

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT
GENERAL MEETING
August 26, 2018
Called to order: 5:01 p.m.**

Preliminary Items

- a.** Roll Call
- b.** Approval of Minutes
- c.** Gallery Introductions/Business
 - i. General Manager from Sodexo, Justin Dreslinski
 1. Sustainability: Reusable dining hall containers; 100% compostable straws; partnership with the University Farm - purchasing potatoes, tomatoes, sweet corn, etc.; The food we dispose of in dining halls is composted at the University Farm
 2. Truman.sodexomyway.com
 3. BITE by Sodexo App - schedules, allergen options
 4. Dietary needs can be best met by meeting with me, and I can help you meet with your dining hall directors and explore options.
 5. Einstein's Bagels is coming in soon and will take meal swipes, work is being done on (for next school year) allowing meal swipes to be used at Chik-fil-A.
- d.** Membership Appointment/Resignation
 - i. Appointment of Adam Paris as Student Affairs Chair (Leppanen)
 1. Approved
 - ii. Appointment of Brett Combs as Legislative Director (Leppanen)
 1. Approved
 - iii. Committee Membership Slate (Leppanen)
 1. Approved
- e.** Oath of Office
- f.** Changes to the Agenda

Auxiliary Reports

- a.** Speaker of the Student Senate
 - i. I think everything is going very well. I have completed the Election Packet for Fall. We will be approving it later tonight.
 - ii. I sent out emails to interested students, and will send another when we make the election packets available.
 - iii. Auxiliary reports - Last week we had a lot of information, and had very lengthy questions. I would like to keep this period to only pertinent questions, and will be limiting the questioning period to 5 minutes. This gives respect to the importance of agenda items in new business. This is a way to keep meetings more succinct.
- b.** Student Representative to the Board of Governors
- c.** Faculty Advisor
- d.** Staff Advisor
 - i. There is a new Title IX/ Institutional Compliance Officer.
 - ii. I will be out of the office this Thursday and Friday.
 - iii. Edwards and I are working out a rotation for attending meetings.
 - iv. If you are a committee that reports to me, I will be reaching out to talk about your plans for the year. Edwards has office hours as well.
- e.** Academic Affairs Chair
 - i. I had a stellar meeting with Dr. Gooch this week, and I brought two ideas to her that she is excited about:
 1. A certificate program for students, that allows students to specialize without as much strenuous work as a minor requires. They will involve some interdisciplinary studies, and you will take three or four classes in defined

- threads. They are less than minors, but will be able to be recognizable to employers on your transcript.
2. Also, a way to look at your finals from the previous semester when you get back in the Fall or the Spring.
- ii. Dr. Gooch is interested in finding a student speaker for commencement in December! Very exciting!
 - iii. She wants us to focus on recruiting students now that enrollment is down, and she wants our perspective on how the university can draw students in.
 - iv. She would also like to work on a cultural change on how students approach academics and activities. Promoting personal wellness over studying, prioritizing activities based on your personal goals and not just cushioning your resume.
 - v. A couple of you volunteered to serve on committees for Dialogues, and Dr. Jarvis is very excited. He would even like one more representative.
 - vi. Questions: Jacobson - Do other schools have certificate programs? A: Yes, Yale.
- f. External Affairs Chair**
- i. I am meeting with College Repub and College Dems on Tuesday and will update you at ExComm.
 - ii. I didn't get a response from the high school, but will try again.
 - iii. I will be reaching out to Glenn as well.
- g. Environmental Affairs Chair**
- i. No report. Gave out 80-90 recycling bins! We have about 100 left.
- h. Student Affairs Chair**
- i. Thank you all. I am very excited for this semester!
- i. Diversity Chair**
- i. I met with Carol, and we talked with the MAC and Stu Gov info night, possibly on Sept. 11. We are hoping that everything will be finalized this week so that you can promote it during the activities fair.
 - ii. Looking at a speaker for Diversity Week - Symone Sanders, PR secretary for Bernie Sanders, talking about women making a difference. She is pricey, though, so we are still looking at funding options.
 - iii. Questions: Schmidt - Have we already asked her? A: Yes, but there is no money, so I'm surprised that she is contracted.
- j. Appropriations Committee Chair**
- k. Athletic Fee Accountability Chair**
- i. We have a new committee member, and will hopefully have a female varsity rep next week, working on male, Stu Gov, and student at large reps.
- l. Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Chair**
- m. Health, Wellness and Safety Chair**
- i. I am excited to work with JED
 - ii. I am looking forward to meeting with my committee!
- n. Sexual Assault Prevention Committee Chair**
- o. SAB Representative**
- p. FAC Representative**
- i. Funding applications are open. Please encourage people you know to apply.
 - ii. Member applications are also open!
- q. Public Relations Director**
- r. Legislative Director**
- i. I just emailed the report, and I will work on making it a regular thing.
 - ii. General Election is November 6!
- s. Parking Appeals Committee Chair**
- t. Purple Friday Subcommittee Chair**
- i. I posted the application for my committee on the Purple Friday Facebook page. Please share!
- u. TEDx Ad Hoc Committee Chair**

- i. We have three student speaker apps in! Very exciting! Keep sharing that! We have three weeks left. Please keep talking to professors and students.
- ii. We are going to have more PR very soon - posters have been made!
- iii. I am looking to make a banner for behind the library.
- iv. We are working on getting the Snapchat for a day and we will be in Truman Today on Monday!
- v. We are still looking for a host. If no one applies, I will be recruiting a certain Iowan, share the application as you will.
- vi. We are making great progress as a committee and will be working hard the next couple of weeks!
- vii. Questions: Tillman: How do we recruit professors? A: Explain the idea of the conference, what the talk will be like, the audience will be 100 strong and will be live streamed to a room of 100 people as well. It will also be filmed and posted on the TEDx YouTube. Explain the application, where to find it on the senate website: senate.truman.edu/applications.
 - 1. Wimms: Can professors talk about their research? A: It can be any field; we are looking to support many different ideas!

Executive Reports

a. Treasurer

- i. We are working on the budget tonight.
- ii. Let me know if you want to spend money.
- iii. There are now quick copy posters available that are much more budget-friendly!

b. Secretary

- i. Thank you so much for your dedication and inspiration and hard work. I am so grateful to be a part of this great organization. After taking a look at my commitments and my goals, talking with Deanna, and looking at what is best for this organization, I have decided to transition out of my role as secretary. I have greatly enjoyed my time here, and I am still working at accomplishing the goals I have set for myself in this role. However, I am not able to prioritize my duties here and elsewhere as I would like, and will therefore be helping to find and train someone to fill my position. I will still be working through the transition to accomplish the projects I have started, as well as continue to take minutes and aid in any other administrative duties. I am hoping the transition will happen before the end of the semester. Please continue to ask me for help. If anyone is interested in my position, please ask me, I would love to talk with you!

c. President and Vice President of the Student Association

- i. Thank you for all your help with the events this past week! We still need help with activities fair - this week Wednesday 1-6 p.m. We really need help at the beginning as well.
- ii. We have started having committee chair meetings and they have been really fruitful! We have all standing chairs filled, but are looking for Appropriations and Vision Documents.
- iii. Appointments - PR Director: I have reached out to the Comm and Business departments, but please let us know if there is someone you believe would enjoy this position. This is very important to us! IT Director: I have reached out to the CS department. Vision Doc chair: We are looking for a lot of outside help and input, but please let us know if you are interested!
- iv. Retreat is September 23rd! Mark your calendars!
- v. Organizational Liaison - first reading of the resolution tonight.
- vi. Elections - please plug them to your friends! The promo video is happening!
- vii. ExComm - Tuesday nights at 9 p.m. in the complex. We are starting this week, but if you can't make this first one, no worries. Just let us know.
- viii. Labor Day - We will be having a meeting on Monday, September 3rd at 7 p.m.

- ix. Last week I sent out the poll for dinners - looks like Wednesdays at 6 p.m. not required, but super fun! Hopefully starting next week!
- x. We are hoping to get out a student body email early next month before elections! Let us know if there is anything you would like to be included in the email.
- xi. We went to Faculty Senate and they talked about a lot:
 - 1. The budget - things are looking up! Not quite as good as they were expecting, but still good. We are managing. A better situation than we were before.
 - 2. The dip in enrollment - We have seen a decrease of about 200 or so students, pretty substantial for us. 1,332 last year, 1,100 this year. A floor of Dobson is closed, some other implications, but they are very concerned about avoiding this in the future. They are hiring an enrollment management consultant to help us make this just a blip, not a trend. An alum is doing a marketing campaign for us as well. We are working on how to help with these efforts as a body.
 - 3. The Dialogues - Dr. Jarvis would like another committee member.
- xii. Tuesday is our meeting with Dr. Thomas, we would like to talk with her about Medical Amnesty, the process of cutting the wrestling and tennis teams, the inclement weather policy, and how we can help with enrollment. Let us know if there is anything else you would like to add.
- xiii. We would like to write a sports team resolution, mainly about the process.
- xiv. I am working on New Member Handbooks still, and there will be a resolution in the next few weeks before elections.
- xv. We are also working on the President's Round Table.
- xvi. The discussion on the SAPC will now be happening in ExComm.

Old Business

New Business

- a. First Read: Fall 2018 Budget (DeWitt)
 - i. There is a section for what was spent on Truman Transformation this year, and what I allocated for next year.
 - ii. First read.
- b. Fall 2018 Election Packet (Barker)
 - i. Approved
- c. First Read: Organization Liaison Program Resolution (Leppanen)
 - i. First read.

Announcements

- 1. Members are encouraged to apply for TEDx! We review applications anonymously.

Adjourned 6:47 p.m.

Links

[Committee Membership Slate](#)

[Fall 2018 Budget](#)

[Fall 2018 Election Handbook](#)

[Organization Liaison Program Resolution](#)