



Student Government Resolution 119.03

A Resolution Amending the Standing Rules and Constitution of the Truman State University Student Government Redefining the Role of the Treasurer to Encompass the Appropriations Chair and All Responsibilities Therein

Sponsored by the Rules Revision Ad Hoc Committee: Jared Kolok, Committee Chair; Deanna Schmidt, President of the Student Association; Maddie Sarasio Meyer, Committee Member

WHEREAS,

- The Student Government is the official governing body of the Student Association and exists to represent the present and long-term best interests of the Student Association in the formulation of University policy and in the fulfillment of the University's mission; and
- Student Government is bound by the rules detailed in its governing documents; and
- The Appropriations Committee is an integral institution within the Student Government; and
- The Appropriations Committee is advantageous to maintain positive perceptions of the Student Government within the Student Association; and
- The Treasurer being authorized with the duties of the Appropriations Committee Chair will lead to smoother transfers of institutional history, practical knowledge, and responsibilities than compared to the existing status quo;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- By approving this resolution, the Student Senate is approving the proposed changes to the Standing Rules¹ and the Constitution² of the Truman State University Student Government and giving its consent to place the constitutional changes on the Fall 2019 general election ballot and up to a vote by the Student Association; and

¹ See Appendix I

² See Appendix II

- The ballot language for the proposed constitutional amendments shall read: A vote “yes” on this measure shall be considered an approval of the changes proposed to the Constitution of the Truman State University Student Government; and a vote “no” shall be considered a disapproval of the changes proposed to the Constitution of the Truman State University Student Government. Attached below are copies of both the current and proposed amended version of the Constitution of the Truman State University Student Government”; and
- Upon approval by the Student Association, the proposed changes to the Constitution shall immediately take effect; and
- Upon approval by the Student Senate and contingent upon the approval by the Student Association on the constitutional amendments, the proposed amendments to the Standing Rules³ of the Truman State University Student Government shall take effect immediately;

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF TRUMAN STATE DIRECTS THAT,

Additional copies of this resolution be disseminated to President Sue Thomas; Vice President of Student Affairs, Janna Stoskopf; Staff Advisor, Laura Bates; Faculty Advisor, Meg Edwards; The Budget Office; University Archives; and the Truman Media Network

Passed 6-1-0, September 02, 2019.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Deanna Schmidt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

Deanna Schmidt, President of the Student Association.

³ See Appendix I

APPENDIX I

Section I: The Student Senate

Section 18: Appropriations Committee

Clause 1

The Appropriations Committee shall consist of ~~five~~ **four** members: ~~a rotating member of the Executive Board (excluding the Speaker),~~ two appointed voting senators, one student at large unaffiliated with the fee based organizations, and a ~~fifth~~ **fourth** ~~appointed member from either the Student Association at large or from a voting member of the Student Senate.~~ **appointed member from any of the previous three categories or a member of one of the other fee based organizations.**

Clause 2

The ~~appointed chair must~~ **shall** ~~be a voting member of Student Senate.~~ **be the Treasurer.**

Clause 3

The Treasurer shall only vote within the committee in the case of a tie between the committee members or in deciding whether a student organization is deemed ineligible to receive appropriations.

Clause 4

The committee may deem a student organization ineligible for up to four semesters, with a four-fifths vote within the committee, which may be overridden by a two-thirds majority vote from the Student Senate.

Clause ~~34~~

The Appropriations Committee shall meet as needed, at the discretion of the chair, to review applications, but the Committee shall not allow any application to go unreviewed for more than 10 school days.

Clause ~~45~~

The body shall have the ability to reserve appropriations for groups or organizations, if so designated, in the fall or spring budget.

Clause ~~56~~

The chair shall report all decisions rendered at the next meeting of the Student Government for approval before funding has been awarded or denied.

~~Clause 6~~

~~With a four-fifths vote within committee, the committee may deem a student organization ineligible for up to four semesters, subject to a two-thirds override vote by the Senate.~~

Clause ~~67~~

The specifications for appropriations are as follows:

- a. Student Government sponsorships are available to fulltime Truman students and **CSIU&I** chartered campus organizations in good standing. The purpose of these

sponsorships is to aid in the implementation of programs that embody the mission and/or values of Truman State University.

- b. Individual students and student groups can apply for appropriations, not to exceed a total amount of \$650 for the academic year.
- c. Recipients may make use of the funding awarded to them in an unlimited number of payments of any amount, provided that the total amount used does not exceed the amount awarded by the Committee.
- d. The Appropriations Committee has the authority to determine the final amount of funding awarded prior to review and approval by from the Student Senate.
- e. The Appropriations Committee reserves the right to deny funding for any reason.
- f. Applicants must submit request a minimum of three weeks, when the University is in session, prior to the date the funds will be needed by.
- g. Applicants will be notified whether or not the application has been ~~accepted~~ approved by no more than three weeks, when the University is in session, after funding has been requested.
- h. Requests must be for a projects or programming program to be implemented in the same ~~academic year~~ semester in which funding is awarded.
- i. Students or student groups that do not implement their project or program, which funding is provided for, in the same semester that funding is awarded, ~~may~~ must forfeit the awarded amount.
- j. All publications for projects or programs receiving funding from the Committee must contain the Student Government logo.
- k. Students currently serving on Student Government are not eligible to receive funding. Any student serving on the Student Government who is affiliated with a group that applies for a Student Government sponsorship must fully disclose the nature of the relationship at the first possible public meeting of the full body of the Student Government.
- l. If a guideline is violated or the project or program does not occur, the student or student group must return all funding to the Student Government within 10 +4 school days of written notification from the Student Government.

APPENDIX II

Article III: The Executive Board

Section 5: Treasurer

Clause 1

A student shall assume the office of Treasurer upon appointment by the President and confirmation by a majority vote of the Student Senate.

Clause 2

While attending meetings of the Student Senate, the Treasurer shall have the same rights and obligations of voting members except for voting privileges.

Clause 23

The Treasurer shall serve as the Appropriations Committee chair, but may not hold any additional position on the Student Government, except for chair of an ad hoc committee and their own.

Clause 3

The Treasurer shall coordinate all Student Government fundraisers.

Clause 44

The Treasurer shall be responsible for making deposits and withdrawals on behalf of the Student Government.

Clause 55

The Treasurer shall act as a consultant to the Student Senate on budgetary matters.

Clause 6

While attending meetings of the Student Senate, the Treasurer shall have the same rights and obligations of voting members except for voting privileges.

Clause 7

The Treasurer may not hold any position on the Student Government, except for chair of an ad hoc committee and their own.