

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
October 15th 2019
Called to Order: 9:00 P.M.**

Preliminary Items

- a.** Roll Call

Auxiliary Reports

- a.** Speaker of the Student Senate

- i. We have a resolution concerning the Ethical Code of Conduct aligned.
- ii. Rules Revision on Thursday; (Oct. 17) 8 A.M.
- iii. Questions:
 1. Bichsel: How long are your meetings?
 - a. Kolok: generally less than 1 hour.

- b.** Academic Affairs Chair

- i. Our commencement speaker needs to be selected a week before Thanksgiving break.
 1. Drafted an email, wanted to get the email list from IT earlier but I did not so I sent a follow-up email. I'm anticipating that by no later than Friday.
- ii. This Thursday (Oct. 17) we will be finishing the Academic Integrity brochure.
- iii. Meeting with Provost Gooch next Monday (Oct. 21) around 12:30 P.M.

- c.** Diversity Committee Chair

- i. Indigineous peoples day tabling happened this Monday (Oct. 14). In the future for advocacy days I'd like to do events concerned with campus organizations. We are looking now at Trans-Day Remembrance (November 20th) so we are reaching out to WRC/Tru-Trans and other organizations.
- ii. We are at 12 representatives attending the Diversity Focus Group (7 P.M. - 8:20 P.M., Monday, Oct. 21)
- iii. We are looking into advertising for identity-based organizations, starting with CDI newsletter, and I am open to thoughts.
- iv. Discussion:
 1. Alexander: I was thinking on Truman Today there are some links that are always present, what if there was always a link to diversity resources.
 - a. Montúfar: The CDI archives newsletters, so maybe it could redirect to that archive.
 - b. Alexander: I just know that you were looking for a way to centralize that information, will those newsletters cover everything?
 - i. Montúfar: Most of the largest organizations are discussed.

- d.** Environmental Affairs Chair

- i. Contacted by Laurie Shook and we will have a meeting Thursday (Oct 17) morning.
- ii. We are looking to draft up a local parks brochure.
- iii. I am also aware of an event drafted by College Democrats and College Republicans; the event was about industrial farming and how it is a concern to health and wellness of Kirksville/Adair county. The county commissioner is discussing mass animal farms being located to Kirksville without our consent. (Confined Animal feeding operations.)

- e.** External Affairs Chair

- i. Met with Dr. Edwards today (Oct. 15).
- ii. Ireti and I went to the Mainstreet Kirksville Committee meeting tonight.
- iii. Homecoming is this weekend, feel free to come table on Saturday (Oct. 19).
- iv. Committee meeting on Thursday (Oct. 17).

- f.** Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee Chair

- i. We are in this weird state where it's kind of a lull period. We are getting ready for the newsletter and also Mental Health Awareness week but these are still a bit far out so we can't necessarily start at the minute.

- ii. I emailed Brian Schneider and talked to the Students Access and Disabilities Services Office. Found articles on mental health on college campuses and the importance of mental health days, but I can't find any university right now that has designated mental health days. I'm figuring out if I can apply any of the information I've found for some legislation.
- iii. We meet tomorrow (Oct. 16).
- iv. Discussion:
 - 1. Schmidt: We brought up the idea of a mental health day with Dr. Edwards and Laura Bates and they advised caution. They are worried faculty might not let us especially with no other universities having something similar. Also with Disabilities Services if you have a diagnosed anxiety disorder then you can apply for a mental health day.
 - a. Montúfar: I know the process is sort of complicated so maybe we can look at clarifying that and making that more apparent/direct.
 - b. Woods: They want to use that process for students who may not be as high functioning in their disabilities. It is extremely difficult at getting an application through for that process.
 - i. Schmidt: Maybe the first step is talking to Disabilities and finding research on other universities.
 - ii. Woods: Maybe also discussing that disabilities doesn't necessarily mean something is wrong and a wide field of conditions can fall under that term. Maybe spreading awareness against the stigma.
 - iii. Rollings: I know some people who have talked about a socio-economic barrier in applying for the accommodations.
- v. Questions:
 - 1. Bichsel: Have you talked to Eric Dickson?
 - a. Woods: No.
 - b. Bichsel: He is a certified mental wellness coach, he might be a person of interest for discussing ideas.

g. Purple Friday Subcommittee Chair

- i. No report.

h. PR Director

- i. Coming up with something involving the bookstore, talking to Rachel.

i. Student Affairs Chair

- i. We we are going to try to set up a new meeting time for this week.
- ii. Next week we start tip of the week.
- iii. Waiting to hear back from Laura about quad stats so we can discuss the picnic tables.

j. TEDx Conference Ad Hoc Committee Chair

- i. Posted a ticketing guide in the office so people can refer to that. Posted something outside the office with all of our ticketing hours. We are working on advertising and events, and we have an email going out this Friday (Oct. 18) that has information.
 - 1. Reminder that ticketing starts next Monday (Oct. 21).

k. Women's Leadership Conference Committee Chair

- i. Meeting with Deanna and Katie this week and I will be getting my committee this weekend. To reiterate last Sunday's meeting's information, we are bringing back the professional side. I will give more details when I get my committee.

Executive Reports

a. Treasurer

- i. A lot of you have some miscellaneous budgets left, I would like to see you all to spend that money by December. Don't spend all of your budget next semester alone. Spend the small-money now.

b. Secretary

- i. No report.

c. President and Vice President of the Student Association

- i. Sent out the New Students Round Table invitation out today. We have 1 RSVP. Spread the word about this.
 1. CDI and 1st Gen. never sent a list of students back to us. So we are going to reach back out to them to contact more students.
- ii. TEDx email will be sent out Friday (Oct. 18). Next all-school email will be sent out Monday (Nov. 4th) and blurbs will be required by (Oct. 31). We will send out the link in the next few days.
- iii. We have been talking to Laura about the best way to do PR concerning each committee. We would like to move concentration away from engagement and more to our PR Director. We want to have a unifying theme.
 1. For example, we can take info from Tip of the Week and the Health Wellness and Safety newsletter and give it to the PR Director to spread through the social media work that has been going on. It's mostly for a unifying aspect of our organization and to avoid confusing students. Over the next week or two, do it in collaboration with Jesse and as we move over the year we want you chairs to focus more on policy.
 2. The Canva account is only to be under Jesse's control.
- iv. President's Round Table Project Idea Discussion:
 1. GPA Requirements for scholarships being lowered:
 - a. Karki: Maddie will be meeting with Provost Gooch to discuss that.
 2. Syllabi Attendance Policies:
 - a. Schmidt: There was a lot of talk about them coming up with an official attendance policy at Faculty Senate, (3 misses then drop a letter grade.), and there's word that professors are not abiding by that established policy and so we don't really know how strict it is.
 3. Campus Safety App:
 - a. Woods: We have a committee meeting tomorrow (Oct. 16). I haven't heard anything about it but I know Adam is extremely interested.
 - b. Schmidt: Caroline might know more since she was on a committee for that.
 - c. Schmidt: There was supposed to be a campus night walk to identify problem spots but that never happened so maybe we can make that happen.
 - i. Rollings: I feel like the problem with lighting is within our light posts since they casts shadows rather than illuminating.
 - ii. Schmidt: ESFAC bought light shields but they weren't installed correctly.
 - iii. Kolok: They are unnatural lighting and as they burn out they are getting replaced with more traditional orange lighting.
 - iv. Woods: Who do I contact?
 1. Schmidt: Sara Seifer at DPS.
 - d. Rollings: I was curious, I don't feel like I would use an app but rather just call 9-1-1. If I was in a sketchy situation and nervous I would have 9-1-1 pulled up anyways, I was wondering if there are features that allow us to access that.

- i. Schmidt: One of the features should allow you to contact the police. That was just one idea that came out of the app bidding process. It also might have the ability to link all emergency functions into the app like emergency weather services.
 - 4. Diversity Training:
 - a. Montúfar: Is there an immediate option we can access making this happening on campus?
 - i. Schmidt: I think our intention was to get professors to be required to be Safe Zone trained. Realistically, professors do not like being mandated to do something but I think it is reasonable to pursue.
 - ii. Montúfar: I know the CDI has had a lot of issues so far that can validate the necessity of that training. I don't know who would have ultimate control of something like that.
 - 1. Schmidt: Talk to Brad first but my best guess is Dr. Gooch or Janna Stoskopf.
 - iii. Montúfar: We had talked at past Excomm. about evaluations for professors. I know it was department based and confusing and I didn't know if that was something we could pursue.
 - 1. Holt: I think the feedback would lead back to faculty training.
 - 5. Environmental
 - a. (Transparency about ESFAC Projects)
 - i. Rollings: It is easily something we can do that, but I'm worried that transparency quickly becomes an overwhelming amount of information, is there somewhere we can put that information?
 - 1. Schmidt: It sounds like a website or a PR thing. We would be able to use like a countdown and also promote an active voice in showing students where their money goes.
 - b. Rollings: I've noticed that Violette/OP/SUB doors let out the heat/cooling - those are button activated but other buildings like the library continually stay open and that is a waste. I want to talk with Laurie Shook about that and see what can be done. I want to see if the settings on those doors can be changed.
 - i. Schmidt: I think Laurie is a good person to talk to, but also Dr. Edwards/Laura Bates say you should talk with Donna Liss about Energy conservation of student buildings as well as Reslife energy conservation.
 - 1. Schmidt: We could look at making those statistics more public as well.
 - v. Questions:
 - 1. Bichsel: As a freshman can I participate in the New Student's Round Table?
 - a. Schmidt: Yes!

Adjourned: 9:53 P.M.