

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT
GENERAL MEETING
March 31, 2019
Called to order 5:03 p.m.**

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. Laura Bates, Staff 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. Caroline Costello, Sexual Assault Prevention Designee
16. Jessica Rood, SAB Representative
17. Sarah Connolly, FAC Representative
18. Jade Harrison, PR Director
19. Shania Montúfar, TEDx Chair
20. Hannah Wissler, Purple Friday Chair, Ethics Justice
21. Doug Adolphson, Voting Senator
22. Colby Cook, Voting Senator
23. Lizzy Cremer, Voting Senator
24. Maddie Meyer, Voting Senator
25. Alek Nikitow, Voting Senator
26. Rachel Owings, Voting Senator
27. Kathleen Placke, Voting Senator
28. Emma Rollings, Associate Senator

b. Approval of Minutes

c. Gallery Introductions/Business

d. Membership Appointment/Resignation/Removals

- i. Resignation of Cassidy Smestad from Athletic Fee Accountability Committee Chair (Smestad)
- ii. Appointment of Matthew Hall to Athletic Fee Accountability Committee Chair (Leppanen)
 1. Approved

e. Oath of Office

f. Changes to the Agenda

Auxiliary Reports

a. Speaker of the Student Senate

- i. Rules Revision meeting today, we discussed the OAF procedures. Let Keaton know if you have any questions.
- ii. We will be working on changing the procedure for selecting the Board of Governors Representative, as well as some changes to committee duties.

b. Staff Advisor

- i. Please stay off the fountain, it is not safe.
- ii. Get your orders in ASAP.

c. Academic Affairs Chair

- i. Educator of the Year and Research Mentor of the Year winners were chosen today! RSVP as soon as possible if you have not.
 - ii. Course threads: we sent out emails to UGC reps and alternates to see if we can meet with them and get a committee going.
 - iii. I have a meeting with Sherri Pfizer from Admissions, we are hoping to collaborate on the Freshman Guide.
 - iv. Credit/no credit: A survey is being sent out to faculty, we'll have feedback soon.
 - v. Deadline for commencement speaker applications is this Friday, we're hoping for more applicants!
- d. External Affairs Chair**
 - i. The city is having a meeting for its downtown revitalization committee, aka the Main Street Committee. They reached out to us, and I said we would definitely be interested in participating. We can have a few representatives, let me know if you're interested! The meetings are Tuesdays at 6 p.m.
 - ii. If you're interested in my position, talk to me,
 - iii. City Council election Tuesday, go vote!
 - iv. Questions:
 - 1. Bates: I would educate yourself on the "911" tax. It is a fairly contentious issue, so please find out more before you vote.
 - 2. Holt: That tax funds all the emergency responders in the county.
- e. Environmental Affairs Chair**
 - i. Finalized events for Earth Week: as the money motion is about, we plan to show WALL-E on Thursday of that week.
 - ii. Resolution on Fair Apartments Lot will be coming
- f. Student Affairs Chair**
 - i. I have emailed the winners of the raffle.
 - ii. I have several meetings this week for my resolution.
- g. Diversity Chair**
 - i. Diversity Week went well!
- h. Appropriations Committee Chair**
 - i. ESFAC slate later.
- i. Athletic Fee Accountability Chair**
- j. Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Chair**
 - i. First read of our resolution later.
- k. Health, Wellness and Safety Chair (Placke)**
 - i. W selected a winner for the Faculty Mental Health Honoree.
 - ii. Next week, we will have two resolutions.
 - iii. Money motion later.
- l. Sexual Assault Prevention Designee**
 - i. SAP week prep is rolling along, I will be spending less than \$100 on posters.
- m. SAB Representative**
 - i. The Onion came last week!
 - ii. Questions:
 - 1. Leppanen: Are you doing hot air balloons?
 - a. Yes!
- n. FAC Representative**
 - i. Lots of hearings this week!
- o. Public Relations Director**
 - i. If you don't want to share an event, at least RSVP, because that is a good way to encourage people to attend or participate.
 - ii. I'm working on publicity for Earth Week, on that note, please double and triple check my drafts, I am not perfect. Send it to your committee so they can look it over.
- p. TEDx Ad Hoc Committee Chair**
 - i. I have no committee, so I need your help with advertising!
 - ii. Deadlines: for committee application, April 20, for speaker application, April 27.
- q. Purple Friday Subcommittee Chair**

- i. Met with Laura to discuss April event, it will be on April 12. In the next couple of weeks I will have the last event, since it is after the transition meeting. Money motion and resolution later.
- r. Ethics Justice
 - i. Happy Elections season!
 - ii. Petitions are available in the SG office starting at 8 a.m. tomorrow! If you are on the body, please print them yourself. Hopefully I will have the posters by Friday. If you download and print a packet online, let me know via Slack or email.

Executive Reports

- a. Treasurer
 - i. We have a slate for ESFAC.
 - ii. Let me know if you spend money.
- b. Secretary
 - i. No report.
- c. Vice President and President of the Student Association
 - i. OAF: good discussion with Rules Revision today, we will have meetings with FAC, SAB, and with Laura and Dr. Stoskopf. A final proposal will be ready at the latest two weeks from now.
 - ii. Student Body email out tomorrow!
 - iii. End-of-year awards: Keaton and I would like to make it more fun, think of some fun ideas. We'll spend no more than \$100 on these
 - iv. Greenspace proposals: Sue and Janna want our opinion on them, hence the discussion.
 - v. Faculty Senate: Double-counting bill was discussed, most faculty were in support, it seems like it will be passed.
 - vi. Film Club is excited to help, but they cannot start until the fall. They want scholarship jobs for doing this, and we're not sure where we will get the right equipment.
 - vii. ESFAC chair opening: if you or anyone you know is interested, please contact or have them contact us.
 - viii. CSI Leadership Programming focus group:
 - 1. Bates: many of the leadership groups at Truman are invite-only, this is looking at how students can get involved outside of the existing ones.
 - 2. Leppanen: we can have up to five people on this.
 - ix. End-of-year reports: work on them now, they need to be done by Retreat (April 28). Committee members can help!
 - x. Upcoming Schedule: normal meetings next Sunday and the following one. Retreat and the transition meeting on April 28. TL;dr - we are running short on time, get any resolutions in ASAP.
 - xi. Our volleyball team won a playoff game! Next match is Tuesday at 8!
 - xii. Questions:
 - 1. Paris: Transition meeting is formal?
 - a. Yes, but Retreat is casual.

Old Business

- a. Second Read: A Resolution Endorsing the Proposed Climate Resolution (Kolok)
 - i. Emma added a couple of statements to clarify some things.
 - ii. Questions:
 - 1. Leppanen: Did you get a list of who is in support?
 - a. Rollings: it's rather long, there is something stating the different categories of supporters. The individual names could be added.
 - b. Leppanen:
 - c. Every academic department has been contacted, all but a couple are in full support. The Biology department and English department will likely sponsor this bill, as well as some Greek organizations and College Democrats.
 - d. Leppanen: Did you happen to hear back from the College Republicans?
 - e. Rollings: I have not, but I would talk to them if they would like to.

- iii. Discussion:
 - 1. Hogan: I suggest you either include the list in the Directs That section or as a footnote.
 - 2. Kolok: The list of faculty and organizations who support it is now included.
- iv. Passed by Unanimous consent.

New Business

- a. First Read: A Resolution Amending the Operating Procedures of the Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee (Weber)
 - i. Some major changes: setting aside five percent of the budget every year, in order to account for projects that may go over-budget.
 - ii. Questions:
 - 1. Schmidt: If multiple projects exceed their budget, they can dip into the reserve?
 - a. Yes.
 - iii. First Read
- b. First Read: A Resolution Supporting the Continuation of Purple Friday's End of Year Snow Cone Celebration (Wissler)
 - i. We did this event last year, and it was a big success. The event generated a lot of excitement, and doesn't cost a lot, so we wanted to make sure it continues.
 - ii. Questions:
 - 1. Hogan: So you're just asking future committees to do this?
 - a. Yes.
 - 2. Alexander: Are you concerned with future committees being constrained by this?
 - a. Not really, I think this worthy of continuing.
 - 3. Owings: Are you interested in working with SAB for their Final Blowout?
 - a. No. We had to request to borrow some space from them, but we will stay independent.
 - iii. Discussion:
 - 1. Schmidt: I am a bit concerned with this preventing what future committees may want to do. Maybe consider framing it as the committee putting on some summer-themed year-end celebration?
 - a. Wissler: We can talk about that as a committee.
 - 2. Kolok: I'm just curious of your rationale for a resolution instead of a change to the standing rules or a special mention in the year-end report.
 - a. The intent is to get this event on paper outside of a report, so that it might actually be read.
 - 3. Hogan: Maybe it could just be a general year-end event.
 - 4. Holt: I think it's important to remember that this resolution would only be a suggestion, not binding.
 - iv. First Read.
- c. Appropriations Slate (Hogan)
 - i. The Sustainability Office is requesting funding for supporting Earth Week programming. Their proposal followed the ballot language, so we put it forward.
 - ii. Discussion:
 - 1. Kolok: This is a bit of a conflict of interest, but I will say that this funding is essential for Earth Week, as my budget cannot cover all the costs.
 - 2. Schmidt: how much money is left in the Sustainability Office's appropriation after this?
 - a. Kolok: I can find out.
 - 3. Bates: I believe this is under the limit of what they were allotted.
 - a. Kolok: I think they put a budget of \$600-700 last semester, so I think it would be about \$1400 left.
 - 4. Wissler: I'm just wondering how they will use up their budget. Maybe they can buy some reusable straws?
 - a. Bates: They just have to make sure it's presented as a project.
 - iii. Passed by Unanimous Consent
- d. Discussion Item: Green Space - Labyrinth v. Exercise Court (Leppanen)

- i. This semester, lots of work has been done toward repurposing the green space on the old Fair Apartments lot. The University does not, at this point, have any official plans other than keeping it a green space. Environmental Affairs has been working diligently on putting a labyrinth there.
- ii. Kolok: Some background on what a labyrinth is. Basically, it is a maze without hedges, and it is supposed to be a space for relaxation, meditation, etc.
- iii. Leppanen: Very recently, Sue Limestall from the Rec Center brought forth a proposal for an outdoor fitness court.
- iv. Paris: The fitness court would allow you to exercise outside, or just play around, with several different sets of equipment. These courts are funded by a national organization, and they have already pledged \$32,000 for it. This could be a great outdoor communal space.
- v. Leppanen: So, we have these two proposals, which both use a significant amount of, and which don't mesh well. I don't think they it would be the best to stick them right next to each other. Talking to Pres. Thomas and Dr. Stoskopf, I passed on proposal (which is independent of this discussion) for the "Fair Grounds" name, which they liked. They do want to know which space we think students would use more. We do really want your input, given the student aspect. Which one we want, why, etc.
- vi. Discussion:
 1. Hogan: For the outdoor gym, I am very concerned about how much it would actually be used, given what the weather is like for most of the school year. How well can you use the equipment if it gets wet or slippery? What are the materials? How much upkeep will it need? We already have outdoor volleyball courts and other outdoor recreation spaces, so how much of a need is this? For the labyrinth, where would we put it? The Pit is an option, the solar system was never intended to be permanent.
 2. Schmidt: Look at the pictures in the Slack, there are examples of what each project would look like. Our labyrinth would likely be more grassy.
 3. Bates: The company who sponsors the fitness courts gives \$30,000 initially, then finds corporate sponsors for the rest.
 4. Placke: Are either of these something students have asked for?
 - a. Paris: Janna told me as far back as August that there is considerable interest. Sue Limestall has been working on it since then, but just now brought it forth.
 - b. Bates: I told Sue to talk to AFAC for feedback and/or funding.
 5. Paris: On the weather concerns, a labyrinth would face the same issues.
 6. Wimms: Would there be any liability with the outdoor gym?
 7. Adolphson: How far apart would both things be they be if they were both on the same lot?
 - a. Paris: If you take the area of the lot, there is room for both, with only about 70 feet of space in between.
 8. Holt: I am more in favor of a labyrinth, given that we aren't a very sporty student body on the whole, but I think the Pit is not a great place, because all you have are concrete walls to look at.
 9. Tillman: The walls of the Pit are irrelevant, you would be looking down at the labyrinth.
 10. Wissler: I don't think either one will get much use, and as for the fitness court, I think it would mess up the aesthetic of campus, it does not fit our vibe. I am also wondering about the cost difference. We've already designated it as calm space (hammocks, trees are still there), so if we pick something I think the labyrinth is better. I don't really like the avenues the fitness court took to get here.
 11. Montúfar: I don't see why we can't do both, is this really an either/or proposition? I think we should have them in the same place, because they wouldn't necessarily be used at the same time. If it is an either/or, we should at least do an informal polling of students, something like what Deanna suggested.
 12. Kolok: On the Pit, it will be difficult logistically to get equipment and materials down there. That is not even considering the aesthetic elements. The cost

difference is worth considering. Sue's decision to bring her proposal out of nowhere has put me in a time crunch.

13. Schmidt: Even if we do get a more blended-in color of gym (as opposed to the pictures), I do also hesitate so much money being a spent on a project without student input. Our discussion on the use of the space originated on keeping it a green space, so I think we should keep that in mind. The labyrinth would be a smaller project with reasonable time and cost, as opposed to the other proposal. We could poll students next year on whether they want the court or not. Katie has been asking student'- athletes, she hasn't any say they would regularly use it.
 14. Cremer: We should definitely poll students before doing the fitness court, I do think that would be a good thing. I know some people who are intimidated by going into the rec, this would help them.
 15. Bates: As a reminder, the Pit is not ADA accessible. I would not advise putting anything down there. As for student feedback, I would walk over to the green space, especially at night, because the lights from Stokes are on almost every day until midnight. These are very bright lights, and especially with reflective metal, there could be problems. This is definitely a unique discussion, because it sheds n interesting light on how wellness exists in a complete unit.
 16. Rood: I think it would be smart to make sure you have student support for the fitness court before you proceed. I know of an outdoor fitness space in San Francisco by the bridge, it was a nice blend of old and new thing styles. I don't think student athletes would be the biggest draw, more casual users. It could reduce the crowds at he Rec.
 17. Paris: On the subject of money, no money for the fitness court would come from our budget, the Rec, the Parents' Council, and the national organization would be covering this.
 18. Schmidt: I think the combination of the two might be good for developing holistic health, because meditation and vigorous physical activity are both good ways for improving your health. Athletes have many other areas to use, so I think would be more targeted at casual exercisers.
- e. Money Motion for Pups and Peeps (Wissler)
- i. No more than \$110 for April Purple Friday event. Should be less than \$90. Balloons, marshmallow peeps, and a dog!
 - ii. Passed by Unanimous Consent
- f. Money Motion for You Matter Posters (Placke)
- i. No more than \$100 on these. The last round of them had a typo in the suicide prevention hotline number, and failed to put the SG logo on.
 - ii. Questions:
 1. Schmidt: does this include magnets and stickers?
 - a. No.
 - iii. Passed by Unanimous Consent.

Adjourned 6:43 p.m.

Links

[Climate Resolution](#)

[Snow Cone Resolution](#)

[Resolution for Operating Procedures Change](#)

[Appropriations Slate](#)