

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT
GENERAL MEETING
April 7, 2019
Called to order 5:00 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. 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. Joe Slama, Health, Wellness, and Safety Chair
16. Caroline Costello, Sexual Assault Prevention Designee
17. Jessica Rood, SAB 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. Alek Nikitow, Voting Senator
25. Rachel Owings, Voting Senator
26. Kathleen Placke, Voting Senator
27. Emma Rollings, Associate Senator

b. Approval of Minutes

c. Gallery Introductions/Business

- i. Susan Limestall, Director of Campus Recreation
- ii. I talked to Adam and Jared this week. When Troy Paino was still here he had asked us to look into expansion of the Recreation Center, but given the budget crunch of the past few years, that has not been pursued. There are only two outdoor fitness courts of the kind we are proposing in Missouri, but none at any universities, so this would set Truman apart. The total cost is about \$120,000, but we've qualified for a \$30,000 grant from the national program that this a part of. The Rec Center Reserve fund has accrued a significant amount of money, we've been putting money into that consistently. We're looking at putting it in a different part of campus than the Rec Center, so it would be closer to more people.
- iii. Questions:
 1. Wissler: Is there survey data showing student desire for this?
 - a. The last time there was a survey, that question wasn't asked, but when asking here and there whether this might be received well, we got some positive feedback.
 - b. Wissler: I still wonder whether those funds might be useful in other ways.
 - c. Our original renovation proposal is still sitting in limbo, so we've been looking at other avenues of improving campus recreation. This is one way we think we can achieve that.

2. Schmidt: What are the other areas that have been looked at? Why would the court be a good fit in those places?
 - a. We've talked to HES faculty, they think it could be used it for outdoor instruction if it is close to Pershing. For the same reason, it could be useful for athletics. Looked at Ryle Commons, or across the street.
3. Owings: What might maintenance costs be given that it's outdoors?
 - a. I have no idea, but it will be built to withstand the elements, I know that there are courts in places further north than Kirksville.
4. Slama: The Rec has fitness classes regularly, could those classes meet outside at this court?
 - a. We do have classes that go outside in the warmer months. Pilates on the Quad will be on April 27, maybe other classes could do the same.
5. Leppanen: Where the rest of the funding coming from? What is the approximate timeline for the whole project?
 - a. The grant is for the 2019 cycle, I would hate to have to turn it back in. If we can get approval for everything, it could be ready by the fall. Whatever we don't spend during a fiscal year gets put in reserve, so we have a lot there, that's where some of the funds would come from. Part of the commitment of the national fitness campaign is to get sponsorships, if we do that we would need to get a bigger company, local businesses are a bit tapped out.
6. Alexander: Would the metal be too hot to use in the summer?
 - a. I haven't heard of that being a problem with other courts, but I don't know for sure.
7. Wissler: Are you able to disclose how much is in the reserve fund? Is spending that money within the rules of the fund? Would the public nature of the court be any concern?
 - a. Some of the things the reserve has been used for include a new roof in 2015, new weight equipment in 2016, new fire alarms this summer.
 - b. We do want a public place so that people can access it easily and at any time.
8. Tillman: Is this the most cost-effective plan considering the limits that weather places on the court's use, especially in light the rough winter we just had?
 - a. We think the investment is worth encouraging people to exercise more.
9. Alexander: Are you concerned about the cold weather preventing people from using it? How would it compare to the indoor Rec facilities?
 - a. All the equipment that would be on it is available indoors. We envision doing similar classes outside as we do inside, for example one introducing people on proper use of the equipment. Most people coming to the Rec are doing it on their own and not through classes, but we hope to get those people in addition to anyone who comes to a class.

iv. Contact me if you have any more questions! My office is in the Rec Center.

d. Changes to the Agenda

- i. Old Business and New Business before reports

Old Business

- a. Second Read: A Resolution Encouraging Truman to Reconsider the University's Alcohol Policies (Paris)

- i. I've outlined the changes, I know it's quite long, but here it is.

- ii. Questions:

1. Slama: did you consult with the Health, Wellness, and Safety committee regarding our mentions in here?

- a. Not directly.

- iii. Discussion:

1. Tillman: I still think it's too vague. I think recommending more specific, incremental changes would be better.

2. Slama: I am a bit concerned with the vagueness, but also with it looking different than what Administration might be thinking of, and with it being more sweeping than what any discussions on the Board of Governors have considered. I'm also a bit.
3. Holt: A reminder that this only an opinion, not a statement of policy. I commend Adam for the work he's done to improve this.
4. Leppanen: I don't think it's a problem that it's broad, we would only be encouraging Administration to look into changes. Once they come up with any specific changes, then we can be more specific in what we do and do not support. All we are doing is saying that we support an investigation into amending the current policies. The Board of Governors does not have direct control over this decision, it's up to Administration, specifically Pres. Thomas, and Dr. Stoskopf. Adam has talked with them gotten their thought, I don't think it's aggressive toward Administration.
5. Paris: It was supposed to be a bit vague to give leeway to future resolutions, it would be impossible to cover everything in one resolution.
6. Alexander: I think we should say why we want to be in the majority of schools that allow alcohol on campus instead of just putting out the statistic. The line about drinking alcohol being a choice, that's just weird.
7. Wissler: Binge drinking is a very specific thing, reading it, "heavy" drinking sounds weird. Also, the wording seems to imply that we support objective enforcement of the current policy. I do think vagueness is okay, I actually think it would be dangerous to say anything too concrete.
8. Bates: You've indicated that you talked to Administration, but technically, the Code of Conduct is Board policy.
9. Leppanen: From what we've heard, this is a decision that's been given to Administration.
10. Alexander: In regard to "heavy" vs. "binge" drinking, I think Hannah is correct that the term "binge drinking" applies more to college students.
11. Leppanen: Regardless, the definition should go before the the usage of the term.
12. Tillman: Hostile amendment to remove bullet point regarding Ivy League schools.
 - a. Amendment passed 7-5-1
13. Kolok: Why did you wait until now to talk to William Nelsen about this?
 - a. Paris: this was a recent idea, and my schedule finally opened up, so I scheduled a meeting.
 - b. Kolok: Friendly amendment to remove HWS mentions.
 - i. Accepted
14. Leppanen: Hostile amendment to reinsert HWS mentions.
 - a. Costello: I just don't know what I am supposed to do in my role. There would be a lot of ambiguity, that's why I'm not totally comfortable with being tasked with responsibility.
 - b. Leppanen: I think it really needs to be in there, to get those people, whomever they may be in a given year, to take into account what they can advocate for, since it does really fall under their purview.
 - c. Wissler: I suggest a compromise - remove mention of SAP designee
 - d. Paris: Would you remove you withdraw your hostile amendment if I accept Hannah's suggestion?

- e. Leppanen: No. I feel like keeping all of those committees and roles in that section acknowledges the importance of those positions to this topic.
 - i. Amendment passed 8-0-5
 - iv. Resolution passed 9-2-2
 - b. Second Read: A Resolution Amending the Operating Procedures of the Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee (Weber)
 - i. Questions:
 - 1. Wissler: Any changes?
 - a. No.
 - ii. Passed by Unanimous Consent
 - c. Second Read: A Resolution Supporting the Continuation of Purple Friday's End of Year Snow Cone Celebration (Wissler)
 - i. We talked in committee about making it less specific, we changed the title to say "end of year celebration" instead of an event with snow cones, but I still like doing snow cones at the end of the year.
 - ii. Passed by Unanimous Consent

New Business

- a. First Read: A Resolution Amending the Constitution of Student Government: Revising Committee Descriptions (Kolok)
 - i. We went through all the committee descriptions and rewrote them to varying degrees.
 - ii. Discussion:
 - 1. Leppanen: I was wondering if chairs were reached out to regarding these changes, I would love to hear your opinions.
 - 2. Alexander: I support Sam's comments on Academic Affairs.
 - 3. Slama: I support Adam's suggestions on HWS.
 - 4. Schmidt: Friendly to delete the last two bullets from the Whereas section.
 - a. Accepted
 - 5. Schmidt: The External Affairs section doesn't seem to be finished to me. Maybe change, what's up with the punctuation?
 - 6. Wimmms: I'm glad the suggestions I made were added, otherwise it looks good.
 - 7. Kolok: The standing clause on Environmental Affairs is rather limited in its scope; it is not what I and the past few chairs have been doing, and I wanted to make it more focused on the environment.
 - 8. Leppanen: Under HWS, maybe refer to the University community instead of just the University?
 - iii. First-read
- b. First Read: A Resolution Amending the Constitution and the Standing Rules of Student Government: The Procedure for Selecting the Student Representative to the Board of Governors (Kolok)
 - i. Current process is not ideal, so we changed it. Ultimately, we came up with this.
 - ii. Discussion:
 - 1. Leppanen: last time selecting a rep, there were some issues with the selection process.
 - 2. Bates: Make sure you have an odd number of people to vote, and include the current Board of Governors rep. I know a question brought up last time was whether it was required to bring forward three candidates.
 - 3. Schmidt: Make sure the Whereas sections says something important. I suggest that Adam reach out to Kyra for her thoughts, she told me that she had a problem with conflict-of-interest of SG applicants last time.
 - 4. Bates: I would suggest there be something regarding what Deanna mentioned.
 - 5. Leppanen: The hardest part of this is that the slate of submitted candidates is confidential, so if, for example, the committee wants to indicate two very strong candidates, they cannot. We should avoid putting the committee in that situation.
 - 6. Bates: Maybe you could have a minimum of two and a maximum of three on the slate?

7. Middlemas: I don't have any knowledge of the issues since I was on the other side of the process, but I would support anything making the process simpler, given the rigor. I do think the quality of the slate is important. Is the three-person slate a requirement?
 - a. Leppanen: Yes, that is required right now. I support what Laura suggested.
- c. First Read: A Resolution Suggesting the Appointment of a Main Street Kirksville Student Government (Holt)
 - i. They just got approved as a 501 (c)(3) organization, so they are official! At their meeting, I walked them through the appropriations process, and I suggested they partner with Purple Friday for Friday events downtown. I think it is important to make sure we stay involved so that they can be successful.
 - ii. Questions:
 1. Leppanen: Would the position be a formal or informal appointment?
 - a. Formal.
 2. Kolok: Why a formal appointment?
 - a. There's no guarantee that person goes to those meetings if it's just an informal agreement. A formal appointment gives some weight to the position.
 3. Leppanen: Since this not a Truman-specific thing, I worry about continuity. I can see this being forgotten. Maybe add a brief appendix describing how to be involved? Probably a good thing in EOY report.
 - a. I have that in my report!
 - iii. First-read.
- d. First Read: A Resolution Outlining the Development of the Former Fair Apartments Lot (Kolok)
 - i. Adam and I talked to Sue L a couple of times. It's vague because of the different possibilities for development.
 - ii. Questions:
 1. Alexander: Do you endorse the fitness court?
 - a. I don't think my opinion on that is relevant to this resolution.
 2. Leppanen: Is this specifically endorsing the outdoor fitness court?
 - a. No.
 3. Leppanen: So this is supporting the labyrinth, or it just being vague enough to not endorse the fitness court?
 - a. The latter.
 - iii. Discussion:
 1. Alexander: I got the impression that this is supporting the outdoor fitness court. Clarification? I think we need to take a clear stance on whether we support the fitness court. On that subject, I am strongly opposed to the fitness court. There have to be other projects that could be done, yes?
 2. Schmidt: I do agree with Katie on the expediency aspect. I understand wanting to be polite. This resolution is too vague for this time of year. I echo Keaton's idea to be for the labyrinth, and maybe against the court. I think we need to make sure be saying that we support it.
 3. Leppanen: Our role as SG, what Admin want us to do is to have a definite direction. Aesthetically, as Shania said, it does not fit the campus.
 4. Bates: The way to pay off the bond for that building was to have money automatically go the reserve. Given the further-off timeline of renovations, she is trying to find other ways to improve campus from a Rec perspective. She is not going to do it without student support.
 5. Leppanen: I still think that money, even it's further down the. I know you suggested she apply to AFAC for this funding. IT would show that Athletic fee is not just for athletes.
 6. Kolok: I agree with the previous opinions, but I don't know how I feel about taking a strong stance.
 7. Wissler: I don't think the fitness court is not a great idea. We should express the priority of the Labyrinth first, court later.

8. Leppanen: Janna and Sue T have expressed a strong desire. Janna
 9. Bates: The Parents' Council is interested in supporting student wellness, I believe since you all did not have an official opinion yet, that conversation was suggested to be delayed.
 10. Montúfar: A compromise I would be happy with is saying to start with the labyrinth and turning it into a holistic mental wellness place later on.
 11. Holt: Main Street KV supports the labyrinth, Jared, bring it back saying we support labyrinth.
- iv. First-read.
- e. Money Motion for Earth Week Posters (Kolok)
 - i. \$200 by May 31. Earth Week is rapidly approaching, and I have decided to pay for two sets of posters, the WALL-E ones look fantastic.
 - ii. Questions:
 1. Schmidt: I'm just wondering why we are paying for it at all when the Sustainability Office could be? They need to use up their budget.
 - a. The deal we struck at the time was that they would pay for showing WALL-E, we would pay for publicity. I have still not heard back from them.
 2. Rood: What will be on the Earth Week posters?
 - a. The schedule, which is:
 - i. April 18: Global Issues Colloquium
 - ii. April 23: Local foods lunch, plant giveaway
 - iii. April 24: Garden cleanup, creek cleanup, WALL-E showing
 - iv. April 25: Sustainability tabling, climate change panel
 - v. April 26: Bike bell tabling, tree planting
 - vi. April 27: Earth Week Festival
 1. Rood: SAB is giving out plants the next week, but everyone loves plants, so that's great!
 3. Wissler: How feasible would it be to bring back your motion at ExComm (to have a decision on whether the Sustainability Office will fund all of it)?
 4. Bates: To play a bit of devil's advocate, if SG is not paying for anything, what stake do you have?
 5. Leppanen: We can't pass money motions at ExComm, so that will not work. ESFAC money is SG money, so we have a stake.
- f. First Read: A Resolution Approving Spring 2019 Ballot Language for the Redistribution of the Student Activities Fee (Leppanen)
 - i. The fact is, we don't have a lot of money. The previous OAF committee advised us to burn through our rollover, which Pres. Thomas described as "stupid," for what it's worth. We have done that, but with an overall budget decrease, that has left us in a tough spot. Three years ago, the SG budget was around \$30,000, the next year slightly less, this year was around \$25,000, and next year will probably be \$22,000-23,000. Appropriations had to reject quite a few applications, TEDx was with run with less than \$1500. All the committees need proper funding as well, so we need to do something. I talked with Pres. Thomas, Dr. Stoskopf, Laura, and Dr. Edwards, and what we came up with was this resolution.
 - ii. We control the Collegiate Readership Program, which has seen a decrease of 20,000 in newspapers taken by students. We suspect that that faculty, staff, and community members are taking papers, but even with that there has been a drop-off. Because of the decrease in newspapers taken, the CRP is losing money, but it still has a surplus of around \$45,000, which would last one to two more years depending on this resolution. Our plan is to reallocate \$1 from the part of the Student Activities Fee currently going into the CRP and add it to the SG part of the fee. This would give us a budget similar to what we had previously.
 - iii. The redistribution of the Student Activities Fee would not increase fees overall, and would not impair the functioning of the CRP next year, however it would cease the year after without a revamping of the program. Given that we live in the digital age, we think students might be more apt to use digital subscriptions to newspapers, so what may

happen is that we end the current contract for the CRP and sign a new contract for digital content. The OAF committee will get to figure out some of these details.

iv. Questions:

1. Tillman: I really enjoy the physical copies, is there a possibility that some physical copies will remain?
 - a. I understand that some students prefer physical copies, but digital is probably better in the long run.
2. Bates: The New York Times originally offered a digital subscription as part of their package, but it wasn't accepted at the time.
3. KOlok: Would it affect the Index?
 - a. No, the Comm department funds that.

v. Discussion:

1. Wissler: I will point out that this will create ballot language, so we need to be mindful of that for the timeframe.
2. Rood: I think doing a survey is a good idea.
3. Wissler: The ballot is almost a sort of survey, if students don't like it, it won't pass.
4. Schmidt: Do you think advocating for digital subscriptions should be in there?
5. Tillman: Is there a newspaper dispenser that only allows student access to physical newspapers?
6. Bates: There is one, it's in Barnett, but it's way too expensive to operate.
7. Montúfar: I don't know if it's a good idea to include the information about digital subscription in there, if it goes in there without research I think it will get voted down.
8. Leppanen: I think reallocation is a necessity. The CRP is running out of money, in its current state, would last two more years at most, one year with the reallocation. Getting the reallocation passed is my primary focus, but is the second measure necessary or not at the moment?
9. Wissler: I think the second part is important also.
10. Bates: The last three OAF committees have diverted money from the CRP.
11. Schmidt: I do think we should be transparent about this, if students vote it down, it's on us to promote the CRP better since it will still be going.
12. Montúfar: I wish there was something stating we will see what students want in terms of digital content.
13. Leppanen: OAF was the original source of the digitization idea. We would charge them with getting student feedback.
14. Montúfar: If it does pass, will it be applicable to next year?
15. Leppanen: Yes.
16. Bates: I have talked to Administration about the problem of faculty taking the newspapers, I may bring it up again.
17. Please make suggestions about the ballot language!

vi. First-read.

Auxiliary Reports

- a. Speaker of the Student Senate
 - i. No report.
- b. Student Representative to the Board of Governors
 - i. No report.
- c. Staff Advisor
 - i. No report.
- d. Academic Affairs Chair
 - i. EOTY Banquet is tomorrow!
- e. External Affairs Chair
 - i. CSI barbecue on Thursday. Sign up to help!
- f. Environmental Affairs Chair
 - i. Labyrinth plans are forthcoming in a report,
- g. Student Affairs Chair

- i. Free food and yard games will be at the barbecue.
 - ii. Questions:
 - 1. Bates: Four prizes weren't claimed from your drawing.
- h.** Diversity Chair
 - i. No report
- i.** Appropriations Committee Chair
 - i. No report.
- j.** Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Chair
 - i. No report.
- k.** Health, Wellness and Safety Chair
 - i. No report.
- l.** Sexual Assault Prevention Designee
 - i. Please sign up for Sexual Assault Prevention Week tabling!
- m.** SAB Representative
 - i. Laser tag on Tuesday! Hot air balloon sign up is full.
- n.** Public Relations Director
 - i. I am looking for a replacement because I'm graduating, if you wouldn't mind telling people. I might make it a job posting (under volunteer)
 - ii. If some of us would like to do a photoshoot for SAP Week, color is teal. If we can figure out time, message her first. If you don't have teal, any blue or purple will work
 - iii. Working with Sus Off
 - iv. If you do have an event with guest speakers, panel, etc., let me know who they are so I can include that.
- o.** Legislative Director
- p.** Parking Appeals Committee Chair
- q.** TEDx Ad Hoc Committee Chair
 - i. Keep talking about applications! Tell your professors, friends, have them shoot me an email if they want to know more.
- r.** Purple Friday Subcommittee Chair
 - i. Event this Friday! We might have a dog!
- s.** Ethics Justice
 - i. Petitions are still available until this Friday!
 - ii. President/VP debate this Wednesday, SUB alumni room.
 - iii. Hanging posters. Voting opens a week from tomorrow.!

Executive Reports

- a.** Secretary
 - i. No report.
- b.** Vice President and President of the Student Association
 - i. We need people on the Symposium Committee!
 - ii. Wear comfy clothes to Retreat. Talk to me about food allergies.
 - iii. Questions:
 - 1. Wissler: Are we invited to the LRP dinner?
 - a. Bates: If you nominated someone, you get a guest. If you got nominated, you get a guest.

Adjourned: 7:27 p.m.

Links

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