



Student Government Resolution 119.010

**A Resolution Amending Article X of the Constitution of the Truman State University
Student Government and Article VIII of the Standing Rules 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 with changes to the Standing Rules listed in Appendix II²;

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 giving its consent

¹ See Appendix I

² See Appendix II

to 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 immediately take effect; and
- Upon approval by the Student Senate the proposed amendments to the Standing Rules of the Truman State University Student Government shall take effect immediately;

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 13-0-2, December 08, 2019.

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

Deanna Schmidt, President of the Student Association.

Appendix I

~~ARTICLE~~ Article X: ~~CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY~~ Constitutional Authority

Section 1: Authority

~~The authority of the Student Government and this constitution is derived from the authority inherent in the Truman State University Student Association.~~

Section 2: University President

~~The Truman State University President or their designee shall serve as the agent for the Board of Governors, as defined in the Board of Governors by-laws.~~

Section 3: Constitutional Supremacy

The Student Government Constitution shall take supreme precedence over any other special rules of order or legislation the Student Senate may adopt unless stated otherwise in the relevant section(s) of this constitution. All members of the Student Government are bound to this Constitution.

Section 2: Nullification

Any and all bylaws, rules and regulations, legislation, and other documents and procedures that are inconsistent with this constitution shall be null and void.

Appendix II

ARTICLE VIII: MONETARY GUIDELINES

Section 1: The Budget

Clause 1

With the assistance of the Treasurer, the Student Senate shall pass and adopt an itemized biannual budget in the Fall and Spring semesters ~~for general expenses~~ by a two-thirds majority vote. The biannual budget shall be amended as needed through a two-thirds majority vote. The continuing budget shall be made public and readily available through the Student Senate website.

~~Clause 2~~

~~The annual budget shall be amended as needed for the Spring semester.~~

~~Clause 3~~

~~The continuing budget shall be made public and readily available through the Student Senate website.~~

Section 2: Proper Expenditure

Clause 1

An Expense Request Form must be completed and submitted to the Treasurer within forty eight hours of the expenditure along with a full description of how money was spent and any relevant receipts.

Clause 2

If approved through a motion or resolution, money shall only be expended as detailed in said motion or resolution.

Clause 3

Money approved to be spent shall only be expended by authorized persons, committees, or entities.

Clause 4

Any motion to spend money must provide an expiration date by which that money is to be spent. After the expiration date has passed, the motion is considered rescinded.

Section 3: Small Expenditures

Clause 1

Any expenditures approved in the budget which are less than one hundred (100) dollars shall be considered Small Expenditures.

Clause 2

Small Expenditures need not be approved again by the body, provided the following stipulations are met:

- a. Such money is spent by a voting member of the Executive Committee or their designee, as specified in the budget.
- b. The Executive Committee is notified of the expenditure.
- ~~e. Incremental expenditures for a single event or issue do not exceed one hundred dollars total.~~

Section 4 3: Large Expenditures

Clause 1

Any expenditure approved in the budget which is between one hundred (100) and two thousand (2000) dollars shall be considered a Large Expenditure. Large expenditures shall be subject to approval by a simple majority vote of the Student Senate.

Clause 2

For expenditures over five hundred (500) dollars, an itemized list of the expenditures shall be presented to the Student Senate along with the Large Expenditure motion.

~~Clause 2~~

~~Large Expenditures shall be subject to approval by a majority vote of the Student Senate.~~

Section 54: Major Expenditures

Clause 1

Any expenditure or incremental expenditures for a single event or issue that total to be greater than or equal to two thousand (2000) dollars shall be considered a Major Expenditure.

Clause 2

Major Expenditures must be brought before the Student Senate in the form of a resolution containing an itemized list of how the money is to be spent. Major Expenditure resolutions shall be subject to a two-thirds majority vote of the Student Senate.

~~Clause 3~~

~~Major Expenditure Resolutions shall be subject to a two-thirds majority vote of the Student Senate.~~

Section 65: Non-Budgeted Expenses

Clause 1

Any expenditure which was not approved in the semester budget or is to be drawn from a miscellaneous fund shall be considered a Non-Budgeted Expenditure. Non-Budgeted Expenditures shall be subject to a two-thirds majority vote of the Student Senate. All Non-Budgeted Expenditures shall be considered amendments to the semester budget and shall be made available to the Student Association.

~~Clause 2~~

~~Non-Budgeted Expenditures shall be subject to a two-thirds majority vote of the Student Senate.~~

~~Clause 2~~

~~Non-Budgeted Expenditures will be considered amendments to the semester budget~~