

**TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT
TWELFTH SESSION OF THE 2019-2020 GENERAL BODY
NOVEMBER 3, 2019
Called to Order: 5:00 P.M.**

1) Preliminary Items

- a) Roll Call
- b) Approval of Minutes
 - i) Approved.
- c) Gallery Introductions/Business
 - i) Home for the Holidays Initiative Presentation from Dr. Tara Hart, Director of Admissions and Shair Fieser, Admissions Office
 - (1) New initiative focused on connecting current Truman students to the recruitment process.
 - (2) Research that shows it is about the student perspective.
 - (3) Piloting with three groups: student advisors, ambassadors, students.
 - (4) This is a voluntary initiative.
 - (5) How it works?
 - (a) Students are the best recruiters.
 - (b) Unique relationships with former administrators of schooling; wanting students to share with past high schools.
 - (i) Schedule a visit to high school and offer to present to a class about Truman. We can provide handouts/publications (this should happen over breaks).
 - ii) Sara Seifert, Director of Truman DPS Q&A Session
 - (1) I'm here to answer questions about the last week, I'm looking to help explain the events.
 - (2) Questions:
 - (a) Bichsel: Is this normal for this time of year?
 - (i) Seifert: No, absolutely not. This is definitely not something that happens in Kirksville all the time.
 - (b) Bichsel: There were different reports of an armed robbery and a report about a robbery behind Missouri Hall; do we know they were linked and what would be some suggestions for staying safe on campus?
 - (i) Seifert: The one that happened on the 400 Block on East Scott was targeted at the residence - they stole \$1000 of marijuana and \$1000 of cash; it was a drug deal. They've made one arrest in that case and have a suspect on another, that doesn't mean there's less to worry about, but I would say be vigilant in being aware of your surroundings and do not look like a victim. Use the escort program we have available.
 - 1. The one behind B&B involved a delivery driver who felt he was assaulted with a knife after he came back to address the man looking through his car. By the time he reported the case to the police, it was about half an hour before anyone realized it was on our campus. It was about 45 minutes before we could report it since we had not been told about the incident. The suspect of the situation has been apprehended. We are

also looking into having an app implemented regarding total safety on campus.

- (c) Wuennenberg: Were there any incidents outside of the ones mentioned tonight.
 - (i) Seifert: There was an armed robbery on East Scott, there was a car theft in the last week, a bogus car theft, the attempted robbery behind B&B and the incident occurred south of Centennial Hall.
- (d) Wuennenberg: How many of those incidents were tied to the man you mentioned?
 - (i) Seifert: None of them, I believe he is tied to the attempted robbery behind B&B.
- (e) Woods: One of the things we are looking at on Health, Wellness, & Safety is the app. As far as I know, it is meant for campus but can it reach anywhere else?
 - (i) Seifert: There are some features such as GPS tracking and checking-in, a virtual escort in which your parents could also watch to keep sure you make it home, or things along the same line.
- (f) Tillman: What is the DPS policy about issuing alerts about incidents that are not actually dangerous at all?
 - (i) Seifert: In regards to the Centennial incident, had it gone on 5 minutes longer, I would have sent an alert. I always have to exercise caution in hopes to avoid that students don't go to watch the incident should I put out an alert; students and their safety is my main priority. I try to update information as fast as possible
- (g) Wuennenberg: What was the intention of the person during the C-Hall incident?
 - (i) Seifert: This man had shot someone in the north side of town prior to this incident, and the police knew he was on the south side of town and were trying to stop him in traffic; they made a traffic stop on two females who were supposed to be confidants and were obstructing justice. As the officer approached the woman, she had admitted that the man was hiding in their car under clothes while armed, and that is when the incident occurred. This was also a case of the man seeking to harm himself; he had no interest in approaching campus.
- (h) Meyer: Would it not have made more sense to send an alert to avoid panicking Reslife staff in order to prevent more panic.
 - (i) Seifert: I agree, but I did not see the reason in sending an alert to inform students that there is no alert.
 - (ii) Costell: As an SA in MO hall, it was brought to the attention of the MO hall director, and it was spread to the SAs while the event was over, and that is something Reslife is talking about and I would encourage a conversation with Reslife.
- (i) Shrestha: You had mentioned a 15 minute delay from the police department to DPS, have you talked to them about eliminating this delay?

- (i) Seifert: Yes I actually have. Any call that goes out to Kirksville Police Department, I can see. Any clearly reportable offense is available since we share a record system; that system sends me an alert that I can decide if it concerns campus or not and deem if I should send an alert.
 - (j) Rascher: None of the incidents were related?
 - (i) Seifert: None.
 - (k) Rascher: Do you have any advice on options for self-defence that doesn't break the law or university policy?
 - (i) Seifert: If you are self-defending, then you will be correct in the eye's of policy or law; however, you need to meet the level of force shown against you. You cannot be excessive or if you have the chance to walk away, and there is no longer a threat you must leave and/or notify the police.
 - (l) Karki: Are there programs for international students to adjust to something like this?
 - (i) Seifert: Not that I'm aware of.
- d) Membership Appointment/Resignation**
- i)** Resignation of Caroline Costello from the Sexual Assault Prevention Designee Position
 - (1) Approved.
 - ii)** Minor Appointment of Doug Adolphson as an Associate Senator on the Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee (Schmidt)
 - (1) Approved.
 - iii)** Minor Appointment of Kylie Ostermeyer as an Associate Senator on the Vision Document Ad Hoc Committee (Schmidt)
 - (1) Approved.
 - iv)** Minor Appointment of Bailey Alexander as an Associate Senator on the Women's Leadership Conference Ad Hoc Committee (Schmidt)
 - (1) Approved.
- e) Oath of Office**
- f) Changes to the Agenda**
- i)** N.A.
- 2) Auxiliary Reports**
- a) Speaker of the Student Senate**
 - i)** We will begin looking at Article 1 and the Preamble of the Constitution this next Sunday. Rules Revision meetings are on Thursdays at 8 AM.
 - b) Faculty Advisor**
 - i)** N.A.
 - c) Staff Advisor**
 - i)** N.A.
 - d) SAB Representative**
 - i)** Nothing planned for this week, but keep up with SAB social media.
 - e) Student Representative to the Board of Governors**
 - i)** N.A.
 - f) Athletic Fee Accountability Committee**
 - i)** N.A.
 - g) Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee**
 - i)** N.A.

- h) Academic Affairs Committee
 - i) Don't have much, applications for commencement speaker close this Thursday (Nov. 7th) and we only have two people. Please let me know if you have anyone else who could apply.
- i) Diversity Committee
 - i) Lizzie and I are meeting with Dr. Hart and Lang about the admissions. They are interested in all incoming students having a checklist for organizations they are interested in that would put them on email lists.
 - ii) Hoping to do a Trans Remembrance Day, but we are having trouble contacting TruTrans. That's up in the air.
 - iii) Brad and I talking about Diversity week, submitted Room lottery for March 16-20.
 - iv) We are focusing on building relationships with identity/cultural-based organizations.
- j) Environmental Affairs Committee
 - i) Ethan met with Donna Liss to talk about energy usage in Res Halls and it seems promising
 - ii) I received an email from PSAC and we will be meeting with them.
 - iii) Nick has ideas for the brochure and we have designs sketched up this week.
 - iv) Michael wrote the first of our sustainability tips.
- k) External Affairs Committee
 - i) Looking into a possible Stu. Gov. alumni newsletter, and trying to get a base drafted.
 - ii) Trying to get more involved with Kirksville City Council, possibly through a resolution regarding Indigenous People's Day.
 - iii) Truman at the Capitol still has no response but we would like to start planning ASAP.
 - iv) Questions:
 - (1) Meyer: I work at TelAlumni, I suggest reaching out to the Office of Alumni Relations for the newsletter.
- l) Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee
 - i) Environmental newsletter was sent out.
 - ii) UCS agreed to work with us during Mental Health Awareness Week.
 - (1) We have a digital artist working on two sticker designs and stress ball designs. Then we are discussing prices which we will bring to Rachel.
- m) Student Affairs Committee
 - i) We came up with the next tip of the week, and we are looking for ways to be more involved in the community (both on and off campus).
 - ii) Talking with Jesse about quad stats and we will move forward with that.
 - iii) We will update with the printer maps.
 - iv) Questions:
 - (1) German: What happened with the maps?
 - (a) Bichsel: I got an email about getting maps and I finally got the folder but it was empty.
 - (2) Leppanen: My advice is to reach out to Donna Liss. She's the chair for the IT department, and Donna might be able to give you maps or locations of the printers.
- n) Purple Friday Subcommittee
 - i) This Friday (Nov. 8) is cookies in the SUB and I need someone to be Spike from 10 A.M. - 1 P.M.
- o) Select Committee on Parking Appeals
 - i) I expect more this week.

- p) Sexual Assault Prevention Designee
 - i) No report.
- q) TEDx Ad Hoc Committee
 - i) Conference is this Sunday (Nov. 10). I need people to sign-up to volunteer by tonight. That's in the Important Links channel in Slack. If you have already signed up to a table that has 1-2 people, please move to a section that has nobody. If I move you, please don't be stressed; you don't need much background info. All tickets reserved. Dress rehearsal this Saturday (Nov. 11).
- r) Vision Doc Ad Hoc Committee
 - i) Meeting with Laura planned.
 - ii) Deanna sent me strategic plan. On (Nov. 11), Dr. Thomas will give the initiatives and goals of Truman.
 - iii) Meetings on Thursday from 8-9 P.M.
- s) Women's Leadership Conference Ad Hoc Committee
 - i) Decided our theme: purpose and potential.
 - ii) Looking at 4 hours of panels, a keynote speaker and activities.
 - iii) Contacting WRC, any women professors, and we are trying to bring outside speakers from the Truman community. Also looking for help from the Career Center.
 - iv) This week we are looking for speakers and what that might look like in a budget.
 - (1) Looking for STEM women speakers. We want a diverse panel.
- t) IT Director
 - i) No report.
- u) Public Relations Director
 - i) I will be printing out photos of our current body to update the board outside of the office. I will be spending less than \$10 on this.
 - ii) I will be creating our first giveaway with apparel and swag from the Truman Bookstore. I will be spending less than \$80 on this.
 - iii) Our first member spotlight this week is Alek, our incredible secretary! I am working with him on getting the details for the post.
 - iv) I am in the process of compiling October's video recap.
- v) Food Pantry Committee Student Government Designee
 - i) Currently trying to get the pantry to function on donations.
 - ii) (Nov. 18-22) We will be tabling in the SUB, where we will take donations.
 - iii) Trying to survey people who have been using the pantry and seeing what more we could include.
 - iv) Talked about potentially having minivans to transport people who don't have means to get to the pantry.
 - v) Questions:
 - (1) Montúfar: One of the hard things is there's no surveys about food/security and if there anything anyone might have with specific information, please let us know.
 - (a) Schmidt: We did a survey but we lost the info.
 - (b) Leppanen: There may be hope as it could possibly be retrieved. You should contact the IT department. The specific contact I have has left and they haven't filled his position. Maybe reach out to Donna Liss.

3) Executive Reports

- a) Treasurer
 - i) A slate is being up tonight.
 - ii) Spend money this month.

- b) Secretary
 - i) Remember to be submitting your committee attendance with the form I sent in the Important Links Slack channel - I do check them. Also along the same lines, keep up with your office hours and please notify me if you have any concerns.
- c) The President and Vice President of the Student Association
 - i) Faculty senate was last week; heated discussion about the Quality Matters/Online Course policy. If you want to know more, let Deanna know.
 - ii) There are rumors going around, and we need you guys to help dispel them.
 - (1) The fountain is not broken.
 - (2) Dr. Thomas doesn't commute from outside states.
 - (a) She is not retiring since she doesn't wear as much purple anymore.
 - iii) IM soccer game tomorrow (Nov. 4) at 8 PM.
 - iv) Stu Gov dinner this Tuesday (Nov 5) at Ryle at 5:30 P.M.
 - v) Bonding on Saturday (Nov. 9) at Jared's house.
 - vi) Apparel will be ordered in the next few days.
 - vii) We want to schedule at the end of the semester meetings with everybody, starting next week. Voting senators are required to meet with us, associates are welcome to. We will send out times for you all to sign-up.
 - viii) Working on the next fireside film, please suggest us with topics.
 - ix) Questions:
 - (1) Bichsel: How well did the last video do?
 - (a) Schmidt: Very well! Better than the podcast. It had a few hundred views.
 - (2) Derbak: Where can you find the films?
 - (a) Schmidt: On social media!

4) Old Business

- a) [A Resolution in Recognition and Support of the First Generation Advisory Committee](#) (Crawford)
 - i) I did not receive further information until Thursday or Friday and my computer has been crashing so the resolution may not be as completed as I would have liked.
 - ii) Questions:
 - (1) Rascher: Is the first generation Advisory committee a student organization?
 - (a) Schmidt: It is not a student group, but a group of faculty and staff who advise first generation students. They are deemed an organization by the president of the university.
 - (2) Leppanen: I'm seeing a bunch of red highlighting?
 - (a) Crawford: We would like those read at the banquet.
 - iii) Discussion:
 - (1) Bichsel: If you did not have any parents, like an orphan, you'd be a first generation student.
 - (2) Schmidt: I put comments in where you need to cite sources as certain definitions would need information to be included.
 - (3) Leppanen: You mentioned you still have a lot of changes you want to make, is this something we can do now or should we wait before passing this.
 - (a) Schmidt: This has to be passed today before the banquet.
 - (4) Alexander: Under the "therefore it be resolved", in the second bullet-point I think the 'acknowledgement of first generation students' has a strange connotation.
 - (a) Leppanen: Maybe substitute with the word 'values'.
 - (b) Rascher: Emphasizes?

- (5) Schmidt: In response to Shania's suggestion, I think Alex found it on the First Generation student website, and if that is how they define themselves than that is the wording we should stick with.
- (6) Holt: Friendly to add in "directs that" the McNair program.
- (7) Montúfar: There are other programs we could include other than McNair, should we just encompass them all in the first-generation term.
- (8) Bichsel: I found US news says that we are 23% first gen in undergrad, so I'm curious as to where the 12% came from?
 - (a) Crawford: I got it from an email Dr. Ryan Miller.
 - (b) Schmidt: I would include that in the citation.

iv) Resolution is adopted by unanimous consent.

5) New Business

a) Student Advisory Committee Appropriations Slate (Holt)

i) We funded this group last year for the same event. They asked for more money this year than last year since the event did well last year. We recommend giving them the \$515 for posters and food.

ii) Questions:

(1) Leppanen: Is our logo going to be on the posters?

(a) Holt: Yes, the event isn't until April.

iii) Slate is adopted by unanimous consent.

b) Discussion on the Nullification of the Athletic Fee Accountability Committee's Invocation of the Emergency Clause (Schmidt)

i) We have the athletic fee that every student pays into and we have a representative to the committee. We put out a call for a proposal to all clubs/athletic teams who want to use this fund to make additions to campus, the teams can apply and then the committee reviews. They are due in December and then discussed in the spring. If it is an emergency, there is a clause; however, it states that the fund must be responding to an immediate danger and it's a decision between Dr. Thomas, the president of Stu. Gov., and the athletic director. Student Government has the power to nullify the emergency clause. I am suggesting we do not nullify since this is extremely recent and I haven't had the time to review this. I won't have any more information other than the document you have before you until next week.

ii) Questions:

(1) Barker: Is this vehicle only for Truman's campus?

(a) Schmidt: Probably but I do not know.

(2) Barker: They're saying if they don't have this before the Spring that this would mean extreme bodily harm to athletes might occur?

(a) Schmidt: That is what I got from the email, yes.

(3) Bichsel: Do we know why this is an immediate danger?

(a) Schmidt: They are stating they might not be able to transport medical equipment to the field if they need it.

(4) Leppanen: Why did he reach out to Matt instead of Dr. Thomas like each previous incident of this clause?

(a) Schmidt: I do not know. I also don't know if he has reached out to Dr. Thomas or not.

(5) Rascher: Is the period in which you going to ask questions, will there be other students of this body present?

(a) Schmidt: No it is a closed meeting with Dr. Thomas and I am open with that discussion with this body.

(6) Wuennenberg: Is the cart they have now still working, and have they taken it to a mechanic that actually stated that it costs more to repair?

(a) Schmidt: I could tell you tomorrow.

iii) Discussion:

- (1) Leppanen: Generally emergency clauses have been shot down in the past since Jerry is not always the best at spending the money efficiently. I encourage you to think about why he is asking now.
- (2) Tillman: I'm curious as to why the athletic department cannot fund this.
 - (a) Schmidt: This is the Athletic Department's money in a sense. One thing Laura has asked us to ask, is if that the department has contacted Physical Plant to use extra Gators.
- (3) Holt: I don't like that they are trying to do this now, I think it could be done through correct channels instead of this emergency clause. The timing of this seems off given the information we have, I don't see the need for this now. Also we should inquire about other options for a different vehicle rather than the one we are looking at and maybe if they could rent vehicles until they can get it through the correct avenues in the Spring.
- (4) Barker: There is not enough information for me to feel comfortable about this going through. He doesn't really mention danger and I have a sneaking suspicion this is a nice new thing that he wants immediately rather than later.
- (5) Rascher: There are options for vehicles that are more cost effective and better suited to weather conditions of Kirksville, I also don't think it can be acquired here through Kirksville and I would think it would be nice to acquire it locally.
- (6) Bichsel: I don't understand why this is an emergency now and not at the beginning of the semester. I would think if the current vehicle is in a critical state then it would have been so a month or two ago.
- (7) Schmidt: We are not ever involved in the bidding process of these sorts of things, there are legal issues we would run into due to contracts. There are people above us who deal with these sorts of things and I can ask why this brand is the one we want.
- (8) Paris: It's a medical vehicle and if someone is injured and they can't get the supplies they need, it could become a dangerous situation. Also, vehicles break down at random times, you may never know when something might break down. Maybe that's why they didn't know two months ago.
- (9) Holt: I don't think we are arguing the importance, I think we are arguing about the avenue they are taking with this.
 - (a) Meyer: Are you suggesting they wait until the Spring, Rachel?
 - (b) Holt: Yes, if it actually can wait.
- (10) MacLeod: I don't feel the wording implies an immediate enough risk for a new vehicle.
- (11) Rascher: I believe at the very least we need more information as there are many unanswered questions.
- (12) Alexander: Deanna and I have recorded all your questions and we will bring them to Dr. Thomas tomorrow.

iv) [AFAC Operating Procedures- Section 5: Emergency Clause](#)

c) Discussion Item on the TruAlert System (Schmidt)

- i) Katie and I had a lot of the same questions as you guys and we asked Dr. Thomas in our meeting on Monday. We have mixed feedback from students on campus about the situation and we want to know if this is something we should pursue legislation, ask more questions, or how to move forward with this.

ii) Discussion:

- (1) Meyer: I think that there are a lot of issues that need to be worked out at a level above students. There seemed to be a lack of communication that led students to assumptions and they should figure that out.
- (2) Rascher: The situation with Reslife is something that needs to be addressed, they exacerbated the problem.
- (3) Leppanen: DPS and Reslife should have discussion. That seemed to be the roots of blowing things out of proportion. There should be more lines and methods of communication for information. Also, social media should not be DPS' first line of communication.
- (4) MacLeod: I know Officer Seifert expressed concerns about students watching the situation after an alert being sent out right away, so I think we should find data on a phenomenon like that. We should determine what the best speed for sending alerts should be.
- (5) Smith: There needs to be a way for DPS to communicate to students situations that do not necessarily denote immediate danger to the student body.
- (6) Costello: I think that with how the situation went with Reslife that there's not much being done after the situation. Maybe a discussion with Dr. Thomas about Reslife policy. There's a lot of lack of ownership about how the situation played out is not being addressed. I am also in agreement about DPS' use of social media being irresponsible.
- (7) Bichsel: I think lockdown for C-Hall is an exaggeration. Nothing was locked down, SA's just notified residents of a potential situation. I think this was not handled correctly at all. DPS should have been handling this rather than Reslife.
- (8) Schmidt: I think gathering data is a great idea, especially looking at other schools and their alert systems in comparison to our own. We are planning on talking to Dr. Thomas about that. Also definitely things regarding Reslife.
- (9) Meyer: I think it was fair of Reslife to notify their students and would have been better if they had info. I feel better that they notified students rather than none of us knowing anything. I think it is DPS' fault for not saying anything.
- (10) Tillman: To be fair, the person was not on campus, but near campus and that's sort of a gray area. I think SA's need to talk to residents about how the information and rumors spread. They should wait for official communication before assuming anything.
- (11) Barker: I think one thing all of us need to keep in mind is that none of us have a solution to fix all of this. Everytime a situation like this comes up, solutions can bring negative consequences at all. We should look at this from multiple perspectives, and I'm sure that DPS has a lot to deal with that we don't know about. I'm in the process of meeting with Sara Seifert and some officials of Reslife about the app and the situation in general.
- (12) Rascher: I don't think Reslife and DPS are blameless in this situation. I would expect a policy change or implementation regarding situations like these in the future and we as a Student Government should show that we want transparency.
- (13) Costello: I think whole it's important that SA's are reaching out, our main role is to address student safety in a way that is informative. This last situation was without information and rumors were being spread.

The anger at DPS was not justified as the problem originated within Reslife.

(14) Paris: I don't think DPS is at fault since the situation was resolved. I think an email should have been sent out.

(15) Montúfar: I think the wording in the email was a bit iffy and should be discussed.

(16) German: I think we should be notified of a potentially dangerous situation regarding our campus.

(17) Kershaw: In Ryle hall, not many people were concerned and have already moved on. It is not a point of discussion.

d) Discussion Item on the New Student Roundtable Feedback Part I: Truman Week, Academics, Kirksville Community (Schmidt)

i) Tabled until the next general body meeting, November 10th.

6) Announcements

a) N.A.

Adjourned: 7:10 P.M.