

**TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
THIRTEENTH SESSION OF THE 2019-2020 GENERAL BODY  
NOVEMBER 11, 2019  
Called to Order: 5:00 P.M.**

**1) Preliminary Items**

- a) Roll Call
- b) Approval of Minutes
  - i) Approved.
- c) Gallery Introductions/Business
- d) Membership Appointment/Resignation
  - i) Minor Appointment of Keaton Leppanen as a Presidential Aide (Schmidt)
    - (1) Approved.
- e) Oath of Office
- f) Changes to the Agenda
  - i) 5a before 5b in New Business.
    - (1) Passes by unanimous consent.
  - ii) 4a after New Business.
    - (1) Fails 3-6-5.

**2) Auxiliary Reports**

- a) Speaker of the Student Senate
  - i) I had a request to review parliamentary procedure, so I will be doing so and I will do this again next week.
    - (1) Points:
      - (a) Order/objection are meant to call out infractions
      - (b) Privilege provide changes in the environment for comfort of the discussion.
      - (c) Information is to raise a question outside of discussion
      - (d) Clarification adds additional information.
      - (e) Use them respectfully and wait for the speaker to address the point.
    - (2) Discussion: There's a speaker's list, please be civil, and keep redundancy to a minimum. Yield your time if you have nothing new to add.
    - (3) Motion/move; you must move to first read/second read/adopt/etc.
      - (a) Motions and debate have the same chronological order on the speakers list.
- b) Faculty Advisor
  - i) N.A.
- c) Staff Advisor
  - i) If you are free tomorrow from 3:30-4:30 P.M., in Violette 1000, there is a strategic plan town hall for the university. The current plan is set to end June 2021, and the next one will extend from 2021-2025. It might be interesting to hear and see what the template/guide of the university is.
  - ii) Health insurance is changing and we are getting more information which is causing some friction.
  - iii) Questions:
    - (1) Schmidt: Austin is planning on going to the town hall. Also they will be recording it.
- d) SAB Representative
  - i) N.A.
- e) Student Representative to the Board of Governors
  - i) Slate coming next week's Sunday meeting (Nov. 17)
- a) Food Pantry Committee Student Government Designee
  - 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) Commencement speaker apps closed last Thursday. We have Dr. Gooch, Dr. Self, Dr. Shapiro and Dr. Davis coming this Thursday (Nov. 14) to help with selection
    - (1) From 5:15-6:30 P.M. the office will be in a secret meeting.
  - ii) Questions:
    - (1) Alexander: How many applicants did you get?
      - (a) Meyer: 9 applicants.
- i) Diversity Committee
  - i) No report.
- j) Environmental Affairs Committee
  - i) Met with Laurie Shook this last week, she is talking to the man who is constructing the fountain and he said he could be a potential contractor for the labyrinth. She is looking to get a quote from him so we know if/when we should fundraise. She also thinks he should purchase the materials and we reimburse him.
  - ii) In terms of the Emma Harvett tree, Laurie Shook was surprised to find out that it was gone as well. She's going to ask about that and get back to us.
  - iii) Expecting PSAC Nov. 22/Dec. 6
  - iv) Committee is working on the brochure.
- k) External Affairs Committee
  - i) City Council went well.
    - (1) Still looking to be more involved and will be hearing back.
  - ii) Draft for potential Stu.Gov. alumni newsletters so we will be moving forward with that.
  - iii) Got in touch with Travis and still has no info about Truman at the Capitol.
- l) Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee
  - i) Meeting with Laura that gave me some insight which I will talk about with executive before the body.
    - (1) Thinking about a monetary donation with Finals Scream.
      - (a) Alex and I might do a joint committee donation.
  - ii) Getting a quote on stress balls and stickers.
  - iii) Director Seifert is in talk of an app. There are three options and two were presented to us, which we will decide on.
    - (1) We are writing a resolution about this.
- m) Student Affairs Committee
  - i) Tip of the week for next week is regarding sleeping habits.
  - ii) Jacob has the maps for computer stations/printers/water stations/departments.
    - (1) Any suggestions on things to add?
      - (a) Kershaw: Bike Racks.
      - (b) Meyer: Maybe Department Chair rooms?
  - iii) We know where the least used place is on the quad, and we are looking to see if other organizations want to sponsor the tables on the quad.
  - iv) Meeting with Laura on Wednesday (Nov. 13) to discuss more ideas.
- n) Purple Friday Subcommittee
  - i) Summer in December; lemonade and rice krispies money motion is coming up tonight.
  - ii) Friday (Nov. 15) we are tabling in the SUB with hot chocolate.
- o) Select Committee on Parking Appeals
  - i) Not many appeals.
- p) TEDx Ad Hoc Committee
  - i) No report.
- q) Vision Doc Ad Hoc Committee
  - i) No report.

- r) Women's Leadership Conference Ad Hoc Committee
  - i) No report.
- s) IT Director
  - i) Website is being targeted by spammers.
    - (1) Turned off the comments and going to contact the IT department.
- t) Public Relations Director
  - i) I have the photos for the board, they will be going up this week,
  - ii) Posting the Fall giveaway tomorrow on social media platforms. It is a \$90 value with a hat, scarf, and blanket. It ends on Friday (Nov. 22); we will announce the winner in December after break.
  - iii) Josh German is the new member spotlight.
  - iv) I'm proposing a semester recap instead of monthly recap videos due to technical difficulty.
- u) Presidential Aide
  - i) I shall begin planning the Czar's Christmas party.
- 3) Executive Reports**
  - a) Treasurer
    - i) All of the apparel forms are forwarded on and moving forth. Hoping to get them before Winter Break.
  - b) Secretary
    - i) Keep up with office hours.
  - c) The President and Vice President of the Student Association
    - i) Symposium Committee presented new ideas to Self and Society members and it did not go great.
      - (1) They all had different concerns about the large scale, we came back with the feedback for a more concrete plan. There are three main aspects: an event series talking about relevant topics (bringing in alumni, community members, performers, etc.), exploration (a geocaching activity across Kirksville), and an action component (maybe service events).
        - (a) Student focus groups will be conducted.
    - ii) No updates about the emergency clause, Dr. Thomas was not contacted. She, myself and Jerry (athletic director) are meeting tomorrow and I will ask the body's questions.
    - iii) Board of Governors slate is happening next week, please come with questions. Think about what is important to you.
    - iv) OAF is starting to meet.
    - v) Important position: Athletic Committee needs a student at large not involved in athletics.
    - vi) UGC is this Thursday (Nov. 14) 3-5 P.M. There is a packed agenda regarding the new curriculum.
    - vii) Course Threads update: Katie and Dr. Gillete presented to the interdisciplinary committee and their proposal went well. If you would like to read the proposal and provide input, please contact Katie. They will be presenting to UGC in a month.
    - viii) Reached out to Adam McMichael and we will be meeting in the next few weeks to talk about Stu.Gov. becoming more involved in Homecoming.
    - ix) Senators are required to meet with Katie and Deanna in the coming weeks, please sign-up in Slack document. Associates are not required but highly encouraged. Chairs should let committee members know.
    - x) Playoff IM soccer game tomorrow (Nov. 11) at 10:20 P.M.
    - xi) Stu Gov dinner at 5:30 P.M., Tuesday (Nov. 12).
- 4) Old Business**
  - a) Reconsideration of the Discussion Item on the New Student Round Table Feedback Part I: Truman Week, Academics, Kirksville Community (Schmidt)
    - i) We are just talking about the first three topics of the New Student Round Table: Truman Week/Academics/Truman Community. Please try to give your top three takeaways.

ii) Discussion:

- (1) Leppanen: There were mixed to bad reviews about seminars. They really like the college preparatory content, but they want standardization of work load between classes. Also there were complaints about registration; they didn't realize what they were registering for, since they didn't know anything other than the title.
- (2) White: Truman Week was too busy, and an international student said it was a big adjustment because of the strict schedule; they said Truman Week had a lack of interesting speakers and time to bond/relax.
- (3) Holt: Found a discrepancy between Self and Society classes; Truman week was way too busy (No time to set up their room). They respect that it is meant to keep them busy but it was too much. The community is a positive aspect for new students.
- (4) Smith: Truman Week seemed demanding and tiring; it also does not account for people apart of extracurriculars like band and guard. It makes it hard for people to have enough time to manage everything.
- (5) Leppanen: One thing that a lot of people brought up is down time to bond with others. They want more time to hang with their hall.
  - (a) Complained about online portions. Tests found to be confusing. Should have been handled as apart of Truman Week, not during the semester.
- (6) Smith: Some deadlines were past Truman Week, and some people were unaware that they existed. That seemed to be very stressful.
- (7) Deanna: Which speakers were boring?
  - (a) White: Boring skit. Very disliked. Too much common sense.
  - (b) Schmidt: Online tests not communicated or what?
    - (i) Leppanen: Yes.
- (8) Schmidt: The CDI skit was not well received; the level of uncomfot or common sense issues were big. They also wanted more time to navigate classes/bond/explore Truman. Academics were not supported in terms of Self and Society. I have a meeting with Self and Society this week and I will be bringing that report forward. There's not really a standard level.
- (9) Meyer: We need to make sure of checks for skits before providing them if they are written by students.
- (10) Leppanen: As I understood it, we had to make sure we hit certain checks for new students and if so why did a student handle the skit?
  - (a) Meyer: It just came down to it being a last minute thing and didn't have anything in mind.
- (11) Bates: Something to keep in mind, Truman Week used to be a solid nine days. Then the calendar changed to five days and based on my experience this looked like more free time than I have seen in the past. There were some adjustments that are being fleshed out. Also Jack Holcolmb leaving in the middle of planning led to some problems.

5) **New Business**

a) [A Resolution Amending the Preamble and Article I of the Constitution of the Truman State University Student Government](#) (Kolok)

- i) Looking at Article I and the Preamble. They are just flow changes in the Preamble. In Article I all sections will be the same there are just changes in numbering.
- ii) Discussion:
  - (1) Leppanen: Would you consider changing a numbered list to a "what we strive to promote" to a bulleted list. I wish to avoid a connotation of precedence.
  - (2) Racher: My comments are Section 3, Article I where it talks about removing the gallery during closed session. The wording seems confusing in its original state. I'm wondering what you thought about that.
    - (a) Kolok: This comes vaguely from Robert's Rules where the speaker is allowed to remove visitors. If there's an unruly member we would like

to be able to remove them so they no longer propose a hindrance to the meeting. It's necessary to make the distinction.

(3) Alexander: I'm not seeing the definition of how the Speaker would remove unruly members. You're not explicitly writing that down in this section?

(a) Kolok: Correct, but I don't see it necessary elsewhere either.

(4) Leppanen: So for the non-discriminatory statement, wouldn't it be safer to have a catch-all? Every student of the university has a right to become a member of the Student Government.

(5) Alexander: Do you want to explicitly define the speakers power to remove someone from the gallery?

(a) Kolok: It is specifically defined in there.

(6) Bates: The non-discriminatory statement is an actual university statement, editing shouldn't occur, but if you want to add your own broader statement you could.

b) [A Resolution Advocating for Improved Efficiency of Emergency Alerts at Truman State University](#) (Schmidt)

i) Stemmed out of discussion from last week (Q&A with Director Seifert). I don't think Director Seifert is aware of the resolution so I would not like to pass and second read this resolution tonight.

ii) Discussion:

(1) Barker: Tori and I have some issues with what is not included regarding ResLife. We haven't talked about it as a committee yet and I think we are planning to meet by tomorrow night so we have info to bring to ExComm. There just were significant things happening in ResLife that were breaks to protocol.

These are things not brought to the body that Caroline had told us. Basically we heard that conditions in Missouri hall lead to advisors doing things above their job purview and the director was telling them directions that the advisors should not do. After our discussion I felt that ResLife needs to be addressed in this.

(2) Leppanen: I'm not sure that this resolution is the way to address ResLife alone. That might need to be its own thing. I would advocate for a separate resolution for ResLife specifically.

(3) Schmidt: We are trying to advocate for more clear and timely alerts. That is the purpose of this resolution; we don't think ResLife is the only issue so that is why we didn't have that dominate this specific resolution.

(a) Alexander: In regards to ResLife we do not have the direct perspective of prominent/professional ResLife leaders so I don't feel entirely comfortable expanding until we establish that communication.

(4) Rascher: I would argue that the confusion came from ResLife spreading false rumors or breaking protocol.

(5) Paris: Is there a reason you didn't reach out to ResLife?

(a) Schmidt: We could, and I think that's an option. If this body wants to see a resolution.

(6) Wuennenberg: I feel as though if we are suggesting they should establish protocol, we should try to advocate for something tangible and concrete.

(7) Leppanen: I like that it is more abstract and vague and find that it leads to more policy changes with a greater degree of freedom. We can voice the opinion of students and we are not qualified to tell DPS what they should or should not do. We can voice feedback, not provide a specific policy/protocol for them. Also what is the established protocol for ResLife?

(a) Bates: I'd be hard pressed to think they don't have a protocol. I think the question lies within what degree of the ResLife staff was trained properly.

(8) Racher: I think this resolution reflects the student body's belief on DPS to inform the body of present danger. I feel that students think they were not

informed of a danger that ResLife spread while DPS had said that there wasn't a threat.

(a) Schmidt: We are not trying to defend ResLife, but we don't think that the widespread panic was due to ResLife or DPS alone.

(b) Rascher: I just have issues with an actual Truman employee spreading misinformation. I don't think we should criticize DPS as much as we are in this resolution.

(9) Bichsel: I think the definition of campus boundaries are a bit vague. Maybe that is where the root of this problem lies.

(10) Leppanen: We can provide information to help students determine what is accurate and valid in social media; and that is within DPS power. We need to encourage DPS to send out these alerts.

(11) Racher: Doesn't events that occur outside of campus property fall outside of DPS jurisdiction.

(a) Schmidt: Not necessarily since DPS and the Kirksville police work together. One could argue an association. It also involves students who live off campus and travel back and forth.

(12) White: When Director Seifert came and talked with us, it seemed as though they learned from their mistakes and are actively attempting to address those mistakes/fix them.

c) Large Expenditure Money Motion of \$120 for Purple Friday Food and Drink (White)

i) Spending no more than \$120 by (Jan. 1) for the last day of classes.

ii) Motion is approved.

#### **6) Announcements**

a) Alexander: This Saturday (Nov. 16) at 11 A.M. the podcast Words and Numbers is being recorded on Campus. In the Baldwin Hall little theater.

b) Bichsel: I'm Running a 10 Candles session over December and January, if you are interested there is a Google document in the Slack.

c) Barker: Next Saturday at 8 P.M. there is a university orchestra concert. Also next Sunday at noon, Sam is playing. Come out and watch.

**Adjourned: 6:43 P.M.**