

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT
GENERAL MEETING
September 30, 2018**

Called to order: 5:00 p.m.

Preliminary Items

- a. Roll Call
- b. Approval of Minutes
- c. Gallery Introductions/Business
 - i. Professor of Economics, Dr. Justin Jarvis
 1. COMM 170 Test Out - Chair of Undergraduate Council; they have been discussing this for a while.
 - a. This fall is the first year that we will not have a COMM 170 test out. WE commissioned a committee to look at this, chaired by Dr. Shapiro. After looking at the data, seeing very low levels of attempts and passing, there was a general thought that there was inefficient use of Comm faculty. Long story short, I am very sad to report to you that there is no way for us to bring this test-out option back. We very much listened to you on this issue. Only one of the many schools that we looked at had a test out option, and that was fee-based. We decided that it is not feasible for us. I want you to know that we heard you, we support you, and I personally put many bugs in many ears in favor of a solution, but this has unfortunately been the result.
 - b. Questions: Schmidt - In the report, it was written that “at this time” this will not be pursued. Is there any chance that in the future this could be pursued again? A: As we are experiencing extreme academic fatigue at this time, I do not see this even being entertained in the next three years. I think that there was a lot of disappointment in UGC, and there is always a chance to change or reinstate policy. If there were to be a chair change, etc. it could happen.
 - c. DeWitt - I really appreciate you coming here and listening to us. Thank you very much for fighting for us, and it is so good to know that there is faculty on our side.
 - i. A: There is a lot of support. I didn’t want it to be parents to middle schoolers saying “no.” It did not occur this way at all. We value your opinions and concerns.
- d. Membership Appointment/Resignation/Removals
 - i. Appointment of Matthew Napier to Parking Appeals Committee Chair (Leppanen)
 1. Approved
 - ii. Appointment of Austin Derbak to Appropriations Committee Chair (Leppanen)
 1. Approved
 - iii. Appointment of Maddie Sarasio Meyer to Voting Senator/Academic Affairs (Leppanen)
 1. Approved
 - iv. Appointment of Doug Adolphson to Voting Senator/Environmental Affairs (Leppanen)
 1. Approved
 - v. Appointment of Katelyn Low to Associate Senator/External Affairs (Leppanen)
 1. Approved
- e. Oath of Office
- f. Changes to the Agenda

Auxiliary Reports

- a. Speaker of the Student Senate
 - i. Rules REvision - We met WEDnesday to discuss the future of the Sexual Assault Prevention Committee. There was some great discussion. This is a very important issue, but its placement as a secondary committee hasn’t been fruitful. Right now we are

thinking about getting rid of the committee itself, and placing a specific committee member on Health, Wellness, and Safety in charge of this issue. We will be talking about this at ExComm on Tuesday.

- b. Student Representative to the Board of Governors**
 - i. Homecoming is next week!
- c. Faculty Advisor**
- d. Staff Advisor**
 - i. Anything campus wise I have sent out, we officially have a Dean of Science and Mathematics;
 - 1. Library sprinkler replacement - starting Oct 8, they will move to the 3rd floor and general collection on that floor will be closed for three weeks. Look to their website for more info.
 - 2. I sent out info about Safe Zone training.
 - 3. Thursday - candidate for the director of student access and disability services, there will be a forum held in the activities room at 2:30-3:30 p.m. on that date.
 - 4. I will be out Tuesday.
- e. Academic Affairs Chair**
 - i. Welcome to our new committee member!
 - ii. I had a great meeting with Jack Holcomb about a freshman academic guide, and he loved the idea. He would like us to commit to revising it when it needs to be revised, so I am considering writing a resolution for a biennial revision of that under academic affairs
 - iii. I am looking at gathering student feedback on the common hour.
 - iv. If you want to go back to your old high school, I will put the info in the slack.
 - v. My video idea for admissions is basically a go.
 - vi. Our commencement application is coming along.
 - vii. If you want more detail, come to ExComm and listen to my half hour reports.
- f. Parking Ad Hoc Committee Chair**
 - i. I had a meeting with Chad Whitton, and he has many statistics on decals, lot usage, etc. I have a lot of homework. We discussed Fair apartments lot, etc. I learned a lot about how the lots are labeled, and he pointed me in the direction of Mark Schultz and campus planning. I will be looking at the coloring of lots and see if we can look on that to relieve pressure in certain areas of campus.
 - ii. Q: Leppanen - exact number on how many parking spots we have and how many decals are sold? A: A ratio : 1-1.4 for residents and faculty, 1-2 for commuters. Spots to decal ratio. Most of it is a usage problem; there are many lots that are under utilized.
- g. External Affairs Chair**
 - i. Homecoming is in two weeks! We have a table reserved on the map - we are so close to the front; we are right by the stage. That is the 13th for the tailgate, 11-3. I will be sending out a sign up sheet for that. There will be hot chocolate and cider, which I will be ordering for \$99 at most.
 - ii. We are having each member work on different time slots for the pamphlets on what Student Government has been working on on-campus.
 - iii. We are working with the high school, and the date that they would like to do it on is November 3rd, which is the day before TEDx. Let me know if this doesn't work at all... timing is also up to the discretion of the body. (5-10 people are needed for this).
 - 1. This is a tough relationship that we are really working on rebuilding.
 - a. Straw Poll - If you believe you would be willing to come for an hour, Saturday, Nov. 3, before working TEDx on Sunday, Nov. 4, that is a yes. If you would prefer for this to be a different date, that would be a no. (Count on that Sunday having a general body meeting as well).
- h. Environmental Affairs Chair**
 - i. I emailed Laurie Shook about Fair Apartments, and she said that the current plans for the region are to keep it a green space. There will definitely be a resolution coming next week.
 - ii. I am also meeting with the professor working on the research of the lighting on campus.

- i.** Student Affairs Chair
 - i. Projects are underway.
 - ii. Sodexo is hard to use, but I will be ordering the food for Oktoberfest this week.
 - iii. I met with Justin Dreslinski, and he gave me the numbers for accounts next year, and that looks good.
 - iv. The culinary committee will be underway soon.
 - v. There is an opportunity for Trunk or Treat, in the Patterson Lot, Oct. 28, 3:30-6 p.m. ; I will be working with Rachel on this.
- j.** Diversity Chair
 - i. No report
- k.** Appropriations Committee Chair
 - i. Big news: We have a new committee chair, so that's really cool!
- l.** Athletic Fee Accountability Chair
 - i. We are still looking for committee members, including a student government rep and a student at large!
 - ii. Applications are open, and I already have four proposals. There will be an interesting break down of projects this year. This is the last year we have to budget for paying off Stokes Stadium to the university.
 - iii. Positions: We allocate \$600,000 of funds, working with the athletic director and intramural director; the position is not a ton of work, mostly just giving input.
- m.** Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Chair
- n.** Health, Wellness and Safety Chair
 - i. The JED committee has broken up into task force committees. There is a student on all 5 of those, but we need more student representation. That's exciting.
 - ii. This week, Abbie and I are going to talk to Damon about talking to risk managers about mental health training, etc.
- o.** Sexual Assault Prevention Committee Chair
- p.** SAB Representative
 - i. Hopefully some of you got to see the Chicago Boyz on Family Day, pretty soon we will have our Fall Harvest with pumpkin carving and other activities.
- q.** FAC Representative
- r.** Public Relations Director
- s.** Legislative Director
- t.** Parking Appeals Committee Chair
- u.** Purple Friday Subcommittee Chair
 - i. National Truman Spirit Day is this Friday!! We are going to help with Advancement and what they are doing, will hand out Stu Gov stuff from their table.
 - ii. At our last meeting we planned out everything we are going to do for the rest of the year, one big event of the month.
- v.** TEDx Ad Hoc Committee Chair
 - i. We have some fun intermission activities in the works
 - ii. Will be interviewing hosts this Thursday
 - iii. The first speaker workshop is this Thursday
 - iv. I am working on doubling the amount of students that get to attend, so come to ExComm for that.
 - v. T-shirts: working on it, but my budget cannot cover all StuGov members, so would there be interest in paying about \$5 for a t-shirt? A: Yes.

Executive Reports

- a.** Treasurer
 - i. Let me know if you spend money.
- b.** Secretary
 - i. No report
- c.** President and Vice President of the Student Association

- i. WELCOME NEW MEMBERS! If you have any questions, please ask. We are always a resource.
- ii. We still have a few positions open, including, Maura, our beloved Secretary. :) We need applications for Parking Appeals Committee members, and for Parking Ad Hoc, Athletic Fee rep, a PR Director, Vision Document chair and members, and Women's Leadership Conference. WLC is taking on a different form because of budget cuts, so we need a chair for that.
- iii. Symposium - the faculty committee met on Friday, and they are proposing three resolutions at this next UGC meeting to talk about the common time, faculty load, and a resolution for a permanent committee to help see it grow. They are required to have at least two students on it at all times! We are in contact with the director of Ryle Hall, so that's boding well.
- iv. Next week we are sending out our first StuGov recap email!
- v. There is a t-shirt survey coming soon! Stay tuned.
- vi. Faculty Senate -
 1. 5 year reviews for departments: metrics, etc. This is pretty big because last year the Russian major was cut; this data plays into those kind of decisions. They initiate the cuts of programs.
 2. Fun fact: the department of political science is trying to change their name.
 3. Future of Truman Days is potentially changing with the symposium.
 4. ExComm - Tuesdays at 9 p.m. All are welcome, only those on the exec committee are required to attend. And dinners are on Wednesday nights a 6 p.m. in Ryle!

Old Business

- a. Second Read: A Resolution in Support of Allowing Repeated Use of the Medical Amnesty Policy for Campus Organizations after a Defined Time Interval (Leppanen)
 - i. Passed 16-0-0.

New Business

Announcements

My committee is volunteering this Friday, so let me know if you want to come!
Free orchestra concert (Adam, KP, and Sam) Saturday at 8:00 p.m.

Links

[Medical Amnesty Reset Resolution](#)