

**TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT
TWENTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE 2019-2020 GENERAL BODY
March 15, 2020
Called to Order: 7:00 P.M.**

1) Preliminary Items

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

2) Auxiliary Reports

- a) Speaker of the Student Senate
 - i) Laura, Katie, Deanna, and I talked last Friday to discuss COVID-19; this impacts elections and general meetings. We will probably be continuing using Zoom for all of our meetings.
 - (1) Ultimately elections are up in the air, we are considering a no-return semester and the handbook will reflect that and we will bring that forward to you when we have a plan.
 - ii) Questions:
 - (1) Montúfar: Have we ever had remote elections in the past?
 - (a) Bates: To my knowledge we never have had something like this before.
- b) Faculty Advisor
 - i) No report.
- c) Staff Advisor
 - i) I noticed that TruAlert has been updating frequently asked questions with timestamps, so be paying attention to that for major updates.
 - ii) The Kirksville school system has decided to suspend classes for the present moment.
 - iii) Until we know when in-person instruction comes back, I'm not pushing any major money items to avoid expenditures that are date specific.
- d) SAB Representative
 - i) N.A.
- e) Student Representative to the Board of Governors
 - i) There has been no-one reached out to by the Governor's office and based on the present situation I'm not sure that will happen soon. It will be me as the representative for now.
- f) Food Pantry Committee Student Government Designee
 - i) N.A.
- g) Athletic Fee Accountability Committee
 - i) Just finished a slate, we will need to figure out how to send that.
 - ii) Received an email from the baseball coach about the irrigation system having a leak, that should be coming through a slate and a emergency fee proposal soon.
- h) Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee
 - i) Break was supposed to be communicating to Sodexo for a proposal and given the situation we don't know where that puts us.
 - ii) We were aiming to have a slate by the second week after break and I'm not sure that's possible at this point.
 - iii) We are trying to figure out how to remotely communicate and I will give you more information next week.
- i) Academic Affairs Co-Committee
 - i) We are figuring out what to do regarding banquets, interviews and sit-ins.
 - ii) We are still trying to work on resolutions, so we will be working that stuff out during our meeting this week.
 - iii) Educator of the Year Finalists:

- (1) William Alexander
- (2) Sarah Mohler
- (3) Joe Benevento
- (4) Susan Schreurer
- (5) Shinya Uchida
- (6) Paul Parker
- (7) Michael Rudy
- (8) Bill Miller
- iv)** Research Mentor of the Year Finalists:
 - (1) Cassidy Dobson
 - (2) Brett Berke
 - (3) Emily Olsen
- j)** Diversity Committee
 - i)** Diversity Week was supposed to start tomorrow and that will not happen anymore. Talking to Laura and Adam about alternate ways.
 - (1) The speaker may be able to reschedule later in the semester
 - (2) We can still show the movie at any time.
 - (3) Laura suggested I reach out to Janna and Dr. Higgins for housing.
 - (a) There's a sign-up next week for students with housing concerns.
- k)** Environmental Affairs Committee
 - i)** No report.
- l)** External Affairs Committee
 - i)** Truman at the Capitol is canceled.
- m)** Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee
 - i)** I doubt Wellness week will be happening.
 - (1) I will be reaching out to reschedule to later in the semester assuming that is possible.
 - (2) If not, I have other ideas and my committee and I will be discussing future resolutions/possibilities should the semester continue online.
 - ii)** Figuring out the wellness award.
 - iii)** I will be reaching out this week regarding OAF at a later time since Janna is probably not concerned at this time.
- n)** Student Affairs Committee
 - i)** We were able to discuss brief alternatives to Student Appreciation Week
 - (1) Giveaway
 - (2) Bracelets
 - (3) Google Form for showing appreciation
 - (a) We are brainstorming ideas at this time.
- o)** Purple Friday Subcommittee
 - i)** We will begin planning for our April 17th event.
 - ii)** I reached out to PR Director Richie a few times but haven't heard back from him; we want to encourage students to wear the new T-shirts with the new logo.
 - iii)** Trying to figure out where the giveaway items will be.
 - (1) Bates: Prizes were picked up Friday and are waiting in the U&I Office at the minute.
- p)** Select Committee on Parking Appeals
 - i)** N.A.
- q)** Vision Doc Ad Hoc Committee
 - i)** I sent out a message to the Slack that details a plan if campus is shut down.
 - (1) The reveal will be most negatively impacted.
 - (2) The document itself is looking to be done by the end of the week.
- r)** Women's Leadership Conference Ad Hoc Committee
 - i)** No report.

- s) Sexual Assault Prevention Designee
 - i) The week is up in the air, especially with regards to booking a room.
 - ii) I haven't ordered shirts yet.
 - iii) I can be as flexible as need be.
 - (1) There is a design ready.
 - t) IT Director
 - i) No report.
 - u) Public Relations Director
 - i) We can do PR remotely.
 - (1) Please reach out to me so we can work to do what we can.
- 3) Executive Reports**
- a) Treasurer
 - i) From a money standpoint, we will probably have a lot leftover given the present situation.
 - ii) There's a better possibility of bigger items being purchased later
 - (1) Please keep that in mind when looking at tonight's slate.
 - (2) We will be telling people we will not consider applications while not in face.
 - b) Secretary
 - i) No report.
 - c) The President and Vice President of the Student Association
 - i) We've been working out contingency plans for big events like academics and elections.
 - (1) We will figure out as much as we can and continue to try giving you guys the answers.
 - ii) We have a discussion item regarding the response from Student Government.
 - iii) Please fill out the ExComm poll; so far it looks to be 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday.
 - iv) The Faculty Senate will be happening virtually this week, so please let Deanna know if you have any questions.
 - v) LRP nominations close tomorrow, so please fill those out if you need to.
- 4) Old Business**
- a) [A Resolution Recommending the Inactivation of Defunct Classes from the Course Catalog](#) (Meyer)
 - i) We added a few of the suggestions and comments from last week, but not much has changed.
 - ii) The resolution is adopted by unanimous consent.
- 5) New Business**
- a) [Appropriations Slate](#) (Holt)
 - i) There are four applications.
 - (1) TruWalk project; a health capstone
 - (2) Flu Shot intervention; health capstone
 - (3) TruHacks; A CompSci project for the fraternity
 - (4) Self Care Sundays; health capstone
 - ii) Discussion:
 - (1) Schmidt: My question is in the decision we decided not to fund TruWalk projects, have we done that before this year?
 - (a) Holt: Yes, we've looked more at food and locations rather than incentives before. This is something Laura talked to me about.
 - iii) The slate is adopted by unanimous consent.
 - b) [A Resolution Encouraging the Student Government to Plan Annual Professional Programming for the Student Body](#) (Schmidt)
 - i) This resolution has been talked about since the Fall. We would like for this to encourage future administration to plan events once a year so that we can retain funds to do these events really well.

- ii) Discussion:
 - (1) Montúfar: I think this is a smarter decision for hosting both of the conferences separately. Last year we had very limited funds to do the TedX conference.
 - iii) The resolution is first read.
- c) Discussion Item on Student Government's Response to COVID-19 and Paths Forward (Schmidt)
 - i) We've been hearing a lot of ideas regarding our path forward and we brought this forward to get all the ideas and to discuss the concerns applicable to most students and how we may move forward to address and help those concerns.
 - ii) Discussion:
 - (1) Wren: I think firstly the access to internet is super tough for a lot of students like rural students. I know a lot of my friends are very stressed about that, so I think this is something we should work towards addressing this. Some students cannot attend lectures online.
 - (2) Woods: One of the things I wanted to comment about is that sometimes people have issues at home regarding communicating with teachers for extra time for disability/accessibility. If online classes should continue, they need to have the
 - (3) Goldsby: Can we recommend that the administration also issue information explaining social distancing as a subject in total?
 - (4) Bates: I would expect more information regarding social distancing coming out within the next week or so.
 - (5) Schmidt: I added something regarding the TruAlerts as well as something about clear definitions and clarifications of social distancing.
 - (6) Dr. Edwards: I received some information regarding a low cost wifi for students. It's called Internet Essentials from Comcast that would help students gain access to their educational needs.
 - (7) E.Smith: The main concern I keep hearing is that the rolling phases is a problem since other people are concerned about objects left in the dorms or they're afraid to commit to jobs in their hometowns since they do not know if they will be returning back to class.
 - (8) Wuennenberg: My biggest question is that I have not been contacted by some professors and that's pretty up in the air right now.
 - (9) Montúfar: The main things I've briefly talked about is housing
 - (a) There are a lot of people who are unable to go home, so we should continue to advocate for those students like international students. I've been talking to Laura about funding for those students in the case of an emergency fund.
 - (10) Wren: I feel like Truman isn't doing enough for students at this time in regards to keeping up on information/messages; especially regarding things like TruAlerts
 - (11) Barker: One thing I'm concerned about is how students are going to respond to this. There are students who've traveled and can put others at risk, so we need to really focus on advocating the important health cautions that are necessary to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
 - (12) C.Smith: Different cities are reacting in very different ways. Someone I know had a professor said to find a library since she didn't have wifi, yet those institutions are being closed and that increases risk of contracting the virus. Also for the students who left medication; not all insurance companies can accommodate for that.
 - (13) E.Smith: If we are going to continue to be remote, I'm curious if Truman would consider still allowing their students to live on campus but not attend the lectures.
 - (14) Rascher: In regards to the census, how would that look now since a majority of students will be out of the Kirksville area for the time being?

- (15) Wren: Not all students are at blame for their exposure during travel since it was the U.S. administration's response that caused havoc. Also I did try to receive medication from my dorm on the way home, but I was not allowed in.
- (16) Schmidt: A lot of this comes down to timing in which we want to address all these concerns. Medications are obviously very pressing issues which we may be able to impact should we act right now. Other things I'm concerned about since the University should be releasing a statement soon and we might have a lot more to respond to next week.
- (17) Bates: I think the key thing to keep in mind is that we have limited resources as an institution and the moment we open our doors that we have a duty to increase sanitation to prevent the spread of the virus. We need to limit access in order to keep everyone safe who has not been here or to prevent the spread. You should consider and keep in mind that nobody knows what the right answer is at this point.
- (18) Dr. Edwards: I think when it comes to some of these topics, I urge you to remember that at this point we are as protected as we can be from this point.
- (a) Professors may not have contacted you because they have the next week to figure out what to do for their courses. We have a rolling deadline by next Wednesday to have a course plan to be figured out. Additionally, an emphasis on flexibility is around to accommodate students at this point - and I don't know the whole answer but measures are being taken.
 - (b) Our governor has not actively closed anything widespread and has left that open to local municipalities and universities which is why ours seems more confusing in comparison to other states or administrations.
 - (c) It might be a good idea for Health, Wellness, & Safety to make a resolution regarding mental health.
- d) [A Resolution Encouraging More Frequent and Direct Communication with Students in Response to the COVID-19 Outbreak](#) (Schmidt)
- i) Deanna and Katie decided they wanted to write a response since there will be most likely big decisions coming out from the response team on Tuesday. We figured this would be important to send something quickly regarding student opinion before that happens. We feel a resolution would encompass a holistic student opinion regarding this. The purpose of this resolution is to address frequent and transparent communication between the student body and the administration.
 - ii) Questions:
 - (1) Rascher: You said that you didn't want to take a position that takes a specific stance; would you be opposed to having language regarding not just timeline but what would actually be communicated? Possibly a requirement for the administration and faculty to have a response?
 - (a) Schmidt: I do not think there's a place for that in this resolution.
 - iii) Discussion:
 - (1) Wren: I agree with Deanna that we offer no suggestion. We send a resolution representing the body and I'm sure that there's a diverse opinion on this subject and that an opinion or stance will not fully represent that. I think the resolution says that perfectly - we are not professionals and we just want communication.
 - (2) Woods: I think this needs to be a blanket statement and not specifics yet.
 - iv) This resolution has been first read.
 - v) Standing Rules has been suspended.
 - vi) This resolution has been adopted by unanimous consent.
- e) [Large Money Motion of \\$1400 for Educator of the Year](#) (German)
- i) Large money motion of \$1400.
 - (1) This is for the banquet and we requested so much for flexibility.
 - (2) Adopted by unanimous consent.

6) Announcements

a) Bates: Be safe.

b) Dr. Edwards: Be diligent and reach out to your professors.

Adjourned: 8:57 P.M.