



Student Government Resolution 119.006

**A Resolution in Recognition and Support of the First Generation Advisory Committee
Sponsored by Alexandra Crawford, Student Affairs Committee Chair;
Jesse Wren, Public Relations Director; Kiren MacLeod and Jacob Bischel, Student Affairs
Committee Members**

WHEREAS,

- The Student Government is the official governing body of the Student Association and exists to represent the present and long term best interests of the Student Association in the formulation of the University policy and in the fulfillment of the University mission; and
- First Generation college students are students who have lived up to age 18 with a parent(s) or guardian(s), none of whom possess a bachelor's degree¹; and
- According to the First Generation Foundation, approximately thirty percent of all incoming freshmen nationwide are First Generation students²; and
- First Generation college students tend to graduate at lower rates due to the lack of awareness towards available resources as well as financial stress³; and
- The First Generation Advisory Committee was created in 2017 by a group of faculty and staff across campus who are former first generation students or are supportive of current first generation issues to ensure the success of First Generation college students; and
- The First Generation Advisory Committee works towards the success of First Generation college students by organizing institutional awareness and amplifying the voices of First Generation college students; and
- The First Generation Advisory Committee hosts events every year, such as the First Gen Celebration Dinner and First Generation College Students Luncheon, in order to bring the First Generation college students together; and
- The First Generation Advisory Committee works together with First Gen United, the first generation student organization on campus, in order to better implement and share resources for the students; and

¹ <http://firstgen.truman.edu/what-is-first-generation/>

² <http://www.firstgenerationfoundation.org/>

³ <https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2018/02/08/students-postsecondary-education-arcs-affected-parents-college-backgrounds-study>

- The First Generation Advisory Committee provides professional development opportunities for Truman faculty and staff members to share how to better support the First Generation college students by collecting and gathering data from multiple sources each year; and
- The First Generation Advisory Committee recognizes and promotes the pride First Generation college students bring to their families and themselves; and
- First Generation college students benefit from this committee because it allows the students to be fully aware of the resources Truman State University provides as well as creates many opportunities for First Generation college students to feel more included in this community.

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT,

- Supports the First Generation Advisory Committee in its mission to provide awareness and support towards First Generation college students; and
- Values the perspectives of First Generation college students towards college life and academics and their drive for success at Truman; and
- Extends their support to all of Truman's First Generation college students; and
- Will demonstrate its support of the First Generation Advisory Committee and First Generation college students by sending the President and Vice President of the Student Association and the Student Affairs Chair to read this resolution on Thursday, November 7 for First Generation Awareness Week; and
- Encourages Truman State University to continue to express support and appreciation towards the First Generation Advisory Committee, First Gen United, and First Generation college students.

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT DIRECTS THAT,

An additional copy of this resolution be distributed to Academic Advisor and Member of the First Generation Advisory Committee, Mrs. Ryan Miller, the First Generation Advisory Committee Chair, Stephanie Raymond, the First Generation Advisory Committee, Vice President for Student Affairs, Janna Stoskopf, President, Sue Thomas, Board of Governors, Office of Special Collections, and the Truman Media Network.

Passed by Unanimous Consent, November 3, 2019.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Deanna Schmidt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'D'.

Deanna Schmidt, President of the Student Association.