, there weren't a whole lot of people.
 - ii. The Onion is coming this Friday!
- m. TEDx Ad Hoc Committee Chair**
 - i. Application deadlines: April 20 for the committee, April 27 for speakers.
 - ii. Publications will hopefully get back to us early next week, please help put up posters!
 - iii. Katie and I are meeting tonight to discuss.
- n. Purple Friday Subcommittee Chair**
 - i. Thanks to everyone who helped on Friday!
 - ii. Resolution and money motion for our April event next week.
- o. Ethics Justice**
 - i. Info meeting was not well-attended, but that was expected since it was on short notice.
 - ii. Election packets are available a week from tomorrow!
 - iii. If you can, please help put up posters this week.
 - iv. Please share elections events on social media!

Executive Reports

- a. Treasurer**
 - i. No report.
- b. Secretary**
 - i. No report.
- c. Vice President and President of the Student Association**
 - i. Because the election announcements are the Thursday before Easter, Retreat will not be until April 28, probably 12-4 p.m. Followed by the transition meeting.
 - ii. OAF: I made a draft of procedures and ran it by Pres. Thomas and Dr. Stoskopf. I'm meeting with Janna to talk more about it, and I will also have Rules Revision and the presidents of FAC & SAB look at it so we can get everything squared away before next year.
 - iii. TEDx is moving forward! Thank you for a good discussion.
 - iv. Email blurbs by Wednesday night! Last one for this body! If you have done any projects, anything you want the student body to be aware of, send it in.
 - v. I reached out to Film Club for help with Administration get-to-know videos, they are very excited to help! One idea they had was a West Wing-style clip.

- vi. For elections, Jade would like to use paid advertising on Facebook. We'll be spending no more than \$50.

Old Business

- a. Second Read: A Resolution Supporting the Double Counting of *Dialogues* Courses (Schmidt)
 - i. The only change is that it says UGC passed the resolution.
 - ii. Passed by Unanimous Consent.
- b. Second Read: A Resolution Proposing the Formation of a Long-Term Fund to Completely Fund the Purchase and Implementation of a Solar Energy Project at the University Farm (Weber)
 - i. Our end goal is to have the University Farm to operate completely on renewable energy. The biggest change is the money allocated from the budget, we changed the percentage from 30% to 25-35%
 - ii. Passed by Unanimous Consent.
- c. Second Read: 2019 Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee Slate (Weber)
 - i. Pretty much the same as before.
 - ii. Questions:
 1. Wissler: Unless something goes wrong, this is pretty solid
 - a. Yes.
 2. Wissler: Have we decided a way to hand out the green boxes?
 - a. The current plan is to them out at the picnic.
 - iii. Passed by Unanimous Consent.

New Business

- a. Money Motion for Protesting 101 (Wimms)
 - i. Spending no more than \$150 on this event.
 - ii. Questions:
 1. Wissler: Just to clarify, what is happening at the event?
 - a. We're bringing speakers to campus to talk about how to put on a protest and how to respond to protests.
 - b. Wissler: So is this on activism also, or just protesting?
 - c. Just protesting.
 2. Leppanen: Are we listed as a sponsor?
 - a. I can make sure of that.
 - iii. Discussion:
 1. Wissler: I think we need to make sure that the event stays within the bounds of focusing on the mechanics of protesting.
 2. Hogan: Could you maybe bring back an official schedule once you have it?
 - iv. Passed by Unanimous Consent
- b. First Read: A Resolution Encouraging Truman to Reconsider the University's Alcohol Policies (Paris)
 - i. This topic came to mind after I heard that the Board of Governors had discussed the consequences of a potential change. I think we should take an official stance for or against a wet campus, this is for.
 - ii. Questions:
 1. Leppanen: Could you clarify where this is coming from?
 - a. The Board of Governors had a rather split position on wet/dry campus. I just want to make people aware of that discussion.
 2. Placke: Have you talked to faculty about this?
 - a. I have talked to Laura, but this is mostly my ideas.
 3. Kolok: Have you talked to William Nelsen?
 - a. No.
 - iii. Discussion:
 1. Hogan: I do not necessarily think a wet campus is a bad thing, but I think there are other steps that can be taken first. If we do this, it must be well done. My first issue is mentioning Ivy League schools. There are several institutions (Dartmouth, Stanford, Virginia) who have had significant problems with alcohol. Each of these have instituted some form of an alcohol ban on campus, with no appreciable change in the rate of medical emergencies, etc. Campus cultures are different at each school, so I think we should have a discussion about the culture

of drinking on college campuses first. Check your citations, one of them is to an article that doesn't actually support your point. Anecdotal evidence is not a great way to support your claims.

2. Leppanen: After the Board of Governors discussion, we talked to Pres. Thomas and Dr. Stoskopf. They are trying to figure out the best way to go forward, and are consulting with the Presidential Advisory Board. That does not include students, so that is where we come in. Talking with other students, a policy change would be supported. A dry campus is one of several, not the only reason students move off campus.
3. Kolok: I don't see the need for a wet campus. Drinking alcohol is a choice, if you move off campus because of that, that's fine. Research from 2015 shows a negative correlation between drinking and retention rates, I think we should consider that.
4. Tillman: There is no way to know for sure, but I wonder whether allowing students of age to drink might result in less pressure to binge-drink, maybe improving the problem of binge-drinking that we currently have.
5. Wissler: I don't think it's realistic to expect the culture to change overnight. This resolution wouldn't encourage or discourage binge-drinking, but I think one thing we can say with this is that the University is a safe place. It might be a good idea to include something about not endorsing underage drinking or binge-drinking.
6. Owings: I would recommend for internal consistency that we make it clear if we are advocating for a wet campus or simply that students of age are free to come back to campus even if they have been drinking.
7. Hogan: If we support the policy of focusing on , we need to support it across campus. My concern is with students who are not of age coming back to campus and not doing so because of the current policy. There are not a lot of upperclassmen on campus, for various reasons. We don't want to encourage underage drinking, but we do want to encourage safety.
8. Leppanen: It is a choice to live off campus, but there are many individuals for whom that choice is not really available. I think it is punitive to prevent upperclassmen who this affects from being able to exercise their right. Encouraging people to stay on campus (which improves many educational outcomes) might also improve safety outcomes. Drinking happens on campus anyway, in secret. When people are caught there is a feeling of hostility between students and the powers that be. Drinking on campus is likely safer, maybe binge drinking might decrease if it is allowed. Overall, I think it is better to allow it than not.
9. Placke: What happened to the idea of alcohol being allowed at West Campus & Campbell? From a ResLife perspective, how would enforcement work? I feel like more conversations need to be had with hall directors and staff.
10. Holt: I think it is important to remember that whatever we pass is only a recommendation, the actual policies are up to Pres. Thomas and Dr. Stoskopf. I would also like to note that drinking culture starts well before Truman, the related problems are deeply rooted.
11. Edwards: Your objective is to make policy. Maybe look at breaking this into pieces. Looking at the issues from different perspectives would help, because there are lots of ways to address this problem. In my experience, Missouri is the least-restrictive state I've lived in regarding alcohol, while Truman is the most-restrictive university I've been at, which is a little weird, having spent most of my life in the university environment. Another angle to this is Sexual Assault Prevention, maybe talk to that committee. From a parent's perspective, I would always want my kid to go home. I think that's what parents say to their kids in high school, to call them if they need to get home. On that point, there are various policy options to address it, maybe look at what other universities have done.
12. From a personal perspective, I am 21, and I do drink, but not a lot. I make that choice. We need to remember that we represent students and Truman, so I think

we should ask ourselves if this is what we want Truman to be like. Adam, I strongly recommend you talk to ResLife and others, otherwise I would table this for now.

13. Weber: I think it would be good to find out how many people 21 and over live on campus.
 14. Alexander: I was also confused about Campbell. It was my impression that specific locations were going to be allowed to possibly have alcohol.
 - a. Middlemas: the specific discussion was about Randolph and West Campus.
- c. First Read: A Resolution Endorsing the Proposed Climate Resolution (Kolok)
- i. Emma has been working with Dr. Harker and Dr. Goldman to get a climate resolution off the ground. Now, we are interested in getting it on the Faculty Senate agenda, and Dr. Alberts said if we could voice our support with a resolution, that would be helpful.
 - ii. Questions:
 1. Leppanen: What exactly are the efforts that are referred to?
 - a. Getting students to sign petitions, etc.
 2. Wissler: What are we consenting to in this case?
 - a. That wording is probably not necessary, I can change that.
 3. Schmidt: Are Dr. Goldman and Harker part of a committee, or are they just doing this on their own?
 - a. Rollings: They have done this on their own; they are both doing this with the idea that Truman should prepare its students to be productive citizens by implementing a policy embedding concern for climate change in the university's goals.
 - b. Schmidt: Is there a reason that it's rather nonspecific?
 - c. Rollings: It was kept open-ended to allow the university leeway on what specific policies may be put in place. As an example, Ameren will be selling wind-generated power, that could be a way to fulfill these goals.
 - d. Schmidt: Their goal is simply to have this be an agenda item for now?
 - e. Rollings: Yes.
 4. Leppanen: Is this feasible, and who would take action?
 - a. Rollings: Several universities, notably Missouri S&T, have moved toward on carbon neutrality. Mizzou itself has a similar resolution to ours, but they also have a nuclear power plant on campus, so it's a bit easier for them to change their energy sources. Some action would have to come from administration, the Facilities Director Sam Guth shared some of his ideas on sustainability. In the end it would be up to the university to decide who would work on any sustainability efforts.
 - b. Leppanen: Have you talked to any of the administrators who would likely be working on this?
 - c. Rollings: I have not personally talked to any of them, but Dr. Harker and Dr. Goldman have reached out to some of them, and I believe they have been able to have some discussions.
 5. Schmidt: Is there a specific timeline to getting started?
 - a. Rollings: This year. We want people who signed petitions to still be around.
 - iii. Discussion
 1. Wissler: I would include info about schools who are doing similar things.
 2. Edwards: I know that Dr. Harker and Dr. Goldman have talked to almost everyone on campus, so you have that going for it.
 3. Schmidt: I think you could also strengthen it by including the timeline.

Announcements:

1. Leppanen: the Alumni Board needs a new SG Rep, talk to us if you're interested!
2. Tillman: I am in two recitals this weekend, one on Saturday at 2:00 and one on Sunday at 8:00. Adam is also in the Saturday recital!

Adjourned 6:16 p.m.

Links

[Double Counting Resolution](#)

[FARM SOLAR RESOLUTION](#)

[ESFAC 2019 Final Slate](#)

[Alcohol Policy Resolution](#)

[Climate Resolution](#)