

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT
GENERAL MEETING
August 19, 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 Jared Kolok to the Student Government Representative to the Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Fee Committee (Leppanen)
 1. Approved
- e. Oath of Office
- f. Changes to the Agenda

Auxiliary Reports

- a. Speaker of the Student Senate
 - i. Welcome to the 2018-2019 Student Government! This is going to be a fantastic year. Truman Days was great, today I, along with Keaton and Deanna went to the student involvement event, and we have about 20 interested individuals and will be sending out emails about elections very soon.
 - ii. Elections - looking at Sept. 17-19. Be ready to pass the packet at next week's meeting.
 - iii. Rules Revision is up again, and we will be working on attendance before fall elections.
 - iv. Agenda - send me any items by Fridays at midnight. This is professional, will have people working throughout the week, and allows me to send out the agenda Saturday by 5 p.m., if not before so that everyone has ample time to prepare.
- b. Student Representative to the Board of Governors
- c. Faculty Advisor
- d. Staff Advisor
 - i. Welcome back.
 - ii. Enrollment is down approx. 200 students this year, which will affect events and it means \$4 less dollars that students are paying you. Caleb will be working with you on this budget cut. Admissions has some aggressive plans for next fall's class, as well.
 - iii. The pilot program is going on for the freshmen, in Ryle instead of Dobson because Dobson has less residents and the fourth floor is closed.
 - iv. Wage increases are up on the SPAW website, there is a 3% increase.
 - v. Amnesty policy is up, there are still some clarity points that are needed for that, and VP Stoskopf is working on that.
 - vi. Jamie Ball left, and the search is ongoing. The director of advancement search was filled. Office of Student Access and Ability has an opening and has undergone a name change to extend help to students with short term disabilities. Brenda Higgins is filling that role for now. She is now the Vice President of Student Health and Wellness and will be the primary SOC case manager.
 - vii. Year 2 of JED - how it can continue beyond our four-year commitment.
 - viii. Physical Plant Director left, and a search is ongoing. The marketing position is still unfilled and posted right now as well.
 - ix. Tiffany was at the Board meeting as your student rep. Go to the governor's website to see the breakdown of ongoing projects around campus.
 - x. Thank you for your help the past couple of days. It is appreciated and you were the only fee based group to do it, so very good PR.
 - xi. The library is not due to be done until January, they have been going section by section since graduation in May.
- e. Academic Affairs Chair
 - i. Bear with me guys.

- ii. Tuesday I have a meeting with Dr. Gooch - very excited about it. Let me know if you have anything you would like me to share with her.
- iii. This summer I learned that the UGC by-laws allow for three student representatives. I will be a rep, as will Deanna, and then the 3rd will be for a committee member.
- iv. I took notes on the LSP meeting: They are moving into Dialogues now. The biggest component is Perspectives, what to us are described as modes. There are three of these. They are grouped slightly differently. The main idea is that the courses can come from different disciplines, more variety and choice is created by this. Committees are being formed to work on these perspectives, with student input as well. Let me know if you would like to work on this.
 - 1. This will help students transfer in and out of the university more easily.
 - 2. Student experiences:
 - a. Students in Ryle: Essentials on Liberal-Arts Education, then small groups led by SAs afterwards. I'm a little concerned for the SAs.
 - b. There is a Self and Society Seminar starting next year, helping them develop them as human beings; these are applicable to any field of study. I'm excited to see how this works.
- v. Faculty are working on other things to help students get active and involved.
- vi. Looking into speaking-enhanced courses.
- vii. They are replacing the Health and Wellness Requirements, which is still heavily debated. For now, they are focusing on cultivating a stronger culture of wellness on campus.
- viii. They are looking at our inter-cultural requirement.
- ix. If you have any opinions, please let me know.
- x. I am so pumped for the new year!
- xi. Questions:
 - 1. McClain: Reps for UGC; all three there, back-ups? A: All three. M: SAs are grading the students? A: No, they get points for showing up. M: Health and Wellness requirement could encourage dishonesty. That could be another argument of ours.
 - 2. Wissler: Are COMM 170 and WACT required to take a writing enhanced course right now? A: No. W: I strongly support this.
 - 3. Bates: The cultural competency is becoming important because not all disciplines have classes in this curriculum. SAs are helping, as they do Shade Tree time, and are having a lot of success with it. There are discussions going on about how this will change the SA job. This may change the scope of some of the jobs as this becomes more normalized.
 - 4. Wimms: Will these requirements replace the 1 credit seminar? A: No, it is in addition too. I am also concerned about the amount of requirements placed upon freshmen.
 - 5. Holtmeyer: On the SA subject: there are four or five that are not obligated to do this because they are not able to commit to it because of other obligations. So it is not a requirement, and they are having many meetings with John about how their job is changing.
 - 6. Slama: Not all freshmen are residents, how does that work? A: This is being addressed. Commuter students have points of contact on campus. S: Unfortunately, the wellness requirement is going to happen because the bill has been passed.
 - 7. Paris: Talking about COMM 170 pre-reqs - is the department ready to support this? A: That is a good question.
 - 8. Holt: How often are the symposium requirements? A: Once a week. H: My problem is that this discourages in club participation. A: This is a pilot year. Hopefully when it officially launches next fall, it will be a class that will happen during normal hours. Truman Days is a 1 hour course and this loops in Truman Days, so Dialogues will start during that time, is the hope. Schmidt: They want

campus to revolve around this one credit. They want this to become a really big thing. With the SAs thing: John Gardner is working very hard on this. They are thinking about this being a potential scholarship job. Talk to freshman about how they feel about what is going on and how they feel about it. With COMM 170 and WACT, this could help us have leverage to keep test-out options available.

9. Wissler: This is a pilot program and has great potential. I think that I would have enjoyed this to help me adjust my first semester. This being a class is also very helpful. Would it be the same thing every day? A: This is a one time a week event.
 10. Link to SPAW: <http://wp-internal.truman.edu/provost/resources/spaw/>
 11. Placke: Do they still have to do all of the scavenger hunts and quizzes? A: Yes, they do, with the exception about the swipe event around campus.
 12. Holtmeyer: It is important to consider that many other schools do a freshmen class program and they are having high levels of success with it. People were not upset about it. It's not a new idea, just new to Truman.
- f. External Affairs Chair**
- i. This week we went to the LGBTQ luncheon and there were many excited potential new members.
 - ii. I am going to start talking to political organizations to set up a voter registration guide in early September.
 - iii. I am planning to reach out to the high school this week to work and volunteer with them more often.
 - iv. Working on the Activities Fair, planning on cornering Campus Pals to talk to them about Holiday on Campus.
 - v. I am going to talk to Glenn Moritz about his efforts in building Kirksville's first homeless shelter. There is also work on the aquatic center.
 - vi. Zac Burden is now on the City Council!
- g. Environmental Affairs Chair**
- i. Over the summer, light caps were installed on some of the lights, expect a resolution to get full coverage on campus.
 - ii. We have recycling bins and stickers! They are ready to go for Dawg Fest!
 - iii. The Sustainability Office is under new management.
 - iv. I am inviting the Sodexo director to next week's meeting, and he will be bringing storage containers for free.
- h. Diversity Chair**
- i. I talked to MAC about a joint event to get more student involvement. It is now CDI - Center for Diversity and Inclusion.
 - ii. There is talk of a protesting for dummies event, and response to protest as well.
- i. Health, Wellness and Safety Chair**
- i. I am on the committee looking at the new health requirement. Our approach is this is the requirement, how can we make this as good as this can be.
 - ii. The JED committee - a mental health consulting group that helps develop plans to increase the culture of wellness on campus. We had a very productive meeting in April. The next two years are working on implementing the new plan. We need one or two more people from every department to join the committee and work on the facets of this project.
 - iii. We put together some fun ideas at the end of the semester, and planting trees is on my mind right now.
 - iv. The tweet about trafficking on hwy 36 - the police investigated, and it was determined to not be a case of human trafficking. DPS shared this on their FB page. Like them to keep up to date with this and other things.
 - v. Questions: Holt: I took Dr. Dierking's meditation class last semester and was so helpful in the mental health department.

1. Wissler: What is the general JED outline? A: The plan was developed after our meeting in April and I have not been able to see it yet. We will have a meeting on that soon.
- j.** SAB Representative
 - k.** FAC Representative
 - l.** Legislative Director
 - m.** Parking Appeals Committee Chair
 - i. No report.
 - n.** Purple Friday Subcommittee Chair
 - i. I am going to start sending out an application for committee members.
 - ii. Talked to a member of Show Girls, they will be sending a representative to my committee.
 - o.** AFAC Chair
 - i. Looking to fill some spots with the committee.
 - ii. We are having some problems with the cut of the wrestling program, because we are unsure if they will have another season, and one of our applicants is on that team.
 - p.** TedX Ad Hoc Committee Chair
 - i. I have a report detailing all we did this summer, but I'm only going to hit the big stuff.
 - ii. We added a new member, Bri Cronin.
 - iii. We have a name change. It is now TEDxTrumanStateUniversity
 - iv. Looking forward to a budget for the committee.
 - v. We got free mugs.
 - vi. Working with the Office of Student Research and SAB to contribute some money.
 - vii. Working with TMN for video recording and editing.
 - viii. Speaker selection - have a few applicants, but I think the summer has stunted that, and we will be opening applications to all students and faculty - that application is closing September 15. We really need applicants! That is going up on the FB page later tonight.
 - ix. I have a money motion for posters tonight to help get applicants.
 - x. I would really like students and faculty to be our main speakers. We are also searching for a host. Encourage your friends to apply.
 - xi. We are working on decorations, experience, etc. We have some good ideas in the works.
 - xii. We are also looking on solutions for audience members, because it is limited to 100 people, and another 100 in the live stream room.
 - xiii. Please like and share our FB page and our posts! Let me know if you have any ideas!
 - xiv. The theme is The Web of Thought, and the event is November 4. We are planning to have about a dozen speakers.
 - xv. What else can we do about advertising besides Facebook? Maybe Truman Today, posters, a banner, some chalking, the Snapchat, student body email, SRC is sending out an email, Alumni Office is sending out an email, etc. Banner on TruView.

Executive Reports

- a.** Treasurer
 - i. Enrollment is down. Take a breath. Money is really, really tight. Our current available budget is approx \$24,000, last year we had about \$33,000.
 - ii. I need to talk to Katie and Rachel some time this week.
 - iii. The 24,000 does not include those that moved in early for Truman Week.
 - iv. I was looking at SAB and FAC budgets over the summer, and with roll-over SAB is consistently a 5-10% rollover. I will be looking at what we are doing with our roll-over, etc.
 - v. If you are looking at any major projects, come talk to me before you start getting too far into the details.
- b.** Secretary
 - i. I am currently working on our binder record of the past year!
 - ii. I will be sending out links to the google calendar - I will take notes during meetings and add things to the calendar, but please email me with anything additional you would like me to add and help me out during meetings by saying

the date and time of events a little slower; we're all lovely fast-talking quick-thinking people!

- iii. Add the calendar to Slack.
- c. President/Vice President of the Student Association
 - i. Last semester we left some things up in the air:
 - 1. Medical amnesty is a-go. There are still some things that need to be handled, but we are working on the cultural change and student awareness.
 - 2. Team funding: Tennis team has a last year, Wrestling still has a ways to go. We will be discussing this with Dr. Thomas our first week of classes. Stay tuned.
 - 3. We have a lot of new promotional items - a tent, table cloth, table runners, etc. please use them at your events!
 - ii. Thank you so much for your help with Truman Days!!!!
 - iii. Our docket:
 - 1. We need people for the Back to School Bash - there will be a sign up sheet coming soon. That will be on the quad, etc.
 - 2. Dawg Fest is this Saturday on the Quad, and we have recycling bins to pass out this time!
 - iv. Working on attendance policy before we get new members.
 - v. Resolution on Organizational Liaisons coming soon.
 - vi. Presidential round table event with many organizations.
 - vii. We are establishing a Vision Document Drafting Committee.
 - viii. Talking about the future of the SAPC.
 - ix. Committee chairs: WE are hoping to meet with you soon about our expectations, your expectations, any questions, etc. Stay tuned. Normally we do not organize committees until retreat, but we will be doing that before then. By next Sunday we will organize you into committees. Think over what you want to work on and fill out the google form that I will be sending out later this evening.
 - x. We will be making a Stu Gov promotional video for elections this year! We will be taking videos for that in the next couple of weeks, the theme is The Stu Gov Office. Stay Tuned!
 - xi. In about two weeks we will start having dinners!
 - xii. Questions:
 - 1. McClain: Round table - which presidents? All or just some? A: All are invited.
 - 2. Holtmeyer: Labor Day is coming up. Meeting or no? A: We will discuss that!
 - 3. Slama: Student rep to athletic fee? A: The position is the Student Government rep to the committee. You don't have to know anything about athletics to be on the committee.

Old Business

New Business

- a. Executive Order: The Establishment of a Vision Document Drafting Committee (Leppanen)
 - i. Establishes this committee. We do not yet have a chair, and will be reaching out to those outside the body for their opinions. It will be soliciting opinions from the student body.
 - ii. Questions:
 - 1. Paris: Avg time between documents? A: 5 years, normally. We are more at 7 years.
 - 2. Slama: Would it be feasible to have student forums? A: Definitely something to consider in conjunction with the presidential round table.
- b. Money Motion for \$125 for TEDx Posters (Alexander)
 - i. \$125 by January 1. This gives us enough to get the word out about applications.
 - ii. Questions: Approximations? A: Hopeful, but unsure as of yet.

- iii. McClain: Spilt posters between applications and event advertisements: A: We need to get the word out about applications, and I think that it is important to focus on this.
- c. Discussion Item: New Member Handbook (Leppanen)
 - i. I have created a draft of this handbook. There are some blank sections. Please rip it to shreds. Any feedback is very much appreciated. A more official resolution will be put forth when it is ready.
 - ii. Holtmeyer: Let's revisit grammar, because this is already a long meeting.
 - iii. Holt: This is wonderful and so to the point. I would have loved to have had this.
 - iv. McClain: We have a month until we really need this.
 - v. Wimms: I would like to see more of a description of each committee and their events.
 - vi. Slama: This is 14 pages, but you can probably pair this down. Double-sided printing will help as well.
 - vii. Wimms: It may seem like a lot, but the organization is a lot as well and description helps explain.
 - viii. Slama: Would it be wise to have a meeting with new members about this?
 - ix. Kolok: A lot of the information that is in here is also in our constitution and standing rules. We can pair down because of this. Redundancy is not necessary in my opinion.
 - x. DeWitt: I don't know if this is professional enough; it is very conversational.
 - xi. Holt: To Joe: We have a retreat. I also like the conversationality.
 - xii. Shimmens: I also like the conversationality. This would have greatly helped me.
- d. Discussion Item: The future of the Sexual Assault Prevention Committee (Leppanen)
 - i. We have been talking about this for a while. The committee has been facing some serious obstacles: functional style, events for them to do, etc. This year as we need to stretch our budget, we are looking at disbanding it and adding its responsibilities to Health, Wellness, and Safety, re-creating it with a more functional purpose. We are very concerned about the issue it faces, but are unsure if addressing this problem with a secondary committee is the best way to attack this issue. This is a very important issue for us; we are looking for the best way to handle this during this school year. There are many resources for this committee that have gone unused and are sitting in our storage closet. This is just a discussion, and will not affect the committee. This is to start the conversation.
 - ii. McClain: Before we get rid of this, we need to have something else in place. Whether a HWS event, or a designated person for this issue on the HWS Committee.
 - iii. Holtmeyer: Last year the committee was so far separated from everything that we were doing. Maybe we could revisit a subcommittee or an important facet of HWS. We need to have more resources, maybe change the name and give it a larger role description.
 - iv. Holt: The sad thing is that they are only mentioned in times of tragedy, and I think that it being for the moment negates the necessity of a committee. I like the idea of a subcommittee.
 - v. Pelsang: Have you thought about putting SAPC, HWS, Diversity, and Environmental back under Student Affairs? We have not discussed this formally, that is certainly radical; we will discuss the idea.
 - vi. Wissler: I agree that this is very important. However, this committee is not functional, which is not necessarily a bad thing that we are not talking about it all the time. It should not happen, but we need to talk about it. I like the idea of putting it under HWS. We are in a vicious cycle of not getting anything done.
 - vii. Slama: Chester - that makes sense, but could get messy. I like what Remy said about leaving this as is while we think of a solution. We could look at the duties of it, look at events for it. Would it be worth looking at an external advocacy group for this? A: That's hard to do for us. And there are some taboo things more appropriately left to professionals. A: The barrier is how we view the committee. We need to educate, and raise awareness of this, rather than keep the view we have had of this.

- viii. Costello: I like the idea of one person on HWS appointed to this project. There are also people who come here and have already been sexually assaulted and need a place to learn about this.
- ix. Laura: This works as a issue of HWS. Prevention can be more things outside of Sexual Assault. This was a hot button topic, and now Mental Health is, so that is where the problem lies. There have been a lot of missed opportunities to partner on annual prevention-related tactics. I know that this is extremely important and has a place in your scope of influence. How do you still let students know that you understand the importance but change the way that you handle it within the organization.
- x. Tillman: I don't think that renaming it is helpful. Given what the WRC is doing already, we could take a more collaborative position on this, perhaps.
- xi. Alexander: There are some things that we always need to be talking about, regardless of what is a hot button issue right now. We need them to be covered by HWS always. I am worried that incorporating this back into HWS is giving too much to the committee. Maybe separate campus safety and health and wellness into two separate committees?
- xii. Wimms: I am worried that this will get overlooked because of the scope of HWS. This needs to be prioritized.
- xiii. Holtmeyer: A compromise could be the subcommittee idea. There are so many things that this committee could be doing - Truman Days workshop partnering, working with risk management with Greek Life, and things that go on early in the year. Putting it under HWS allows it to work on these events that happen right off the bat so that we can be helpful.

Announcements

1. Laura: I am so glad that you are having this conversation.
2. Leppanen: SAPC is a process. Thank you for your help and patience
3. Laura: Subs in the SUB at 1:30 tomorrow! First day of school snacks!

Meeting adjourned: 7:26 p.m.

Links:

[Executive Order -- Vision Document Committee](#)

[NEW MEMBER HANDBOOK](#)

[TEDx End of the Summer Report](#)

[New Curriculum](#)