



Student Government Resolution 119.008

A Resolution Amending the Preamble and Article I of the Constitution of the Truman State University Student Government

Sponsored by the Rules Revision Ad Hoc Committee: Jared Kolok, Committee Chair; Kiren MacLeod, Voting Senator; Maddie Sarasio Meyer, Academic Affairs Committee Chair; Deanna Schmidt, President of the Student Association; and Katie Alexander, Vice President of the Student Association

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's mission; and
- Resolution 119.004, *A Resolution Establishing the 2019-2020 Rules Revision Ad Hoc Committee*, authorizes the 2019-2020 Rules Revision Ad Hoc Committee to amend the governing documents of the Truman State University Student Government; and
- The Truman State University Student Government is bound by the rules detailed in its governing documents; and
- The Constitution of the Truman State University Student Government takes precedence over the governing documents and all legislation the Student Government adopts; and
- Amendments to the Constitution of the Truman State University Student Government require a two-thirds majority vote from the Student Senate and a majority vote from the Student Association to be approved; and
- The Preamble and Article I of the Constitution of the Truman State University Student Government are listed in Appendix I¹;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,

- The Student Senate approves the proposed changes to the Standing Rules and the Constitution of the Truman State University Student Government and gives its consent to

¹ See Appendix I

place the constitutional changes on the Spring 2020 general election ballot and up to a vote by the Student Association; and

- The ballot language for the proposed constitutional amendments shall read: A vote “yes” on this measure shall be considered an approval of the changes proposed to the Constitution of the Truman State University Student Government; and a vote “no” shall be considered a disapproval of the changes proposed to the Constitution of the Truman State University Student Government. Attached below are copies of both the current and proposed amended version of the Constitution of the Truman State University Student Government”; and
- Upon approval by the Student Association, the proposed changes to the Constitution shall take immediate effect;

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF TRUMAN STATE DIRECTS THAT,

Additional copies of this resolution be disseminated to President Sue Thomas; Board of Governors; Janna Stoskopf, Vice President for Student Affairs; Office of Special Collections and the Truman Media Network.

Passed 11-0-2, November 17, 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.

Appendix I

Preamble. We the members of the Truman State University Student Association, recognizing the need for a unified and dedicated body of students committed to the continual betterment of our University community from the perspective of the Student Association, hereby establish the Truman State University Student Government. The Student Government strives to:

- PARTICIPATE actively in the fulfillment of the University's mission as an exemplary Public Liberal Arts and Sciences University,
- REPRESENT the views of the Student Association in the formulation of University policy through legislation and membership on University committees,
- FACILITATE communication and mutual understanding between the Student Association, faculty, staff, and administration, and
- PROMOTE a cohesive vision for the future of the University.

In the fulfillment of these charges, the Student Government, as described in this Constitution, shall serve as the official student representation of the Truman State University Student Association.

Article ~~ARTICLE~~ I: STRUCTURE Rights and Obligations of Members and Nonmembers and Structure

Section 1: Non-Discriminatory Statement

Every student of Truman State University has the right to be a member of the Student Government regardless of sex, disability, age, race, color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, or veteran status.

Section 2: ~~Membership Qualifications~~ Rights and Obligations of Members

Every member of the Truman State University Student Government has the right to a seat at weekly meetings, including closed session, of the Student Government, speak in debate, and to introduce motions and legislative actions. All non-associate members of the Student Government must have at the time of installment and throughout their tenure in office a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75 and shall uphold the oath of office, Constitution, Standing Rules, and Ethical Code of Conduct of the Truman State University Student Government to the best of their ability.

Section 3: Rights of Non-member Students and Visitors

Non-member students and visitors have the right to sit in the gallery, provide comments and questions throughout public debate, and speak before the Student Government as a body. Visitors and non-members are obligated to remove themselves from the meeting chamber during closed session and, should the Speaker of the Student Senate order it, from the meeting chamber for the remainder of the meeting.