

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT
GENERAL MEETING
March 3, 2019
Called to order 5:01 p.m.**

Preliminary Items

- a. Roll Call**
 - i. Present
 1. Keaton Leppanen, President of the Student Association
 2. Deanna Schmidt, Vice President of the Student Association
 3. Adam Barker, Speaker of the Student Senate
 4. Lauren Hogan, Treasurer
 5. Sam Tillman, Secretary
 6. Tiffany Middlemas, Student Representative to the Board of Governors
 7. Katie Alexander, Academic Affairs Chair
 8. Rachel Holt, External Affairs Chair
 9. Jared Kolok, Environmental Affairs Chair
 10. Adam Paris, Student Affairs Chair
 11. Chantelle Wimms, Diversity Chair
 12. Cassidy Smestad, Athletic Fee Accountability Chair
 13. Kyle Weber, Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Chair
 14. Joe Slama, Health, Wellness and Safety Chair
 15. Caroline Costello, Sexual Assault Prevention Designee
 16. Hannah Wissler, Purple Friday Chair, Ethics Justice
 17. Jade Harrison, Public Relations Director
 18. Doug Adolphson, Voting Senator
 19. Colby Cook, Voting Senator
 20. Lizzy Cremer, Voting Senator
 21. Maddie Meyer, Voting Senator
 22. Shania Montúfar, Voting Senator
 23. Alek Nikitow, Voting Senator
 24. Rachel Owings, Voting Senator
- b. Approval of Minutes**
- c. Gallery Introductions/Business**
- d. Membership Appointment/Resignation/Removals**
 - i. Appointment of Alek Nikitow to Voting Senator on Environmental Affairs (Leppanen)
 1. Approved
 - ii. Appointment of Colby Cook to Voting Senator on Health, Wellness, and Safety (Leppanen)
 1. Approved
- e. Oath of Office**
- f. Changes to the Agenda**

Auxiliary Reports

- a. Speaker of the Student Senate**
 - i. Rules Revision: We will be discussing the Board of Governors Representative search process, other than that, not much.
- b. Student Representative to the Board of Governors**
 - i. No report.
- c. Academic Affairs Chair**
 - i. If you want specific detail on our projects, come to ExComm
 - ii. We now have a full committee for Educator of the Year and Research Mentor of the Year!
- d. External Affairs Chair**
 - i. For those who still have not taken my poll on a date for the capitol (two questions, people), I have sent it out again. You can fill it out again if you want to change your response, the votes are even between the dates.
- e. Environmental Affairs Chair**

- i. A departure from my normal report first, I am excited that Jay Inslee is running for President on a platform of addressing climate change.
 - ii. Upcoming resolutions: one about how the University can combat climate issues and one on the Fair Apartments lot.
 - iii. Earth Week is coming along, I'll have the budget and poster proposal right after break at the latest.
- f. Student Affairs Chair**
 - i. We need tabling help on Tuesday and Thursday of Student Appreciation Week!
 - ii. Questions
 - 1. Hogan: I cannot release your candy for SAW until the Purchase Order goes through, but it's in the office when I can let you take it. Maybe try emailing service organizations if you really cannot find anyone?
 - 2. Schmidt: My office hours are during that time, so I can help!
- g. Diversity Chair**
 - i. Please sign up for tabling for Diversity Week!
 - ii. Our project with the admissions office is on hold, because everyone is leaving or retiring.
 - iii. Questions
 - 1. Schmidt: What exactly do you still need help for?
 - a. If you can at least do set up and clean up, come, but if you can do more, please do.
- h. Appropriations Committee Chair**
 - i. Slate coming!
- i. Athletic Fee Accountability Chair**
 - i. Also a slate. Still looking for my replacement, so if you know any freshmen who would want my position, talk to me!
- j. Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Chair**
 - i. Our slate is coming soon, as well as a resolution! This year on the committee has been interesting, but definitely positive, I look forward to presenting our slate in a couple of weeks.
- k. Health, Wellness and Safety Chair**
 - i. We'll be doing a second read of the Mental Wellness Week resolution.
 - ii. Faculty Mental Health Honoree process is going along swimmingly, we'll be interviewing professors soon.
- l. Sexual Assault Prevention Designee**
 - i. I will send out a doodle poll this week.
- m. Public Relations Director**
 - i. Currently working on the posters for Diversity Week.
 - ii. I'm always looking for people to feature on Facebook for StuGov Spotlight.
- n. Purple Friday Subcommittee Chair**
 - i. Money motion later.
 - ii. Do you have to pay to rent yard games from CSI?
 - 1. No.
 - iii. Ethics Justice:
 - 1. Election packet second read! The posters look great!
 - 2. Promo video: the script has been sent out, and we'll be shooting at the end of ExComm. If you don't want to sit through that, come by around 9:45-10. If you have a great idea for something, talk to me and you can shoot it yourself!
 - 3. Met with Dr. Edwards about the packet, and we hashed out some details.
 - 4. I talked with the SUB about reserving space for campaigning and announcements
 - 5. Snapchat takeover: I will probably get it for multiple days during the week of elections and let each presidential candidate have it for one day.
 - 6. Elections info session: March 21, a specific time TBD. Please spread the word!

Executive Reports

- a. Treasurer**
 - i. No report.
- b. Secretary**
 - i. The website will be updated soon!

- c. President and Vice President of the Student Association
 - i. Faculty Senate was very interesting! There was some fallout from delaying Dialogues, the main thing we need to focus on is getting the most out of the extra time we have to work on the curriculum!
 - ii. President Thomas loves the idea for a interactive flowchart for students to figure out who they need to talk to when they have a question for an administrator. Please put your suggestions on the document!
 - iii. UGC this Thursday, 3-5 p.m. Main agenda items: establishing three new committees related to the Dialogues: one each for the high-impact experience, intercultural perspective, and “connective tissue”/”big picture.” Course Threads will also be on the agenda. These committees are great ways to get involved with the new curriculum, so consider serving on one!
 - 1. On a related note, some of the perspectives were brought forth for review at Faculty Senate, and they found many issues. Some faculty advocated for something like UGC’s big picture committee, and a resolution may be coming to create one.
 - iv. Another big thing at UGC is a double-counting bill (there are three proposals, one that allows double-counting for everything, one that allows no double-counting at all, and one that allows double-counting for minor classes but not major classes).
 - v. Keep nominating people/events for the Leadership Recognition Program!
 - vi. StuGov dinner tomorrow @6:30 in Ryle, volleyball game 7:20 on Thursday!
 - vii. Scheduling: we are having a meeting the Sunday we come back from Spring break. If we don’t meet, items being first-read tonight will expire. We need to have that meeting, so please plan accordingly.
 - viii. Questions:
 - 1. Hogan: I got the gift! I went to HyVee, got a tropical plant, and they potted it for free, I also bought his & hers succulents with “True Love Stu Gov” on them, and also got them a card. The total cost is about \$50, I will give you an amount I need from each person who wants to donate (depends on how many people want to).

Old Business

- a. Second Read: Spring, 2019 Election Packet (Wissler)
 - i. I reworded the announcement, and fixed some dates and times. I also changed the active campaigning rules in regard to organizations to which you belong. You would not be breaking the rules by talking to organizations that meet in SUB, but that is active campaigning, so you must wait until the proper time.
 - ii. Discussion:
 - 1. Leppanen: Small thing, just make sure all the formatting is fine.
 - iii. Passed by Unanimous Consent
- b. Second Read: A Resolution Establishing Mental Health Week in the Student Government Standing Rules (Slama)
 - i. I made all the suggested changes, and I’m looking forward to it being enshrined in
 - ii. Discussion:
 - 1. Schmidt: Friendly to change the wording in the Whereas section, just to make it a little bit more clear.
 - 2. Barker: Since I never get do participate in the discussion, I just want to say that I like it!
 - 3. Owings: Is the name going to be flexible (so that future committees can change it if they feel the purpose is slightly different)?
 - a. Yes, it would not be binding in the standing rules.
 - iii. Passed by Unanimous Consent

New Business

- a. 2019 AFAC Slate of Proposals (Smestad)
 - i. There is a detailed description on the slate, and the projects highlighted in green are higher priority than the ones in yellow.
 - ii. Questions
 - 1. Schmidt: For the bullpen project, are we sure this amount is going to be enough?

- a. I've talked to Jerry and he has assured me it will be.
 - 2. Schmidt: Is Jerry in support of the bathroom renovations?
 - a. He said that with that amount of money for baseball/softball projects, it can't be ignored. What is helpful is that the maintenance building is being rebuilt, and it is near the bathrooms, so they might get done. I'm cautiously optimistic.
 - iii. Discussion
 - 1. Wissler: I would like to see better lighting for the volleyball courts behind Centennial. Other than that, the rest are great projects.
- b. First Read: A Resolution Promoting the Visibility of Gender Neutral and Accessible Bathroom Maps (Wimms)
 - i. We have already created the maps, this is just outlining the timeline of what we did and telling the University to put the maps online.
 - ii. Discussion
 - 1. Kolok: Friendly to change the second Whereas statement to what my comment says.
 - 2. Wissler: In the Therefore section, maybe something about keeping the list up to date?
 - 3. Schmidt: a friendly to move the links to the footnotes.
- c. Money Motion for Diversity Week (Wimms)
 - i. Every expense for each day is broken down in detail.
 - ii. Questions
 - 1. Schmidt: Do you think this will be enough food/drink for these events?
 - a. I'm basing this off of attendance last year, which wasn't super high, so I think so.
 - 2. Holt: Are the cookies gluten-free?
 - a. Yes!
 - iii. Approved
- d. Money Motion for Elections Posters (Wissler)
 - i. \$200 for posters. One round for getting people interested to run, one for letting people know how they can vote.
 - ii. Approved
- e. Money Motion for Goof Off Day (Wissler)
 - i. \$120 from Purple Friday. Either March 22 or 29, for candy which we've priced out. Yard-pong, but Laura doesn't like that
 - 1. Hogan: yard bucket
- f. Appropriations Slate (Hogan)
 - i. There are four things to look at, but technically there are only two applications, because we also have two that we didn't approve. Just a brief synopsis of what the committee thought of all of these: for the Sustainability Office part, we still don't think that it adheres to the ballot language, but we were unable to come to a decision, so we will let the Body decide on that. For the members of SHAG, we felt that because they are going to their conference as group, we will fund them as a group, and not individuals. For the ones we denied: we are not allowed to fund ROTC, if they want to come back as individuals, we can fund them. For club baseball, we found their application to be poorly written, and that they were not very proactive in getting their funding.
 - ii. Questions
 - 1. Leppanen: A point of clarification - the Sustainability Office is applying through ESFAC for funds, this is not from ESFAC itself.
 - iii. Motion to split the slate between the Sustainability Office and other items.
 - 1. Motion passes
- g. Sustainability Office Slate
 - i. Questions:
 - 1. Weber: What exactly is the problem with the slate?
 - a. Costello: It's not really a project, it's just making the Sustainability Office look better.

- b. Hogan: If it were phrased as aiming to improve the ongoing projects of the Sustainability Office, it would be more acceptable.
 - c. Weber: So if the wording were changed to better show that, it would be fine?
 - d. Hogan: Yes.
 - ii. Discussion
 - 1. Holt: I think I have the same issue with this, it doesn't look a project aimed at improving campus
 - 2. Schmidt: I see good things and not-so-good things. On the one hand, I can see that the carts would be a good thing. However, putting recycling bin in the office does not seem like part of a project. For example, putting more recycling bins across campus would be a viable project.
 - 3. Hogan: Kyle, correct me if I'm wrong, but I think the bins are supposed to be for campus recycling only?
 - 4. Kolok: Kyle, do you believe this is a project?
 - a. Yes, I think it allows the Sustainability Office to better work on their other projects
 - b. Why I ask is that I don't feel it really falls into that category.
 - 5. Schmidt: How much is left of the money we allocated for the Sustainability Office?
 - a. Weber: I'm not sure, I'm not directly responsible for keeping track of that.
 - 6. Wissler: What happens if the money is not spent?
 - a. Leppanen: It would roll over
 - 7. Hogan: We created this process for a reason,
 - 8. Kyle: Just a reminder, ESFAC is not applying for this funding, it is the Sustainability Office. A side note to that, we are not funding the Sustainability Office again next year, because of the difficulty of this process.
 - iii. Slate fails 0-9-5
- h. SHAG, ROTC, & Club Baseball Slate
 - 1. Hogan:
 - a. SHAG: We thought that we would give them their application fees.
 - b. Club baseball: again, a lack of communication which led to their failure to get FAC funds.
- ii. Questions:
 - 1. Kolok: I notice some discrepancies between the slate and what has been said. Joon said they had a game in Nebraska, thus not having a benefit to Truman. Is that still the case?
 - a. It is in Nebraska.
 - 2. Holt: Is there a precedent to deny an application if FAC denies a similar one?
 - a. No.
- iii. Discussion:
 - 1. Kolok: I disagree with the Appropriations Committee's decision to reject this application based on the notion that students who travel for events only see benefit for themselves and not for the University. Regardless of whether it is a sporting event or an academic conference, students who go beyond campus represent Truman, and . Especially considering the body's decision to award funding to Donald Rabin for his travel to a national music conference, I feel it is disingenuous to decide that Club Baseball's participation in their event is any less important than his.
- iv. Motion to split slate into Club Baseball and other items.
 - 1. Motion passes 9-0-5.
- i. Club Baseball Slate
 - i. Discussion
 - 1. Hogan: I can see Jared's point on sending people out, but I think it's comparing apples and oranges. Donald's application was very clear in how his attendance at

the conference would benefit Truman, theirs was not. The fact is, they failed to meet deadlines for FAC, which why they're here.

2. Holt: I sat in on the FAC hearing, and they definitely cared about putting forth effort in their pitch. I don't think we should disregard them simply because they messed up on the FAC front.
 3. Schmidt: A couple of issues: hiring the umpires puts us at a liability, and I'm not comfortable with that. Another thing, we did give them two chances to clearly explain their need, and they failed to do so. I understand they were probably stressed while writing this, but that's the reality.
 4. Smestad - I have some concerns, specifically about how they are paying the officials whereas their opponents are not. Also, why are they asking for that much money for all of these games? I would imagine they would not be using four umpires for a game, so this looks they are then only ones paying for umpires.
 5. Hogan: This may also have been a failure to communicate on our part, but that was one of our questions, too. They provided no context for how hiring the game officials works.
 6. Wissler: The amount per umpire seems reasonable, but it appears that Truman's team is the sole one funding the umpires.
 7. Leppanen: I would like to comment on the differences between this slate and Donald Rabin's. The argument for him was that his attendance at his event would elevate the University's prestige. In the case of the club baseball team, them playing their games, away from campus, does not seem to do that.
- ii. Slate passes 9-2-3, funding not allotted.
- j. SHAG & ROTC Slate
- i. Discussion:
 1. Hogan: Point of clarification - we are discussing our decision to fund SHAG, and our decision not to fund ROTC
 2. Wissler: Both of these make sense, I think giving SHAG that level of funding is a happy medium.
 - ii. Slate passes 12-0-2.

Adjourned 6:47 p.m.

Links

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