

TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT
TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE 2019-2020 GENERAL BODY
March 22, 2020
Called to Order: 5:00 P.M.

1) Preliminary Items

- a) Roll Call
- b) Approval of Minutes
 - i) Approved.
- c) Gallery Introductions/Business
- d) Membership Appointment/Resignation
- e) Oath of Office
- f) Changes to the Agenda
 - i) A Resolution Encouraging Faculty to Work with Students in Response to the COVID-19 Outbreak and Related Academic Student Concerns before Auxiliary Reports.
 - (1) Approved.
 - ii) Motion to second read A Resolution Encouraging Faculty to Work with Students in Response to the COVID-19 Outbreak and Related Academic Student Concerns within New Business.
 - (1) Approved.

2) Auxiliary Reports

- a) Speaker of the Student Senate
 - i) I spoke with Deanna, Laura, and Dr. Edwards regarding details to elections. We are tentatively deciding that elections should happen this semester. It will be postponed a week and we are going to try to adapt to virtual needs. There will still be a debate but things will happen on social media and Zoom.
 - ii) Tonight's handbook is just a discussion and there still needs to be work to smooth it out.
 - iii) We had a discussion in Rules Revision regarding emergency procedures, so that should be coming out next week.
- b) Faculty Advisor
 - i) N.A.
- c) Staff Advisor
 - i) N.A.
- d) SAB Representative
 - i) N.A.
- e) Student Representative to the Board of Governors
 - i) I haven't heard anything about interviews by the governor's office. I don't anticipate those to be any time soon. Since nobody has been nominated/appointed by the governor at this point. If they don't get appointed until the Summer, everything should continue as usual. If not, it will get a little complicated.
 - ii) The board meetings have gone online, I can share the Zoom link if you would like to attend the meeting virtually.
- 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) N.A.
- i) Academic Affairs Co-Committee
 - i) We worked on the resolution this last week.
 - ii) We are still working on other resolutions, but there are other pressing matters at this time.
 - iii) We have an interview schedule for this week regarding Educator of the Year. We will be doing this virtually and we are not anticipating that they take more than an hour.

- j) Diversity Committee
 - i) I talked to the director of financial aid, Marla Fernandez. She told me that if any students have concerns with loans and emergency funds that they should contact the Financial Aid office directly. We should make reference in our communication to the student body.
 - ii) I had a conversation with Melanie Christ from the Center for International Students, and it sounds like they have exhausted all their funds. She's been trying to reach out to other areas on campus but she is afraid that Truman cannot fund this. She says they might have to recommend students go home indefinitely.
 - iii) This week my committee is deciding on the timeline for the rest of the semester.
- k) Environmental Affairs Committee
 - i) We brainstormed ideas for virtual Earth Day rather than Earth Week.
 - ii) We will be working on the Labyrinth in the coming weeks.
- l) External Affairs Committee
 - i) We met to talk about moving forward this semester.
 - (1) We brought forth the idea of scripts for calling representatives regarding higher education funding. This does require legislators being available so we will be keeping an eye on that.
 - (2) Still trying to adopt a street; they are holding off until next semester so we might write a resolution.
 - (3) Still writing the newsletter.
- m) Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee
 - i) Tomorrow the finalists for the awards will be announced on our social media and Truman Today. (Educator of the Year, Faculty Wellness Honoree of the Year, etc.)
 - (1) Winners will be announced April 17th, 11 A.M.
 - (2) Interviews will be happening this week.
 - ii) Working on compiling resources for social distancing and mental health during quarantine.
- n) Student Affairs Committee
 - i) I'm reaching out to Laurie Shook regarding picnic tables, but still waiting on a response.
 - ii) Talking about replacements for Student Appreciation Week.
- o) Purple Friday Subcommittee
 - i) I will spend no more than \$40 on shipping for the giveaway items.
- p) Select Committee on Parking Appeals
 - i) I'm not sure if my position exists at this point, so I will be reaching out regarding that.
- q) Vision Doc Ad Hoc Committee
 - i) N.A.
- r) Women's Leadership Conference Ad Hoc Committee
 - i) We were supposed to do the giveaway, but Deanna has told me that this is complicated. I will be reaching out to Laura and Rachel.
- s) Sexual Assault Prevention Designee
 - i) I'm trying to figure out what we can do in the fall and if we could do a social media campaign for sexual assault prevention week
- t) IT Director
 - i) N.A.
- u) Public Relations Director
 - i) No report.
- 3) **Executive Reports**
 - a) Treasurer
 - i) I have brought up a budget tonight, and it is meant to be an update for everyone regarding our finances.
 - ii) We told our appropriations applicants that we are not rewarding funding anymore.
 - b) Secretary
 - i) No report.

- c) The President and Vice President of the Student Association
 - i) ExComm will be this Tuesday, 5-6 P.M.
 - ii) We have been in contact with the Advancement Office, and they've reached out to ask if we have anything we'd like to collaborate. We mentioned emergency funding and short-term loans and that is at the top of the list; they might reach out to ask for our help.
 - iii) The Faculty Senate voted on three major things:
 - (1) Clarified their online votings.
 - (2) Took away their quorum requirements.
 - (3) They passed the draft of the new pass/fail memo.
 - iv) We will be sending out an all-school email more frequently; this will be once every two weeks
 - (1) The first one will be this Friday. I need blurbs by this Tuesday.
 - v) Deanna will be meeting with the OAF chair and other fee-based presidents.
 - vi) Deanna and Katie office hours on Tuesday and Wednesday.
- 4) **Old Business**
 - a) [A Resolution Encouraging the Student Government to Plan Annual Professional Programming for the Student Body](#) (Schmidt)
 - i) Nothing has really changed.
 - ii) The resolution is adopted by unanimous consent.
- 5) **New Business**
 - a) [New Student Senate Budget for Spring 2020](#) (Holt)
 - i) The biggest things are that money addressed in Excomm has been reallocated to the projects discussed. The main one includes the Labyrinth.
 - (1) We also discussed the supplies for moveout, which has passed.
 - (2) If I missed anything or if you'd like to move money, please let me know.
 - ii) The budget is first read.
 - b) [AFAC 2020 Slate of Proposals](#) (Hall)
 - i) This year we made our last payment on Stokes Stadium which halved our budget. We were still able to fit most proposals into this budget, with the exception of a Stokes scoreboard and a lighting complex for soccer.
 - ii) Discussion:
 - (1) Holt: I think this looks really good. I believe all of these items should be updated or that they have a genuine purpose.
 - iii) The slate is first read.
 - c) [A Resolution Encouraging Faculty to Work with Students in Response to the COVID-19 Outbreak and Related Academic Student Concerns](#) (Meyer)
 - i) This is to address concerns we've heard from students and concerns our committee has personally felt.
 - ii) Discussion:
 - (1) Schmidt: I would like to see some addressing of the pass/fail email that will be sent out to the student body tomorrow and some gauge of the student opinion that will present itself this week. I also don't want faculty to receive this and believe that their work has gone unnoticed.
 - (a) Meyer: One of my concerns with that is that the resolution might turn into just 'patting the backs' of faculty. We do want to thank them, but this is more that they are assured to continue addressing student concerns.
 - (2) Wren: I would like to get this out faster since there are students like me who are really struggling. Internet connection and availability are large inhibitors and there are students who are struggling. What are the options?
 - (a) Meyer: It was in my interest to second read and pass this resolution tonight, especially as I am a student who is also struggling.
 - (3) Barker: I would like to pass this as soon as possible. I would also suggest you more specifically highlight issues that have been seen in the transition week.

- (4) Rollings: I do think we need to mention and understand that this is actually a trial period of online classes, but this is something we need to learn from. Also is there a way we could compile the long list of concerns into something that is more ordered? It just might be a little easier to read if we put the concerns into categories.
- (5) Alexander: Deanna and I just received an email from the Faculty Senate that regards some of the concerns we are discussing tonight. I think this email changes our perspective and shows that faculty are really trying to support students. Personally, I would not like to second read and pass, since the timing of this might not necessarily be good.
- (6) E.Smith: I think that this resolution addresses more than just grades and while the pass/fail memo might address those, it won't meet the other concerns.
- (7) Schmidt: I hear everyone's concerns, but I think if we wait for a week then we will have a more comprehensive resolution that addresses everything and clarifies certain areas.
- (8) Meyer: There's a problem between the different responses of the professors. If there's a specific wording suggestion that you have that can address these areas of uncertainty, then please let me know. My fear if we do not pass this tonight is that it would be useless by next week. A resolution next week would bring about an entirely different set of issues and I also have a problem assuming that students getting pass/fail is going to alleviate all of their stress.
- (9) Wren: I don't have the space to work, and I don't know if the pass/fail memo is going to address some of the accessibility issues. Maddie is also right, there is always going to be more issues that come. We should try to alleviate some stress as soon as possible.

iii) The resolution is first read.

iv) Motion to suspend the Standing Rules to second read the resolution.

- (1) The motion passes 14-0-0.

v) Motion to second read the resolution.

- (1) This motion passes.

vi) Discussion:

- (1) Montúfar: In the second to last bullet-point in the therefore, I'd like more discussion upon faculty being required to post assignments during normal class times. I don't think that would be super helpful.
 - (a) Meyer: This is to help facilitate an overwhelming amount of emails coming through.
- (2) Dr. Edwards: I don't know what you are trying to get from the resolved section. Right now it just seems like a cry for accommodation and I feel that most professors are already trying to do that. I think if you add more specifics so that professors could understand, then that would be good.
- (3) Smith: I've had the opposite. I've had some professors who are posting things extremely late and then their deadlines are based on the next class period, so they aren't really being flexible.
- (4) German: I'm seeing this resolution as a way to inform professors of what is actually happening to them and highlight those issues of the professors that are not being accommodating.
- (5) Barker: I think the important part of this resolution is the whereas section that actually gives the list of student concerns.
- (6) Schmidt: I am concerned that faculty might have a similar reaction to Dr. Edwards in which they don't really understand what we are asking them to do.
- (7) Holt: I also agree that the resolution is most important in documenting what the students have been saying are major concerns. As for Deanna's point, I would caution against advising what to do since we don't know their job, but we know what student concerns are.

