

TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT
TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION OF THE 2019-2020 GENERAL BODY
April 5, 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) Next weekend's meeting will be moved to the following Monday (April 13th) at 5 P.M.
 - ii) I will need to know who is planning to run for voting senator.
- b) Faculty Advisor
 - i) N.A.
- c) Staff Advisor
 - i) Kirksville issued a shelter-in-place. Please encourage people who live in Kirksville to follow social media in order to receive quick information.
 - ii) Tomorrow we all begin working from home.
 - iii) I still do not know when people can spend money.
- d) SAB Representative
 - i) N.A.
- e) Student Representative to the Board of Governors
 - i) The board met yesterday. Not much relating to outside topics than COVID-19.
 - (1) Updates from Dr. Thomas and Janna about move-out changes:
 - (a) Move-outs will stop proceeding. Janna has reported that 66% has moved out by yesterday and hoped to get more out today.
 - (2) We reviewed the new retirement initiative. Targeted at 40-50 senior faculty members. There was a 3.2 million budget cut from the state, so they are looking to get 20 faculty members to take an early retirement incentive of a lump sum of \$30,000.
 - (3) Discussed potential financial issues of students not coming back to next semester. They are looking to credit on campus students with 50% room and board back for this semester. This is still being looked at in different forms.
 - (4) The board is looking to postpone construction projects. The building that burned down in the last year will still be finished due to insurance.
 - ii) Questions:
 - (1) Meyer: When or how are student refunds being dealt with?
 - (a) Middlemas: They are taking it on a student-by-student basis. Dr. Thomas is hoping to have it done by the Summer.
 - (2) Wren: Is Greenwood being halted?
 - (a) Middlemas: No, the issue with Greenwood will probably put on the backburner due to the state of appropriations. It won't be halted the same way, but it will relatively come to a stop due to lack of money.
 - (3) Wren: Should we wait to pay Summer bills before credit is applied, also how do meal plans work?
 - (a) Bates: Meal plan is included with Room & Board. If you have an anticipated bill, I encourage you to pay it. If you cannot, you should contact Financial Aid.

- f) Food Pantry Committee Student Government Designee
 - i) N.A.
- g) Athletic Fee Accountability Committee
 - i) N.A.
- h) Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee
 - i) Slate coming next week.
- i) Academic Affairs Co-Committee
 - i) It looks like we will be trying to find a student commencement speaker. We will be asking for a rough draft of the speech and a video performance.
 - ii) We are figuring out the meeting for interviews and winners.
 - iii) Resolution for money towards the banquet next Fall.
- j) Diversity Committee
 - i) Brad and Dr. Millot will be coming to the next meeting to talk about the Bias Incident reporting.
 - ii) Sam and I are working on the Land Acknowledgement resolution and will be coming to the next meeting.
- k) Environmental Affairs Committee
 - i) Doing research into recycling on campus, I need to contact Sam Guth again.
- l) External Affairs Committee
 - i) We have started work on our newsletter, I will be sending a form to committee chairs to fill out.
 - ii) Working on resolutions, including the adopt-a-street.
- m) Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee
 - i) Working on nutritional and personal health information for the next email.
 - ii) Resolution coming.
- n) Student Affairs Committee
 - i) Emailed Deanna Rood and she can update the maps.
- o) Purple Friday Subcommittee
 - i) We will have the Snapchat takeover every Friday starting this week until the end of the semester.
 - ii) We have a Spotify playlist.
- 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) The report I included in the Slack channel covers survey responses, pros and cons. The biggest thing was to do more with advertisement, try to include more speakers, and future topics they might like to see.
- s) Sexual Assault Prevention Designee
 - i) Hopefully getting people taking pictures of them in blue to post online.
 - ii) Going to reach out to Laurie Millot for social media posters/information.
- t) IT Director
 - i) N.A.
- u) Public Relations Director
 - i) I will not be doing anything with elections on social media; however, I will be doing everything else.
 - (1) Rachel, Deanna, and Jared will be handling elections on social media.

3) Executive Reports

- a) Treasurer
 - i) Don't spend money.
- b) Secretary
 - i) No report.

c) The President and Vice President of the Student Association

- i) OAF Update: The chair reached out to the committee and fee-based presidents; they will be continuing to review the fees but they will not propose a vote to the student body until next Fall.
- ii) UGC meeting this week.
- iii) End of the year reports due at transition meeting in three weeks.
 - (1) Template in Slack.
- iv) The Advancement Office has launched their campaign for emergency funds. There are two; one for international and one for domestic students.
- v) Dr. Thomas meeting:
 - (1) We talked about the Governor deciding to withhold 3/12ths of higher education funding in the next three months.
- vi) We are hoping to send out all-school emails on a weekly basis until the end of the month. Elections will be the focus.
- vii) Bring forth resolutions; only three meetings left.

4) Old Business

a) [Spring 2020 Election Handbook](#) (Kolok)

- i) Suggestions have been included from last week. A lot of the language is more clear and defined. Elections begin tomorrow virtually via petitions on a form builder. These will be sent out with the handbook as well as mandatory Zoom meetings. Active campaigning begins a week from tomorrow. April 26th will be a transition meeting.
- ii) Questions:
 - (1) Alexander: Isn't the presidential campaigning during active campaigning?
 - (a) Kolok: I moved it to give the candidates a full two weeks of getting petitions signed.
 - (2) Wuennenberg: How do I get digital signatures?
 - (a) Kolok: I'm creating forms to be utilized for this. I will send out a link that you can use; they will be made public tomorrow morning.
 - (3) Montúfar: On April 6th and April 9th mandatory meetings, only one is required?
 - (a) Kolok: Yes.
 - (4) Wren: Is it going to be one link per person?
 - (a) Kolok: There are three links, the two candidates will be using the declaration, one will be passed out to students, and the third is for co-campaigns.
 - (5) Smith: Normally these forms only allow you to fill them out once, will it be possible to fill them out multiple times?
 - (a) Bates: For form builders, you can use it multiple times.
- iii) Discussion:
 - (1) Meyer: I would feel more comfortable if it was just an add names thing.
 - (2) Wren: What is the purpose of adding 25 signatures to the voting senator position now?
 - (a) Deanna: We added the 25 signatures for regular voting senators because senior senators still have the same requirements as voting senators. Also we wanted to have a standard for getting a name on the ballot.
 - (3) Schmidt: I'm concerned about posting a deadline for social media since we wouldn't be able to post until the week of elections going live with the current date.
 - (4) Meyer: I'm concerned about the students having the capability of typing correctly and candidates losing votes.
 - (5) Wren: Will different submissions of names be filtered, or will that have to be manually counted.

- (6) Bates: Only thing that lets us collect banner numbers as a university. It encrypts them.
- (7) Schmidt: Can you go through your changes? I will make suggestions in the document
- (8) Smith: Should we do four digit numbers? There are also disadvantages.
- (9) MacLeod: People can not spell. What about marginalized communities?
- (10) Alexander: I am concerned about having a full day of voting before any debates. Maybe move them around?
- (11) Rollings: We could just assign people numbers depending on how many people actually run. Names may be too much work.
- (12) Wren: Can we choose our number? We should not hold a debate after elections begin.
 - (a) Kolok: That change has been made to move it to Friday the 17th.
- (13) Schmit: Fridays are not good for students to attend.
- (14) MacCloud: I do not think that
- (15) Wren: What if they took pictures before the outbreak? \
- (16) Bates: Social distancing has been in place for a whole. There can be photos of people following the guidelines, but that is hard to enforce and we should stay away. We should think long and hard about what we are showing. We should not let candidates assign their own numbers.
- (17) Schmidt: Student perspective, we have been trying to take Fridays off. There will be people with plans.

iv) The item passes 12-0-1.

b) [A Resolution Centralizing Executive Powers Into an Executive Branch](#) (Kolok)

i) I removed the declaration of emergency items; it's just centralizing the executive staff and committee under one branch.

ii) Discussion:

- (1) Schmidt: We do plan on adding a clause on emergencies, but we need more discussion/time. It will not look the same as last week, but stay tuned.

iii) The resolution passes by unanimous consent.

c) [Student Senate Budget](#) (Holt)

i) This is for transparency purposes; it is exactly the same as last week.

ii) Adopted by unanimous consent.

5) **New Business**

a) [A Resolution Advocating for Improved Relations Between Student Government Alumni and Current Student Government Members](#) (Smith)

i) This is regarding the newsletter. We know a lot of other organizations have consistent outreach as regular correspondence. We think it would be useful to our organization to do that.

ii) This resolution has been first read.

b) Discussion Item: Considering the Reorganization of Student Government Yearly Committee Programming (Schmidt)

i) We are planning to bring a resolution about this next week. This discusses future programming and we think that it's weird that an old body appoints a chair for the next administration and the choice of conference. Yet, we also feel concerned putting it off to the next administration as that gives them very little time for Fall conferences. We are also wondering why all these conferences take place in the Spring as opposed to the Fall. We are thinking of writing a resolution to reorganize the structure of special weeks to happen in the Fall and the conference in the Spring. We also considered having days as opposed to the specialized week such as Diversity Week.

ii) Discussion:

- (1) Barker: I like the idea of spreading out events over the idea. That may have to involve changing some Standing Rules language.

- (2) Bates: What role do you all have to program? You're a policy making body. Is this getting in the way?
- (3) Montúfar: The issue I have with moving weeks to the Fall is the timing. I agree with Laura's point regarding programming.
- (4) Barker: I think this makes more sense as a resolution.
- (5) Holt: I think we have spent a lot of time, money and resources trying to be like SAB. We separated them for a reason, and we should focus on legislation. We can help identify resources to students, but we spend too much in the Spring semester doing extra "fun" events. As our budget starts to continue to get cut, we need to spend more effort and time on our policy.
- (6) Schmidt: I think that's very possible with this resolution, we could phrase the programming to either emphasize or seek out policy initiatives we can work on. This will give us that flexibility instead of demanding that we host events.

6) Announcements

a) N.A.

Adjourned: 6:43 P.M.