

**TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT**  
**TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE 2019-2020 GENERAL BODY**  
**April 13, 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) Old Business and New Business prior to Auxiliary Reports.
    - (1) Approved.

**2) Auxiliary Reports**

- a) Speaker of the Student Senate
  - i) Active campaigning began today, if I reached out to you, you should be okay to start.
  - ii) Presidential debate is Thursday.
  - iii) Ballots open next Monday.
  - iv) Reach out to Jared if you are interested in acting as Speaker; email Alek if you intend to run.
- b) Faculty Advisor
  - i) We got an email that Summer classes are now suggested to be online. I think some departments are planning ahead should that continue into the Fall. There will be a lot of flexibility for scheduling in the future.
  - ii) In regards to attendance next year, there will be a lot of economic restrictions so we will probably see a compression take place.
- c) Staff Advisor
  - i) They have extended the deadline for classes to be imposed until May 1, this also includes syllabi being able to be revised.
- 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) N.A.
- g) Athletic Fee Accountability Committee
  - i) N.A.
- h) Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee
  - i) N.A.
- i) Academic Affairs Co-Committee
  - i) Eight students have emailed regarding dropping this semester and have cited mental health, work struggles and online class loads as being reasons. We want the opinion of our body to go to Dr. Gooch with.
    - (1) Rollings: Could informing students about the pass/fail policy be helpful?
      - (a) German: We had thought about that and thought that is something to think about moving forward.
      - (b) C.Smith: Maybe getting input from different departments about what credit/no-credit means to them and advertising that would be more enticing.
      - (c) Dr. Edwards: You might also want to look into what constitutes incompletes for classes. There are a lot of questions faculty do not know the answers to without students reaching out at this point. I would

urge caution to switch to pass/fail but rather contacting them to contact the Center for Academic Excellence. As for mental health, I suggest making sure students can find access to care, especially if they are out of state.

- j) Diversity Committee
    - i) We are just drafting a few final resolutions and the end of the year report.
      - (1) We are considering earmarking money for Diversity Week programming but I know things are up in the air, so I'm looking for a way to add flexibility; that is in the workshop right now.
  - k) Environmental Affairs Committee
    - i) My committee is working on online content for Earth Week; we will be working with Jesse on that.
    - ii) I've been doing research into recycling on campus. Sam Guth had interesting things to say about this moving forward. He's concerned about our reliance on one external processor of recycling. No real movement at the moment.
  - l) External Affairs Committee
    - i) We are working on the end of the year report.
  - m) Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee
    - i) This Friday at 11 A.M. will be the announcements of the 'Of the Year' winners.
    - ii) Committee is putting together resources for physical and mental health to go on social media.
    - iii) There will be resolutions coming next week.
      - (1) There will be one focusing on attendance. It won't implement a specific plan but rather encourage professors to optimize mental health and learning of students when creating attendance policies.
  - n) Student Affairs Committee
    - i) No report.
  - o) Purple Friday Subcommittee
    - i) Let me know if you would like anything on Snapchat.
  - p) Select Committee on Parking Appeals
    - i) N.A.
  - q) Vision Doc Ad Hoc Committee
    - i) Working on a resolution for next week.
    - ii) Finishing the end of the year report.
  - r) Sexual Assault Prevention Designee
    - i) Got in touch with Dr. Millot:
      - (1) Three days of resources to have online:
        - (a) Campus resources
        - (b) Abroad (hotlines to call/etc.)
        - (c) How to support yourself
          - (i) Bates: I think you need to think of the implications of therapy online (given counselors can't work across state lines).
          - (ii) Schmidt: I'm concerned since our social media will be booked up and I'm worried that this will get lost. Maybe we push this until after elections.
- s) IT Director
  - i) No report.
- t) Public Relations Director
  - i) Please continue to allow me to assist you with whatever you need as we wrap up this semester. Bare with my response time this week as I continue to struggle with a reliable internet connection. Good luck this week on the campaign trail!
- 3) Executive Reports
- a) Treasurer
    - i) No report.

- b) Secretary
  - i) No report.
- c) The President and Vice President of the Student Association
  - i) Brown University's Student Government president emailed us last night to gain support for graduate school admissions and mental health virtual counseling. It was very vague so I reached out for additional information. He needed a response by tomorrow, and that was not enough time for me so our name will not be on that.
  - ii) UGC had a lot of important conversations:
    - (1) Dr. Gooch gave a report on financial conditions. In addition to the cut we already received, there might be another 10-20% cut to next year in the core budget.
    - (2) Dr. Minch talked about summer courses and the training faculty are receiving to assure they are rigorous but well done. They are encouraging professors to take the Quality Matters course.
    - (3) They are delaying conversations about the Civic Test, we will hear more in a few months.
    - (4) There was extended discussion about online classes. Several faculty said their synchronous classes were going well and Katie spoke up saying that asynchronous options need to be available. We should look to promote a more standard procedure for possibly the Summer and the Fall.
  - iii) We are not sending out an all-school email this week, but the last one will be next week.
  - iv) Excomm. will be tomorrow night at 5 P.M., please bring resolutions to flesh out.
  - v) Retreat will be in two weeks, we will meet before the general body to do end of the year reports. This will be 2:30 P.M.
- 4) **Old Business**
  - a) [A Resolution Advocating for Improved Relations Between Student Government Alumni and Current Student Government Members](#) (Smith)
    - i) There were not many suggested changes from the last meeting, so not much has changed.
    - ii) Passed by unanimous consent.
- 5) **New Business**
  - a) [ESFAC 2020 Slate](#) (Goldsby)
    - i) The Bike shelter will be constructed by Physical Plant and will be behind a ResHall as decided by campus planning.
    - ii) One of the Biodiesel processors will be refurbished due to struggles with efficiency.
    - iii) The last proposal approved was catchall recycling for Resident Halls.
    - iv) Questions:
      - (1) Bates: How are these catchall recycling bins different from the old ones?
        - (a) Goldsby: Right now they're in the trashrooms and they are sorted recycling. This will expand recycling access since the old ones require that the items be within the range of Kirksville recycling. This gives the Sustainability Office more flexibility.
      - (2) Rollings: This will be the responsibility of the Sustainability Office, do they have the funding and resources to accommodate the transportation of this recycling?
        - (a) Goldsby: That is why we started and approved one building to monitor this project.
    - v) The slate is first read.
  - b) [A Resolution for the Adoption of Indigenous Land Acknowledgement of Adair County](#) (Montúfar)
    - i) Land Acknowledgement is a statement that allows for our university to acknowledge indigenous lands. Some Truman professors already do this, and it's happening at an international scale. This also subscribes to a council of universities who have already made these statements. This resolution has been sent to Forward Direction at Mizzou to have input from their perspective. This will be the first official land acknowledgment of Truman and hopefully put to their website, and will also act as a template for the wording

to be used by other departments and organizations. This also hopes to encourage continued discussion of indigenous student advocacy and recognition.

**ii) Discussion:**

- (1) Schmidt: I think the resolution does a great job of getting your points across. I would suggest that we highlight that we are the first university in Missouri to make this step as it's important.
- (2) Alexander: Do you get the feel from the professors you talked with that this is something that is desired?
  - (a) Montufar: I can't speak overarchingly since I feel like the faculty I interact with understand what this does. From my understanding; however, this isn't something out of the ordinary.
  - (b) Bates: I think you will have some departments that will be a little surprised by this, but this is more common in professional conferences.
  - (c) Dr. Edwards: I also think this depends on generational differences and their selections in the universities they attended. I don't think this is revolutionary for many professors in the end.
  - (d) Rollings: When you envision this on the Truman website, what are you thinking that will look like?
    - (i) Montufar: My plan right now is to leave it open ended as I'm not sure how administration might react at this point.
  - (e) Rollings: It might be valuable to tailor the value to this statement specifically to our university.
  - (f) Schmidt: Katie and I have our last meeting with Dr. Thomas this Wednesday and were planning on making her aware of this and it showing up on the website to get her input.
  - (g) Tillman: Would a second appendix with links to research and a description of land acknowledgment be useful?
    - (i) Rollings: Having a second appendix wouldn't be bad, but I think we should make sure that the acceptance statement is easily accessible.
    - (ii) Alexander: Maybe a short FAQ page would be useful to add on the website under the statement.
    - (iii) Montufar: A lot of other acknowledgements have a paragraph or two that explains the context prior to the actual statement, which might be what we follow.

**iii) The resolution is first read.**

**c) [A Resolution Simplifying and Amending the Constitution of the Truman State University to Include a Judicial Branch and Governing Document Review Board](#) (Kolok)**

- i)** This adds a mechanism to create a governing document review board that encompasses the Rules Revision Ad Hoc committee as well as make eligibility requirements in one place. It also makes the Ethics Justice responsible for administering elections.

**ii) Questions:**

- (1) Alexander: Are you saying the Ethics Justice is responsible for all oaths or just the President?
  - (a) Kolok: All elected positions.
  - (b) Alexander: Why are you looking to make that change?
  - (c) Kolok: It makes sense for the person running the election to swear in elected officials. This is modeled after the Chief Justice.
- (2) Alexander: You say a student shall vote on Ethics Justice, does this only occur when the Speaker is not Ethics Justice?
  - (a) Kolok: I missed that and will fix that.
- (3) Dr. Edwards: I know we have an issue with five voting senators on the Elections Hearing Board, was that fixed?
  - (a) Kolok: It should be changed.

- iii) Discussion:**
      - (1) Schmidt: These things about Spring and Fall installation were just added after the Rules Revision meeting? I remember talking about the Ethics Justice swearing in elected officials but the President can still swear in appointees?
        - (a) Kolok: Yes.
        - (b) Schmidt: Then yes I would specify that.
      - (2) Bates: If the Ethics Justice position is unfilled, the Speaker still fills the spot. I think there's something to be said about the leaders of an administration swearing in the new body.
      - (3) Dr. Edwards: I think I was the most vague about the initiative and referendum part, was this all new?
        - (a) Kolok: Neither of those are new, and those have already existed.
        - (b) Dr. Edwards: I don't think we should be rewriting the Constitution every two years since we can't keep up with the changes and there are roadblocks implemented.
      - (4) Alexander: Is what you're saying is that the President has to enact the Review Board?
        - (a) Kolok: Correct.
        - (b) Alexander: I think Laura makes a good point since the Speaker is graduating and that the President and Vice President who will be the new administration would make more sense. I think it also might be helpful for you to create a summary of substantive changes.
    - iv) The resolution is first read.**
  - d) [A Resolution Outlining the Continued Development of the Academic Accolades Banquet](#) (German)
    - i) This is mostly moving money to the Fall semester to hold the banquet in the Fall. There's a lot of professors who wanted to hold the semester so I felt this would be the best way to do so. I also added instructions on how to conduct the banquet next Fall since it will be a new administration.**
    - ii) Discussion:**
      - (1) Schmidt: I would suggest that when you instruct the next chair to invite people, add a clause that provides for a possible small gathering option due to COVID-19.
      - (2) Bates: I think not knowing what we are going to be under puts restrictions on a budgetary standpoint. We will not know what retention or incoming will look like. How specific do you want to be with this right now, maybe freedom and range might be useful.
    - iii) The resolution is first read.****
  - e) [A Resolution Authorizing Student Government's Participation in the City of Kirksville's Adopt-A-Street Program](#) (Smith)
    - i) This serves to complete the process of adopting-a-street since they will grant it to us next semester. It also establishes that this be a continued service event for the body, and there are things that must be maintained in order to keep the street in our name - this resolution will list those and ensure that they are maintained.**
    - ii) Discussion:**
      - (1) Dr. Edwards: This makes it sounds like the Government has service hours or that it was a requirement that might need to be rewritten.
      - (2) Bates: Would we want to encourage that the clean-up days be required events to ensure that they get done?
        - (a) E.Smith: We went ahead and recommended that it be mandatory but we don't suggest that it be required every year.
    - iii) The resolution is first read.****

- f) [A Resolution Encouraging the Restructuring of Student Government Committee Programming](#)  
(Schmidt)
    - i) This is the resolution we have talked about for a couple of weeks. None of the events are specified to have to be a certain time length, so this resolution will give liberty to tailor programming in different ways in order to move some to the Fall and such as we have discussed.
    - ii) The resolution is first read.
  - g) [A Resolution to Establish a Designated “Bike to Campus” Day for Truman State University Faculty, Staff, and Students](#) (Rollings)
    - i) This resolution designates a specific day around which departments or organizations could encourage others to think about alternative forms of transportation, like biking. We chose the day and the schedule for this based around what our committee would be most convenient to remember and plan around.
    - ii) Questions:
      - (1) German: How does the day work? Is this a Student Government event to be hosted every month or are we working with administration to get this done?
        - (a) Rollings: The idea is that we wouldn't have to do programming for this, it's just kind of a calendar event that isn't necessarily requiring more work.
      - (2) Bates: Do you know how many bike spaces we have for students to park their bikes?
        - (a) Rollings: No, but most bike racks during peak season (early Fall) still have a lot of space.
        - (b) Dr. Edwards: Many professors put their bikes in their office, so maybe encourage them to do so on these days to due limited space.
    - iii) The resolution is first read.
- 6) **Announcements**
- a) **OAF is still happening. The report will not be voted on in this current election cycle.**

**Adjourned: 6:58 P.M.**