



Ethical Code of Conduct of the Truman State University Student Government

As representatives of the Student Association, all members of the Student Government shall uphold these practices:

- Members of the Student Government shall act in the best interest of the University from the perspective of the Student Association, even when these conflict with a member's own interests, upholding the mission of the Student Government as outlined in the Preamble of the Constitution of the Truman State University Student Government.
- Members of the Student Government shall be cognizant of all University and organizational policy and shall not violate these policies.
- Members of the Student Government shall strive to be accessible to students, communicate students' concerns to the Student Government, and report Student Government discussions, decisions, and actions back to the Student Association.
- Members of the Student Government shall act ethically at all times, striving to demonstrate fairness, integrity, and conscientious behavior as they conduct Senate business within the University community.
- Members of the Student Government shall strive to be informed members of the campus community and a resource for the students, keeping informed of current University policies, procedures, and expectations affecting the interests of students and the functioning of the University from the perspective of the Student Association.
- Members of the Student Government shall not unlawfully influence the process of elections and shall follow all guidelines outlined in the elections handbook which shall, once approved by the Student Senate, be considered a governing document until the end of elections.
- Members of the Student Government shall maintain confidentiality when appropriate. This includes matters discussed during closed session of the Student Senate, its committees, or its leadership. Such matters can only be discussed at another closed session of the Student Senate, its committees, or its leadership, when no members previously excluded are present.

Each member of the Student Government has the right to:

- Speak their own opinions in public, including to the press, provided they clearly state that their opinions are their own and not those of the Student Senate.
- Voice their opinions and the opinions of the Student Association on any issue that is raised before the Student Government, excluding the Speaker of the Student Senate.
- Appeal any charges of ethical violations and any decisions of the Ethics Hearing Board.
- Act as a member of the Student Association in petition, recall, and referendum initiatives.