

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
GENERAL MEETING  
May 6th 2018  
Called to Order: 5:00 p.m.**

**Preliminary Items**

- a.** Roll Call
- b.** Approval of Minutes
- c.** Gallery Introductions/Business
- d.** Membership Appointment/Resignation
  - i. Appointment of Katie Alexander to Academic Affairs Committee Chair (Leppanen)
    - 1. Approved
  - ii. Appointment of Chantelle Wimms to Diversity Committee Chair (Leppanen)
    - 1. Approved
  - iii. Appointment of Rachel Holt to External Affairs Committee Chair (Leppanen)
    - 1. Approved
  - iv. Appointment of Joe Slama to Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee Chair (Leppanen)
    - 1. Approved
  - v. Appointment of Jared Kolok to Environmental Affairs Committee Chair (Leppanen)
    - 1. Approved
  - vi. Appointment of Hannah Wissler Purple Friday Subcommittee Chair (Leppanen)
    - 1. Approved
- e.** Oath of Office
- f.** Changes to the Agenda
  - i. Addition of a motion to change the 4/15 general body minutes to correct an error.
  - ii. Addition of a money motion.
  - iii. Moving New Business ahead of Reports

**Auxiliary Reports**

- a.** Speaker of the Student Senate
  - i. It's been a great year. I will be in Italy during the email vote, so please be patient with me. Thank you Keaton for that.
  - ii. Rules Revision - let me know if you are interested in being on that next semester.
    - 1. Absences, Board of Governors, etc.
    - 2. We are discussing the idea of making this a permanent committee.
- b.** Student Representative to the Board of Governors
- c.** Faculty Advisor
- d.** Staff Advisor
  - i. School business - the international education had forums this week, I will let you know when this is decided.
  - ii. Math and sciences - the search failed twice, so now it is a strictly internal search. Academics will want to stay up to date on this.
  - iii. Tennis - I want to be transparent about my role with this. I want you to support students, but I know that tough financial decisions have to be made and it is not fun at all. There have been lots of difficult decisions made. I am going to support Jerry in this tough decision; somebody has to make these decisions.
  - iv. I will be on vacation next Monday-Wednesday. I will be checking my email, but don't expect me to respond until after my vacation.
- e.** Academic Affairs Chair
- f.** External Affairs Chair
- g.** Environmental Affairs Chair
- h.** Diversity Chair
- i.** Appropriations Committee Chair
- j.** Health, Wellness and Safety Chair

- i. Wellness requirement met on Thursday and we all feel that our resolution still stands. A positive change is necessary to work together to make the change good. There is no stopping this train. We want to make it the best we can for the situation we are in. This will be most conducive to making the changes positive.
- k. SAB Representative
- l. FAC Representative
- m. Legislative Director
- n. Parking Appeals Committee Chair
- o. Purple Friday Subcommittee Chair
  - i. Snow cones on Friday went Super!
  - ii. Prizes will be going out tomorrow.
- p. TEDx Ad Hoc Committee Chair
  - i. We are looking for student speakers to apply for giving a TED talk. If you know anyone who would be interested, talk to me!
  - ii. Got the application in!!! If it is approved, it will be TEDxTrumanStateU

### **Executive Reports**

- a. Treasurer
  - i. Let me know if you spend money.
- b. Secretary
  - i. If you have any last minute changes to the binder let me know.
- c. President/Vice President of the Student Association
  - i. First of all, we need quorum to pass the resolution, please do not leave.
  - ii. We are working on Truman Days!
  - iii. Check emails over summer please.
  - iv. Committee chairs - we still are in need of a few chairships. Please please please apply for those positions!
  - v. Please keep checking the Slack as well. You must turn them on yourself. Stay tuned.
  - vi. The directory - Please fill this out!!
  - vii. If anything comes up over the summer, please reach out to us with anything! We would love to chat!
  - viii. The GPA resolution is happening at Faculty Senate on Thursday.

### **Old Business**

- a. Second Read: A Resolution Allocating the Budget for Truman Days (Leppanen)
  - i. Several things have changed - we have adjusted some of the monetary amounts, we have added money for a tablecloth and runner, it is pretty cool. Also, money for a bluetooth speaker for our events. Budget for the apparel has been decreased as we are not planning on doing that yet.
  - ii. Discussion: Slama - grammatical things in suggestions.
  - iii. Adopted by Unanimous Consent

### **New Business**

- a. Discussion Item: Athletic Budget Cuts (Leppanen)
  - i. Leppanen - The men's tennis team and the wrestling team have been cut. This is very unfortunate timing, and we want to hear your input on the situation and gather your thoughts on how to best go forth on this issue. We will be meeting with Dr. Thomas.
  - ii. Alexander - to tennis players - can you please explain the cuts and how you found out about them?
  - iii. Nick
  - iv. Griffin (tennis player) - We were told we were going to turn in our jerseys, which is not out of the ordinary. When we came to do so, we were met by the Athletic Director who then told us that the program was cut, with no warning. I am on SAC and we asked if there were going to be significant changes, and he said there weren't any. We were blindsided.

- v. Slama - read a letter from Mark Hogan, an athletic student not directly affected by the cuts, but concerned and knowledgeable.
- vi. Keaton - one of our biggest concerns is the process by which this happened. It gives students very little time to react to the changes and created a stressful situation right at an already stressful time. We would like the process to change. How can we prevent this happening again?
- vii. Holtmeyer - I have heard that when a sport is cut there is a thing called open transfer...
  - 1. Nick - Typically we can transfer to any school without the suspension normally inflicted. Due to the time of the announcement there is no time for us to transfer, though.
  - 2. Sarah - I would be for a resolution that stands up for students and the way this was presented to affected students.
- viii. Nick - I think that another problem is the necessity of the cut in general. President Thomas mentioned \$35,000 was spent on the program this year. We would like an itemized breakdown if possible, because our coach does not know either. He coaches both teams.
  - 1. Self-sustainability is also a very valid option. We could have worked on making up this money somewhere throughout the year.
- ix. Athletics had to cut \$193,000.
  - 1. Laura - Every division was given a percent to cut and it was equated to the percent of the overall university budget that they receive. Salary is a baseline and then  $\frac{1}{3}$  equates to the benefits and retirement costs on top of that base. All of that has gone up, so that number may have changed.
    - a. Each department went about it in a different way.
- x. Remy - Have you tried to talk to Jerry?
  - 1. WE have not been able to reach him. Since Wednesday we have left our contact information, gone by his office, and he has not returned any of our inquiries.
  - 2. What else do you need from us?
    - a. Nick - A cost breakdown- none of us have scholarships and I don't know what they are spending money on, so I think that we could work on cutting those things. They have to still be spending money on the same things for the girls' team.
    - b. Remy - also a breakdown for the \$193,000. There was no warning and the majors and such we knew were coming because of how much it had to go through to be cut. How much power does Jerry have and how much should he have? Probably not my place, but I would like to know where that money is going.
- xi. Discussion extended by 15 minutes.
- xii. Paris - I have been talking to wrestlers and they fundraise \$20-30,000 per year and the university is saying that they are spending \$104,000 on the program, which confuses them because they don't know where that is going. They fundraise most of their budget.
- xiii. Leppanen - I want to throw it out there - both Deanna and I have served on the committee, and we have purchased in the past couple of years significant percentages of the budget on wrestling supplies. There is some ambiguity about these projects. Moving forward, keep that in the back of your mind. Student money has done towards many projects for the recently cut teams.
- xiv. Tillman - how much is the fee?
  - 1. (Keaton)It takes in about \$600,000 a year. The budget is overseen by a committee of students that coaches can submit applications for.
  - 2. Why weren't the cuts planned for right away? There has been time to come up with some proposal.
- xv. McClain- when were the cuts announced?
  - 1. Laura - We worked on the cuts in February, but that is different in different departments.

2. So the departments knew, and didn't prepare in a timely manner.
  3. Sarah - If the governor gives us the money back, could these programs be reinstated?
    - a. Laura - when we offer things up, we are supposed to be ok with going without.
- xvi. Griffin - They are investing in all of these projects and ditching other ones, and that is confusing to me.
    1. No members on the committee knew this was coming, because the projects were approved, but we had no idea that cuts were occurring.
  - xvii. Students made the calls to recruits. We do the recruiting on our own, so we called them to let them know.
  - xviii. Pelsang - we should look at having more advisement over the athletic fee. I have a growing nightmare of the fee becoming an internal part of the budget, which it is not.
  - xix. Alexander - Hearing the comment about you asking him about the cuts and him telling you not to worry about it because A) he lied, or B) he made the decision rashly. Both are huge problems. The university is losing money by losing these students.
  - xx. Motion to exhaust the speaker's list.
  - xxi. Jacobson - why men's over women's?
    1. Likely Title 9. We were in violation because of equity. Females make up 60% of the student body and they make up about 30% of the athletic population. It isn't about the number of teams, it's about the amount of participants.
  - xxii. McClain - how much before the fee was enacted did athletics have and what did they put it towards and what do they have now and how do they rely on it? Maybe bring up the Jerry comment in discussions with President Thomas as well as the budget cut timeline.
  - xxiii. DeWitt - I think that Jerry has too much power. He controls what the committee decides, and that should be a major issues because that is a student fee and we represent the student body. I think they are thinking of it as part of their budget, which it is not.
  - xxiv. Nick - I was talking to a professor who is an assistant coach, and he said that the timing was probably a result of the governor and trying to see how that played out, hoping that we wouldn't be affected.
  - xxv. Slama - a resolution on this - I was wondering: would it be good to ask President Thomas about a statement release with an itemized breakdown of how this saves the university money, etc.
  - xxvi. Leppanen - going forward, we are going to meet with President Thomas. Also, we wanted to bring a resolution forward today, but we did not have enough information. Now we will draft an official resolution about this. That being said, it will have to pass by an email vote. We will wait until after our meeting with President Thomas. In the first week of summer, be on the lookout for that vote.
    1. Procedure is established in the new standing rules.
    2. The players will be given copies of said resolution.
- b. Approval of 4/15 Minutes (Holtmeyer)
    - i. The minutes say \$560, the records show that, and the minutes need to reflect the actual number.
    - ii. I motion to change the minutes of 4/15 to reflect this.
  - c. Money Motion (DeWitt)
    - i. I motion to spend no more than \$15 by June 30 to cover the extra expenses from the Dance-A-Thon.
    - ii. Approved.

### **Announcements**

1. Finals Scream is tonight at about 9. There will be free food and prizes, free massages.

**Adjourned 7:23 p.m.**

**Links:**

[Truman Days Resolution](#)