TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT NINTH SESSION OF THE 2019-2020 GENERAL BODY OCTOBER 13, 2019 Called to Order: 7:00 P.M.

1) Preliminary Items

- a) Roll Call
- **b)** Approval of Minutes
 - i) Approved.
- c) Gallery Introductions/Business
- **d)** Membership Appointment/Resignation
 - i) Major Appointment of Kaylee Jacobson to the Chair of the Women's Leadership Conference Ad Hoc Committee (Schmidt)
 - (1) Approved.
 - ii) Minor Appointment of Emily Donahue to the OAF Committee as the Third Student at Large (Schmidt)
 - (1) Unapproved.
- e) Oath of Office
- f) Changes to the Agenda
 - i) N.A.

2) Auxiliary Reports

- a) Speaker of the Student Senate
 - i) There have been some rumors of people who are looking into the speaker position next year, if you are interested, please come talk to me. I can have you practice and learn in a tempore role. I can also answer questions about what I do.
 - Rules Revision is meeting Thursday at 8 A.M.
 - (1) Everybody is welcome to come.
- b) Faculty Advisor

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- i) N.A.
- c) Staff Advisor
 - i) Homecoming festivities begin Wednesday (Oct. 16) with the barbeque.
 - ii) There are two alums from Student Government coming this week.
 - iii) If you are working the tailgate, please work on being engaging. Alumni show up and also we need to be approachable.
 - iv) Admissions is hosting an open house. Be positive about Truman.
 - (1) In the Spring they will be hosting accepted student visit days.
 - (2) There is a schedule online I can forward.
 - v) Questions:
 - (1) Wuennenberg: What are the events in Homecoming?
 - (a) Bates: You can go to homecoming.truman.edu if you want to see the calendar for events.
- d) SAB Representative
 - i) N.A.
- e) Food Pantry Committee Student Government Designee
 - i) N.A.
- f) Student Representative to the Board of Governors
 - i) N.A.
- g) Athletic Fee Accountability Committee
 - i) N.A.
- h) Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committeei) N.A.
- i) Academic Affairs Committee
 - i) We have started the process of selecting the student speaker for Fall commencement.

- (1) The prompt we selected: how has the liberal arts program helped you form your best self?
- (2) Waiting on IT for a list of graduating seniors.
- ii) Academic Integrity brochure will be done by Thursday's (Oct. 17) meeting.
- iii) Next Monday I have a meeting with Provost Gooch.
- j) Diversity Committee
 - i) Indigineous peoples day tabling tomorrow (Oct. 14), we moved the reservation to the SUB (10 A.M. 2 P.M.) if you can help, please do.
 - ii) Focus group next Monday (Oct. 21),
 - (1) RSVPS sent out.
 - (2) Also if you identify as a member of an underrepresented group i will send a Slack link. We are discussing diversity in general.
- **k)** Environmental Affairs Committee
 - i) No report.
- I) External Affairs Committee
 - i) Homecoming tailgating is this Saturday (Oct. 19), I will be sending out time slots for the tabling.
 - ii) Meeting with Dr. Edwards to discuss goals for the committee.
 - iii) We will be attending the Mainstreet Committee meeting tomorrow night (Oct. 14).
 - iv) Luke attended the City Council meeting.
 - v) Looking into other options for other service events since Hope's Kitchen is unavailable but we might still proceed with them next semester.
- m) Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee
 - i) Planning Mental Health Awareness week.
 - ii) Working with the JED committee for finals events.
- n) Student Affairs Committee
 - i) N.A.
- o) Purple Friday Subcommittee
 - i) N.A.
- p) Select Committee on Parking Appeals
 - i) I expect there will be a lot of appeals in the next week or two.
- **q)** Sexual Assault Prevention Designee
 - i) No report.
- r) TEDx Ad Hoc Committee
 - i) Ticketing reservations occur next week on Wednesday (Oct. 23)[1-2 P.M.], Friday (Oct. 25) [10-10:30 A.M.] and [1-1:30 P.M.].
 - (1) We need people to sign up for those times.
 - ii) Sending the final speaker critique sign up, it will be on (Oct. 28/30th) [6-9 P.M.].
 - iii) Posters are up and we are most likely sending an email within the next week about ticketing.
- s) IT Director
 - i) We had an Excomm. discussion about the website and got a lot of feedback that we will be working to implement.
- t) Public Relations Director
- i) No report.

3) Executive Reports

- a) Treasurer
 - i) We have a slate up for tonight.
 - ii) If you are spending money let me know.
 - (1) If you need help spending money let me know.
- b) Secretary
 - i) No report.

- c) The President and Vice President of the Student Association
 - i) If you are interested in moving forth with project ideas from the Round Table, please come to Excomm. this week.
 - ii) Sending an email, within the next few days, to new students for the next New Students' Round Table
 - iii) UGC meeting this week, if our resolution passes today we will be there. It will be 3 P.M. on Thursday (Oct. 17) in SUB alumni room.
 - iv) We still have some positions open: AFAC representative, and the representative to the UNI chartering committee.
 - v) Looking into a pumpkin patch Stu.Gov. bonding event.
 - vi) Stu.Gov. dinner on Tuesday (Oct. 15) at 5:30 P.M. in the Ryle cafeteria.
 - vii) IM soccer starts next week, sign-up/reach out to me if you want to be on the team.
 - viii) Regarding Course Threads, if you can think of a different title for the program please let me know.

4) Old Business

- a) <u>A Resolution Establishing the 2019-2020 Rules Revision Ad Hoc Committee</u> (Schmidt)
 - i) There's been a couple changes in the definition of the Standing Rules to make it clear and some other minor things.
 - ii) Questions:
 - (1) Paris: Underneath the 'Therefore it Be Resolved' (2nd clause), is that constitutionally allowed?
 - (a) Kolok: Technically we have interpreted the committee to have been established due to Deanna's constitutional power. I think by the appointment of myself as the committee chair that it reaffirms the committee and this document is more of a formality.
 - iii) Resolution adopted by Unanimous Consent.
- b) <u>A Resolution Endorsing the Deans' Council Online Courses Policy and the Truman Quality</u> <u>Matters Initiative</u> (Schmidt)
 - i) Not much has changed in the content, and I have accepted grammatical edits. I did not resolve the friendly in the 'Therefore', I can add something but I am unsure if it needs to be edited.
 - ii) Questions:
 - (1) Barker: Did you add the link I sent?
 - (2) Schmidt: I will add that.
 - iii) Discussion:
 - (1) Schmidt: We like the idea of Jacob's friendly but we are editing it to be more active-voiced. We accept the friendly.
 - iv) Resolution passes 13-1-2.

5) New Business

- a) <u>Sigma Phi Epsilon Festa's Fall Festival Application</u> (Holt)
 - i) Due to the fact the individuals going to the event are going to buy the t-shirts and then ask for us to reimburse, it didn't seem transparent so we are funding the other items that are on the application.
 - ii) Questions:
 - (1) Wuennenberg: What day is this?
 - (a) Holt: The Oct. 26th and it is open to all students.
 - (2) Rascher: Why can we not fund the shirts?(a) Holt: It would be messy.
 - (3) Schmidt: On their full budget, they are purchasing pillow cases. What are these for and are we funding?
 - (a) Holt: I didn't exactly ask them but I didn't see a problem funding them \$12 for pillow cases.

- iii) Discussion:
 - Paris: I think one of the reasons they are trying to get us to fund t-shirt orders is because if they sell enough the price will go down. I don't know if that's what they are doing or not.
 - (a) Holt: They mentioned nothing along those lines so I didn't fund it.
 - (2) Schmidt: When does this need to be approved by?
 - (a) Holt: October 26th.
 - (b) Schmidt: We haven't talked to them about clarifying questions about the shirts. I'm confused about them and I think we shouldn't fund them for transparency's sake, but I want to see if they made a mistake or something.
 - (c) Holt: They made it very clear that individuals are buying the t-shirts and then are asking us to fund after the fact.
 - (d) Bates: The Business Office wouldn't let us reimburse them if it isn't one of the approved apparel vendors.
- iv) 13-0-3 The slate is approved.
- b) Discussion on the Fall 2019 Second Annual Presidential Roundtable: Breakout Session (Schmidt)
 - i) Discussion:
 - (1) Rollings: How do you want us to arrange this since we had different topics(a) Schmidt: We will go in alphabetical order:
 - (2) Meyer: Some of the big things we talked about were course policies and the different discretions between majors and minors that go into those course loads. There were not many suggestions to fix those.
 - (a) Meyer: We talked about the relationship between professors and professionals. Given that we are working on the online course policy, we mentioned that and they seemed to approve of it. They thought that it was important for professors to go through some sort of training. Suggested some kind of program on Blackboard.
 - (b) Bichsel: They also mentioned something about new professors shadowing old professors to see how to teach.
 - (c) Bichsel: There was mentioning about not connecting with their professors well due to larger class sizes in bigger/harder majors. One of the suggestions was giving bigger majors multiple professors/advisors they can source to.
 - (3) Woods: Most of the issues they addressed about safety was off-campus. Then we talked about lighting on campus and they said that campus is too dark. They feel less safe as they get away from campus. They also think weather safety is an issue. Finally they think an app is better and safer for safety polls - they agreed that the polls seen as an essence of safety.
 - (a) Bichsel: Isn't there a project right now about better lighting in downtown.
 - (i) Paris: It is just downtown.
 - (ii) Bichsel: Could we talk to the council about expanding?
 - (b) Barker: One interesting thing they brought up, is that nobody has heard much about the app.
 - Bates: Over the summer Sara Seifert got a group of people together to look at an option from a trusted vendor. We asked Sara to look at other options and she was supposed to report back to Stu.Gov. after August. Maybe reach out to her.
 - (c) Costello: Last year I offered to be on the focus group for this idea and they never reached out to me. Should I try again?
 - (i) Schmidt: I think this is something Health Wellness and Safety could look into, so if you wanna take the point on that you could.

- (4) Nikitow: My table talked a lot about awareness but they didn't give me a whole lot about what can be done to fix that. They believe that there's a lot of emails and info that go out with so many organizations and that information gets lost that way. There was a lot about professor mandated diversity training. They also would like something to be established for the student body in terms of diversity recognition.
 - (a) Holt: My table discussed being more explicitly inclusive in the governing documents of diverse organizations.
 - (b) Montúfar: There is a diversity newsletter that you can sign-up for.
 - (i) Paris: Someone asked why that wasn't included in the weekly newsletter as is.
- (5) Rollings: Our biggest three takeaways were: they wanted more transparency about how ESFAC chose things, how the fee is being spent; they were not fans of the activities fee and rather wanted to pay a chunk and allocate where the money goes. They also talked about how they were personally interested in ways that students could break bad resource habits. For example, moving recycling to sinks so people wash out recyclables and then throw them out.
 - (a) Kershaw: It is an interesting idea to choose how your fees are allocated but there's a problem in budgeting. Maybe a cap on that would make that happen.
 - (b) Kershaw: One more interesting thing is that people are worried about electronic doors letting out heat and cooling during seasons and that being a waste.
 - (i) Bates: I think if you want to follow up with that. There are three settings for the doors in the SUB so you would have to look at how each door is coded.
- ii) Wren: They suggested partnering with Purple Pride. Also suggested advocating theme nights and advertising athletic and spirit events more.
- iii) Holt: There were a few frustrations with bureaucracy of the U&I, and they are upset with how long things take to occur. There was a lot about inclusivity in the Standing Rules of organizations.
 - (1) Leppanen: They want administration to be more direct and getting ahead of things about mental health and how the administration deals with the suicide case. I tried to explain the legality and they didn't appreciate the answer. The highest level of administration contact they get is their department chairs. They also get a lot of interaction with their Dean. Maybe we try to promote more visibility in those levels of administration.
- iv) We are planning to come back after Excomm with 3-5 project ideas we may pursue.
- c) <u>Amendment to the Student Government Code of Conduct (MacLeod)</u>
 - (1) The Code of Conduct upholds no mission at this time, and I am moving to amend this and move it to the Preamble.
 - (2) Questions:
 - (a) Paris: Is this on the current Code of Conduct or regarding the amendment processes we are going through?
 - (i) MacLeod: This is regarding the current Code of Conduct.
 - (b) Bichsel: Is this something we can adopt by unanimous consent?
 - (3) Discussion:
 - (a) Leppanen: I would like a paper trail to this, rather than just this meeting to be an official recording of changes. Maybe a resolution.
 - (i) Paris: I disagree. I think the agenda and minutes is enough of a paper trail.
 - (4) The vote fails as it does not reach the $\frac{3}{4}$ majority requirement. (8-3-4).
- 6) Announcements:

- a) Bichsel: I'm running a session of 10 Candles (RPG game), and if anyone wants to play I will send out a sign-up sheet.
- b) Rascher: When I was at the City Council meeting, Zach Berden make a comment at possibly attending one of our meetings.

Adjourned: 8:22 P.M.