

**TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT
TWENTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE 2019-2020 GENERAL BODY
February 23, 2020
Called to Order: 5:00 P.M.**

1) Preliminary Items

- a) Roll Call
- b) Approval of Minutes
- c) Gallery Introductions/Business
 - i) Jana Stoskopf Report
- d) Membership Appointment/Resignation
- e) Oath of Office
- f) Changes to the Agenda

2) Auxiliary Reports

- a) Speaker of the Student Senate
 - i) We have decided that the March 15th Sunday meeting will be at 7 P.M., I will let you know where we are holding the meeting.
 - ii) I will be looking at elections beginning March 1.
- b) Faculty Advisor
 - i) N.A.
- c) Staff Advisor
 - i) N.A.
- d) SAB Representative
 - i) Moana showing and Disney Trivia next Sunday beginning at 5.
 - ii) Big announcement coming soon - check our social media.
- e) Student Representative to the Board of Governors
 - i) No report.
- f) Food Pantry Committee Student Government Designee
 - i) N.A.
- g) Athletic Fee Accountability Committee
 - i) No report.
- h) Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee
 - i) We are working on evaluating proposals and hoping to have that done before Spring Break.
- i) Academic Affairs Co-Committee
 - i) Looking over the essays from nominees.
 - ii) Wrote a resolution regarding the courses that haven't been offered in 4+ years to be removed from the course catalogue. We will be editing and bringing it next week.
- j) Diversity Committee
 - i) We have an event this Thursday - we are showing 13 for Black History Month; 6-8:30 P.M. in Violette Hall.
 - ii) Diversity Week posters are coming out through printing, if you see them in the office please send a message in Slack
 - iii) We are opening up the Unity Dinner reservations up to the general community soon.
- k) Environmental Affairs Committee
 - i) Laying out the budget for Earth Week.
 - (1) Designing promo material.
 - (2) Showing the movie at Take Root.
- l) External Affairs Committee
 - i) Truman at the Capitol is in the works - 15 have signed up so far. I will give updates as we get more specific information.
 - ii) Our service event at Hopes Kitchen is the 21st from 8 A.M. to Noon, and we will need 8-16 people. We need as many people as we can bring.

- m) Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee
 - i) Trying to meet with all the hall directors - mostly concerns with facility repair which we will look into.
 - ii) Went over the nominations for faculty wellness honoree and we have the semi-finalists who we will reach out to.
 - n) Student Affairs Committee
 - i) Meeting with Laura next week to discuss picnic tables.
 - ii) Resolution about the maps will be coming soon.
 - o) Purple Friday Subcommittee
 - i) No report.
 - p) Select Committee on Parking Appeals
 - i) Looking for a new committee member so please let me know if you have any suggestions.
 - q) Vision Doc Ad Hoc Committee
 - i) Planning on having everything written by the 29th.
 - ii) March will be about revising and formatting.
 - r) Women's Leadership Conference Ad Hoc Committee
 - i) Conference went well.
 - ii) We will be writing a report regarding improving details of the event.
 - s) Sexual Assault Prevention Designee
 - i) Rough draft
 - (1) When you sign the pledge, you will get a t-shirt. We will have tabling on Monday of the week and hope to be sponsored by other departments. On Tuesday we will be trying to do the clothesline project. Wednesday will be a Q&A with Dr. Millot about Title XI (looking for one to two other people to join for a panel - please suggest people). The week will be March 6-8th.
 - ii) Still trying to meet with Dr. Millot and everything will be solidified after that.
 - t) IT Director
 - i) No report.
 - u) Public Relations Director
 - i) I reached out to Snapchat so I might be getting a \$25 refund due to the snapchat filter being published incorrectly.
 - ii) Working with Shania to create Diversity Week Facebook events.
- 3) Executive Reports**
- a) Treasurer
 - i) We have a slate today, and we will probably be continuing to have them coming in every meeting. Please be reading them and prepared to discuss.
 - b) Secretary
 - i) If you are a voting senator and were not at WLC yesterday, and have not sent me a message then it counts as an unexcused absence. I will be sending emails to you all after the meeting which will serve as your warning.
 - c) The President and Vice President of the Student Association
 - i) We have decided that the next all-school email will go out March 6th, we need blurbs from chairs by March 2nd at 11:30 A.M.
 - ii) Faculty Senate is meeting this Thursday, we are presenting our HIE Bill.
 - iii) Katie, Deanna, Jared, Kaylee and Shania will be working together to come up with a professional programming.
 - iv) OAF members may be coming to review our meetings; it will be a chance for our body to review them about the review process.
 - v) Elections are coming up. Now is the time to be thinking what you might like to do next year on the body.
 - vi) Student Government dinner is this Tuesday at 6 P.M.
 - vii) IM Volleyball hasn't sent a schedule yet. Please message Katie and she will add you if you'd like to join.

4) Old Business

a) N.A.

5) New Business

a) [An Executive Order Establishing the Permanent Organizational Activities Fee Review Committee](#)
(Schmidt)

i) Issuing this order for new members. We've been working on this all semester; this is to amend the procedures due to an oversight of the last amendment. The biggest change is to make OAF an ongoing and permanent committee to add continuity to the process; however, it will function upon a biannual process.

ii) Questions:

(1) Wren: Would the fees be increased more often for students?

(a) Schmidt: I cannot speak to that, we would just like the fees to be reviewed more often.

(2) German: How is the committee going to be convened?

(a) Schmidt: I crossed that out because convening the committee was for every three years. This order will convene the committee permanently. There will be more information on selecting members later on.

(3) Montufar: Clause 5 in procedures talks about surveys, how does that data impact the committee and decisions.

(a) Schmidt: Typically the committee will come up with a survey to send out to the student body and evaluate student opinions about expenditure.

(4) Rascher: In article 4, Section 1, clauses 6&7 changes the majority vote to an anonymous vote and if they can't reach that the VP of Student Affairs will make the decision, why?

(a) Schmidt: We made sure that the other two fee based presidents cannot 'bully' the third fee based president. There also could be a stubborn president who would reject a review over their organization and there needs to be an override.

iii) Discussion:

(1) Rollings: I think institutional memory is important and the current cycle removes that. This makes sure people know why a decision was made.

iv) The order is effective immediately.

b) [Appropriations Slate](#) (Holt)

i) There are two applications, we think their projects are important and available/beneficial to all students.

ii) Slate is adopted by unanimous consent.

c) [A Resolution Consolidating and Amending Article II in the Constitution and Article I of the Standing Rules of the Student Government](#) (Kolok)

i) I'm consolidating the existing student senate into the legislative branch. This is largely focused on the constitution and it's really shortening extraneous clauses and wording in simplification.

ii) Questions:

(1) German: You say we are changing votes to affirmation and objections, how do we express that?

(a) Kolok: This is just making it more formal.

(2) German: Section 2, Appendix 2, Article 1, you are removing time limit on discussion of resolutions?

(a) Kolok: Yes, I believe discussion goes over the 15 allotted minutes and this is very restrictive. This relies on precedent and allows other motions/authority upon the speaker and the body.

iii) Discussion:

- (1) Alexander: My concerns comes with the fact that this is a stylistic change rather than substance-focused. Continuing to make stylistic changes can cause problems. The precedent we are setting makes this unsustainable as I don't think we need to have Rules Revision as a constant committee. This seems different than the conversations we've had in the past and will burnout the body over stylistic changes. Secondly, I'm concerned how these resolutions will appear to the general body of students. This will go on the ballot and there's really nothing happening for them to read which can be sort of deceiving/deceivised. If something goes on the ballot it should be important.
- (2) Meyer: A lot of the stylistic changes are needed because the previous constitution was messy and contradictory. While I agree it seems tedious I think it's necessary that the documents have the same format, and it's unfortunate we can't just make those changes but we need to make the process happen.
- (3) Smith: I think we have the responsibility to uphold the constitution and one of the main things in this is the time-limit that doesn't need to be in the constitution. That's something that should be up to the speaker's discretion. We can stop having Rules Revision once we have a document that doesn't need to be fixed. Also if we keep suspending the Standing Rules on important legislation, then that sets a bad precedent.
- (4) Rascher: I would argue there is no thing as stylistic change that isn't substantive. Everything in the constitution should be intentional regarding the wording.
- (5) MacLeod: I think having a clear and coherent/consistent constitution is much greater impact than having a stylistic resolution would have.
- (6) Schmidt: I would like to see more of an explanation behind changes that might just see stylistic, and until I see an explanation it will seem stylistic.
- (7) Kolok: I would like to go back to the first semester when the committee was authorized. The committee was authorized to make the Constitution more modernized and if that's stylistic then so be it. We need to think about other students looking at our Constitution and seeing something unorganized that can lose them.
- (8) Rascher: The committee's and body's prerogative is to decide if these changes are relevant. We shouldn't be considering if it sets a precedent, but rather if this is important to the catharsis of the Constitution's functioning.
- (9) Meyer: The concern that other bodies might want to change it back shouldn't be a reason why we shouldn't do something.
- (10) Holt: I think Luke inspired a great point that there are so many checks and balances that changes have to go through before they even come to fruition. If at any point if there's anything wrong or feedback needed, then it will be discussed. If this is coming this far it is an important change.

iv) This resolution is first read.

6) Announcements

- a) Hope's Kitchen sign-up is in the Slack.

Adjourned: 5:54 P.M.