STUDENT GOVERNMENT

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

March 17th, 2020

Called to Order: 5:30 P.M.

- 1) Preliminary Items
 - a) Roll Call
- 2) Auxiliary Reports
 - a) Speaker of the Student Senate
 - i) Deanna, Laura, Dr. Edwards, and I are having a meeting on Friday regarding elections
 - (1) There are preliminary items we've been looking at and our advisors are looking at other schools for a model at this point.
 - (2) If there are any questions or concerns, please reach out.
 - (3) There will be an elections handbook this weekend for a first read.
 - ii) I plan on setting a meeting for Rules Revision.
 - **b)** Student Representative to the Board of Governors
 - i) N.A
 - c) Food Pantry Committee Student Government Designee
 - i) N.A.
 - d) Athletic Fee Accountability Committee
 - i) N.A
 - e) Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee
 - i) We are currently trying to establish a new meeting time.
 - ii) We will have a slightly altered timeline to have the slate together.
 - f) Academic Affairs Co-Committee
 - We are in a rough place; we were hoping we might be able to bring forward something to the next meeting regarding direction of the university, but considering the emails, that doesn't seem to help anything at this point.
 - ii) We are going to be doing interviews over Zoom the next two weeks and deciding winners for Educator of the Year.
 - (1) Banquet is up in the air.
 - (a) Holt: You may want to have a resolution in draft for next Fall regarding the banquet as that will be the only way you will have the money available for it.
 - iii) Suggestions:
 - (1) Alexander: We can come forth with resolutions regarding the unprecedented changes and standardization of classes. Reach out to Katie and Deanna about this.
 - g) Diversity Committee
 - i) Diversity Week:
 - (1) The movie can be rescheduled within the next year.
 - (2) The speaker may or may not be rescheduled Adam and Laura are looking at our contract and seeing if we can pass it on or get refunded.
 - (3) We have a possible idea of doing a panel online but we are cautious of negative attention.
 - (a) Holt: I think you won't have to write a resolution since you've already bought.
 - (b) Schmidt: If this is something your committee would like to see done in the Fall, then maybe write a resolution.
 - ii) We are meeting on Wednesdays 12:30-1:30.
 - iii) We are going to be focusing on our other projects at this time.
 - iv) I've started reaching out to Ivy Orgs to get suggestions.
 - v) We are also looking into emergency funds.

- (1) I've emailed Laura, Travis Miles and Financial Aid; they've given me mixed responses. We apparently have 3-4 funds but there's no guidelines about how to apply the funds.
- vi) I'm wondering if there's any way that we can contribute our fund to help the move-out process.
 - (1) Holt: I think that is something we can at least help with.
- h) Environmental Affairs Committee
 - i) The most immediate thing I have thought of regarding our budget, is that we still have \$1800 to meet with the Labyrinth.
 - (1) I don't know if it would be advisable to be spending most of our budget towards.
 - (a) Schmidt: With a lot of our Spring events being canceled, I think there can be a lot of flexibility with our budget, unless we want to lean towards more the emergency fund idea.
 - (b) Rollings: I don't like the idea of pulling away from the emergency funds that we can use to help students who are struggling.
 - (c) Holt: Appropriations is done for the semester and we have about \$2000 that we have left and will not get touched. We can probably fund the Labyrinth with an itemized budget.
 - ii) We are going to meet our normal time tomorrow and discuss what Earth Week could look like virtually.
 - iii) We could be laying groundwork for a Bike to Truman day in the future.
- i) External Affairs Committee
 - i) We have not had a chance to meet.
 - ii) Our main event was Truman at the Capitol which got canceled.
 - (1) We could work on scripts for calling representatives to advocate for higher education funding.
 - (2) We are thinking of allocating the money to other events, especially since a lot of our other plans did not need money.
 - iii) Questions/Suggestions:
 - (1) Schmidt: Laura has given us the idea of starting an Alumni campaign.
- j) Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee
 - i) I have compiled a list of mental health and social distancing resources I'd like to disseminate as fast as possible.
 - (1) Wren: Send them to me and I can get those on the social media platforms tonight.
 - (2) Schmidt: Katie and I have been working on an All-School email and maybe those are something we can start sending more frequently in order to provide resources like this.
 - (a) E.Smith: Sometimes a lot of emails can be overwhelming for students.
 - ii) Since we are not having Wellness Week, we are looking into expanding our newsletter; maybe we could work more with our all-school email.
 - **iii)** Will there be any information sent out for recommendations for students to practice social distancing and responsibility from Truman?
 - (1) Schmidt: They will be emphasizing the importance of social distancing on Thursday, and I think we can definitely supplement with our platform.
 - iv) Josh and I are talking tomorrow regarding the awards and the deadlines/how we want to announce it. So far we are in favor of pushing the banquet to the Fall.
 - v) I would like to move at least the UCS Stress Relief event and the Dr. Dixon event to next semester.
 - vi) Committee meetings will be Thursday at 6 P.M. and we are hoping to have a resolution at the end of the semester regarding mental health days.
 - vii) Questions/Suggestions:
 - (1) Holt: Have you considered reaching out to the Health Center since some students get their prescriptions from them?

- (2) Holt: We have \$700 available/left from the HIV testing event now.
- (3) Wren: A lot of students of Health Center fees that maybe need to be addressed.
- (4) Montúfar: Do we know how UCS are proceeding?
 - (a) Barker: They are proceeding online through Zoom/Phone/Email.
- k) Student Affairs Committee
 - i) I need to meet with my committee regarding a giveaway on social media sometime this semester
 - (1) Holt: Giveaways are sort of complicated right now due to the winners having to pick them up from her. She would have to fill out a tax form so that sort of makes it not really possible at this point in time.
 - (2) We are also thinking about the Google Form to show appreciation to others on campus.
 - ii) I'm thinking of emailing Laurie Shook in regards to the picnic table project and moving forward with that.
 - iii) Questions/Suggestions:
 - (1) Schmidt: I can see a Welcome Week next semester but you would need to write a resolution so the next committee knows how to proceed. You can make it specific or a bit lenient and broader but that depends on elections and how we proceed with that.
- 1) Purple Friday Subcommittee
 - i) We have a lot of online ideas.
 - (1) Contests/competitions.
 - (2) Weekly Friday posts.
 - ii) We want input on the giveaway item that is sitting in the U&I.
 - (1) Holt: The money is already spent. That's kind of a done thing; however, you can pass that on to another opportunity.
 - (a) Schmidt: Maybe we could ask Laura about paying for shipping for the item.
- m) Select Committee on Parking Appeals
 - i) N.A.
- n) Vision Doc Ad Hoc Committee
 - We can maintain finishing the document and revealing/publishing it online. We just need to work through publications; however, I don't know if they are even operating right now.
 - (1) I can call them to see what is going on.
 - ii) I am worried about the posters.
 - iii) Questions/Suggestions:
 - (1) German: For a reveal next Fall, I don't know what that would look like since there won't be a committee to lead that. Also the posters might not matter since we can't do a physical reveal.
 - (a) Derbak: We were thinking of maybe doing it virtually.
 - (2) Montúfar: When they were doing the logo reveal, they did a little video and maybe that's something you can use to showcase it.
- o) Women's Leadership Conference Ad Hoc Committee
 - i) All we have left is the physical letters and goodie bags to send, now that it is not looking as feasible, we will add a thank you note to the emails we will send them.
 - ii) I will Slack my committee and attach a pdf of the report I've been working on, so they could add feedback before I bring it to the general body.
- p) Sexual Assault Prevention Designee
 - i) N.A.
- q) IT Director
 - i) N.A.
- r) Public Relations Director
 - i) Is there anything that needs to be posted right now?

- ii) I know some other Student Governments have been doing a question format on Instagram that addresses student concerns, so maybe that's something we can do.
 - (1) Schmidt: I think that sounds like a great idea.
 - (2) Holt: If you want to consolidate them all, create a Google Form.
- iii) I think it's important to spend my budget on the elections or real online advertising.

3) Executive Reports

- a) Treasurer
 - i) Appropriations is shut down for this semester.
 - (1) For the slate we passed on Sunday, I will be telling the groups that we are no longer awarding funds since we cannot host physical events.
 - ii) My plan this week is to evaluate our budget and the free money we have in order to get a specific idea.
 - iii) Please do not spend money at this point, ask me beforehand.
- **b)** Secretary
 - i) We will be discussing office hours as an exec. board.
- c) The President and Vice President of the Student Association
 - i) Refill out the Excomm availability form.
 - ii) Katie and Deanna will be doing office hours on Zoom.
 - iii) Deanna spoke to Dr. Thomas on the phone yesterday:
 - (1) She liked the idea of having us collaborating on guides for students as we move forward like social distancing/online classes/etc.
 - (a) She suggested we reach out to collaborate with other administration or organizations for these things.
 - (2) She has encouraged us to look at the FAQ page, if there are any suggestions to make the website more clean or accessible please let us know.
 - (3) We can mention short term loans/funds for the emergency situation.
 - iv) Boxes or other moving supplies are something we need to move forward with pretty quickly, how should that look?
 - (1) Holt: If you guys send me what you want and a quantity, I can get it moving and I'm sure Laura can move it quicker. It's not impossible to get it out by Thursday, but we should do this as quickly as possible. Staples would be the best route.
 - (2) Rollings: How would we be disseminating these supplies, does the university have a plan?
 - (a) Schmidt: They are still working the details out, but I can reach out to ResLife and the COVID-19 Response Team.
 - (b) Holt: We could also divy them up by dorms and leave them there for students to use.
 - (c) E.Smith: Starting Sunday for MO State, 9 students are allowed in the dorm every 30 minutes. This is something to keep in mind it will probably not be everyone at once.
 - (d) Montúfar: Outside of boxes, we can look at tape, garbage bags, etc. Also, we can maybe figure out some sort of transportation for these students.
 - v) Katie and Deanna are interested in sending out an all-school email more frequently but are worried about students not reading them if they go out too frequently.
 - (1) Rollings: I agree with Emily that it is getting overwhelming with so many emails coming out, so maybe twice a month would be a good happy medium.
 - (2) Kolok: I think a social media presence is a must in these first couple of weeks to show that we are doing things for the students, or at least trying to.
 - vi) Questions/Suggestions: