TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION OF THE 2019-2020 GENERAL BODY March 29, 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) N.A.
- 2) Auxiliary Reports
 - a) Speaker of the Student Senate
 - i) The election handbook and a resolution regarding the exec. branch and state of emergency up tonight.
 - **b)** Faculty Advisor
 - i) Faculty is trying to keep things moving forward. We've received a couple more emails regarding resources going online such as the writing center.
 - c) Staff Advisor
 - Tomorrow ResLife will be sending an email out to give time slots to those who could not make the first round.
 - ii) One question not on TruAlerts yet is how books are supposed to return. The bookstore is technically still open via online services. You can return books via a free return label online or in person at the end of the semester.
 - d) SAB Representative
 - i) N.A.
 - e) Student Representative to the Board of Governors
 - i) N.A.
 - f) Food Pantry Committee Student Government Designee
 - i) We wanted to move independent, but that has been put on hold. We are no longer supplying packs and trying to give options to continual users of the program.
 - (1) We have a lot of donations and are thinking about packing cases.
 - **ii)** Meeting once a week for the rest of the semester and hoping to come up with a plan for the Fall.
 - iii) Discussion:
 - (1) Bates: Direct people who need aid to the Financial Aid office and Truman Today has a list of programs that function similarly.
 - g) Athletic Fee Accountability Committee
 - i) No report.
 - h) Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee
 - i) I am aiming to have a slate drafted this week.
 - i) Academic Affairs Co-Committee
 - i) We are currently planning to have the Academic Accolades banquet in the Fall.
 - j) Diversity Committee
 - i) N.A.
 - k) Environmental Affairs Committee
 - i) I've had a bit of trouble getting a hold of Laurie Shook.
 - ii) Discussion:
 - (1) Bates: Currently I've been told that no spending is permitted. I'm trying to get more information on that, but as of right now everything is halted.

- I) External Affairs Committee
 - i) We were not able to meet at our given time.
 - ii) We will have the first draft of our resolution soon.
- m) Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee
 - i) Currently in the interview process.
 - **ii)** Committee members are reaching out to professors regarding mental health and attendance.
- n) Student Affairs Committee
 - i) Emailed Donna Rood to see if we could replace the maps with the gender-neutral maps online; waiting on a response.
- o) Purple Friday Subcommittee
 - i) No report.
- p) Select Committee on Parking Appeals
 - i) N.A.
- q) Vision Doc Ad Hoc Committee
 - i) N.A
- r) Women's Leadership Conference Ad Hoc Committee
 - i) N.A
- s) Sexual Assault Prevention Designee
 - i) N.A.
- t) IT Director
 - i) Thinking of ways in which I can display the updated news on our website.
- **u)** Public Relations Director
 - i) We are sending out quite a bit of posts since a lot of students are typically active during this time

3) Executive Reports

- a) Treasurer
 - i) N.A.
- **b)** Secretary
 - i) No report.
- c) The President and Vice President of the Student Association
 - i) Dr. Thomas reached out to us this week to establish another regular meeting time, which we will be starting on Wednesday.
 - ii) We held office hours this week and it was just them two.
 - iii) We have four meetings left, including transition meeting.
 - iv) We've been monitoring survey responses and they will be meeting with the advisors about them.

4) Old Business

- a) AFAC 2020 Slate of Proposals (Hall)
 - i) This week will be a recap of the proposals. In total this will amount to \$140,000.
 - ii) Questions:
 - (1) Bates: Didn't we do all the Track updates when we re-did Stokes?
 - (a) Hall: We re-did the Track but this is for the long-jump pit. It is over 10 years old.
 - iii) Adopted by unanimous consent.

5) New Business

- a) Spring 2020 Election Handbook (Kolok)
 - This is in the early stages still, but it is a little more fleshed out from last week. I haven't had the time to look through all the comments yet, but remember that elections will start April 6th. There will be two mandatory Zoom meetings. Active campaigning begins April 13th. The Presidential Debate will be after the filing deadline.
 - ii) Questions:
 - (1) Schmidt: Do you want us to first read this tonight if it is not fully fleshed out?
 - (a) Kolok: Yes, I think the general idea is there.

iii) Discussion:

- (1) Wren: At one point of the document, it says candidates are not allowed to message each other, and in another it says they are. I personally think we should allow each other to personally message due to some contingency ideas.
 - (a) Kolok: I'm struggling with the fine line that personal messaging can violate in comparison to randomly seeing a student on campus.
- (2) Schmidt: I second what Jared says. And I think we can have a conversation about the stipulations of the wording of that.
 - (a) Rascher: Are we not allowed to reach out to other candidates or potential voters? I'd have a problem with the latter given our current situation since it would be difficult to regulate and that we don't have a lot of ways to campaign.
- (3) Wren: If we put this into the guidelines, we need to be very specific on the parameters of direct messaging.
- (4) Dr. Edwards: One of the things we talked about is that students don't all have social media and there should be some sort of depiction from Student Government to all students. That needs to be described. This might help students who aren't able to do that. The other thing I was very determined to talk about was that nobody should have in-person contact regarding elections.
- (5) E.Smith: I think as long as it's not only direct contact with one person, and group messages are a different distinction then there's a lot to look at there.
- (6) Schmidt: We might be able to have candidates record a video and then send it to organization presidents who disseminate it.
- (7) Wren: There are things that we can't necessarily control. Would it be considered direct messaging if my friends share my poster even if I don't send it to them?
- iv) The item is first read.
- A Resolution Consolidating the Executive Branch and Creating the Constitutional Authority and Standing Rules Procedures for States of Emergency (Kolok)
 - i) This resolution is consolidating the Executive Branch into one Article. I also added the Constitutional powers of the Executive board during emergency procedures that follow the Standing Rules.
 - ii) Questions:
 - (1) Dr. Edwards: Did you find any other student governments that had emergency clauses in their Constitutions?
 - (a) Kolok: I will be looking for those.
 - (2) Rascher: The part amending the Constitution, it says the executive board has to be unanimous and the Standing Rules says otherwise.
 - (a) Kolok: That was a discrepancy and now has been fixed.
 - (3) Dr. Edwards: Aside from this pandemic, what would you deem an emergency situation.
 - (a) Kolok: I think I answered that somewhat in the Standing Rules; it's something that impacts all three factors. I think having a definition of an emergency would be nice.
 - iii) Discussion:
 - (1) Rascher: What was the reasoning behind the 3/5ths as opposed to the unanimous requirement that it was previously.
 - (a) Schmidt: I suggested we change it to 3/5ths since I worried about the potential of one member being difficult and preventing the student senate of being able to vote on that.

- (2) Schmidt: I do think we could write in clarification of what determines an emergency. We could also add a leeway of a vote.
- (3) MacLeod: I worry that putting examples in our Constitution might seem as restrictions to calling states of emergencies.
- (4) Wuennenberg: Disasters could be outside of natural causes.
- (5) Alexander: I think this resolution could really help us with powers like responding to administration efforts. I think having a clause like this would help the Student Government have more of a confidence in giving a voice during these times. Also we wanted to respond but we were not sure if we were able to first and second read in one day. This does grant Student Government additional powers and that is a little weird, we should define what those powers are and what they do.
- (6) Dr. Edwards: I think the reason why we have a slow process for money motions is that we've had problems with money motions over email. We are trying to make sure this doesn't happen again. There are some people who may not be able to access online capabilities and that can skew the results. I urge you to look at other Student Governments.
- **b)** The resolution has been first read.
- 6) Announcements:

a) N.A.

Adjourned: 6:15 P.M.