



Student Government Resolution 119.016

A Resolution Consolidating and Amending Article II in the Constitution and Article I in the Standing Rules of the Student Government

Sponsored by the Rules Revision Ad Hoc Committee: Jared Kolok, Committee Chair; Kiren MacLeod, Voting Senator; and Maddie Sarasio Meyer, Academic Affairs Committee; Emily Smith, External Affairs Committee Chair; Deanna Schmidt, President of the Student Association; Katie Alexander, Vice President of the Student Association

WHEREAS,

- The Student Government is the official governing body of the Student Association and exists to represent the present and long term best interests of the Student Association in the formulation of the University policy and in the fulfillment of the University's mission; and
- Resolution 119.004, *A Resolution Establishing the 2019-2020 Rules Revision Ad Hoc Committee*, authorizes the 2019-2020 Rules Revision Ad Hoc Committee to amend the governing documents of the Truman State University Student Government; and
- The Truman State University Student Government is bound by the rules detailed in its governing documents; and
- The Rules Revision Ad Hoc Committee is authorized to identify and make changes to section, clauses, and articles “that would clarify the mission and fundamental institutions and procedures of the Truman State University Student Government”¹; and
- The Constitution of the Truman State University Student Government takes precedence over the governing documents and all legislation the Student Government adopts; and
- Amendments to the Constitution of the Truman State University Student Government require a two-thirds majority vote from the Student Senate and a majority vote from the Student Association to be approved; and
- The state of the legislative branch in the Constitution is disorganized and is difficult to parse and understand by prospective, incoming, and current students and members; and
- The legislative powers, authority, and structure need to be clearly and coherently delineated in the Constitution of the Truman State University Student Government; and

¹<https://senate.truman.edu/files/2019/10/Resolution-119.004-A-Resolution-Establishing-the-2019-2020-Rules-Revision-Ad-Hoc-Committee.pdf>

- A revised Legislative Branch shall firmly place the Student Senate as the primary legislative body of the Student Government as a coequal branch of power and authority on the Student Government; and
- Article II of the Constitution of the Truman State University Student Government is listed in Appendix I² with changes to the Standing Rules listed in Appendix II³;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT,

- Supports the efforts of the Rules Revision Ad Hoc Committee in its continued efforts to amend, modernize, and simplify the Constitution of the Truman State University Student Government; and
- Approves the proposed changes to the Standing Rules and the Constitution of the Truman State University Student Government and giving its consent to place the constitutional changes on the Spring 2020 general election ballot and up to a vote by the Student Association; and
- Approves ballot language for the proposed constitutional amendments to read: A vote “yes” on this measure shall be considered an approval of the changes proposed to the Constitution of the Truman State University Student Government; and a vote “no” shall be considered a disapproval of the changes proposed to the Constitution of the Truman State University Student Government. Attached below are copies of both the current and proposed amended version of the Constitution of the Truman State University Student Government”; and
- Shall, upon approval by the Student Association, immediately implement the proposed changes to the Constitution; and
- Shall implement, upon approval by the Student Senate and contingent upon the approval by the Student Association on the constitutional amendments, the proposed amendments to the Standing Rules of the Truman State University Student Government; and
- Shall make, upon approval and immediate effect of the amendments to the governing documents, any corrections to section title or numbering in the table of contents of the governing documents;

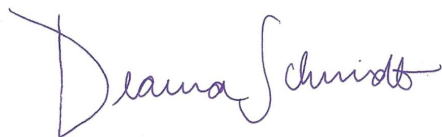
THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF TRUMAN STATE DIRECTS THAT,

Additional copies of this resolution be disseminated to President Sue Thomas; Board of Governors; Janna Stoskopf, Vice President for Student Affairs; Office of Special Collections and the Truman Media Network.

² See Appendix I

³ See Appendix II

Passed by Unanimous Consent, March 01, 2020.

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Deanna Schmidt, President of the Student Association.

Appendix 1: Constitution

Article II: ~~The Student Senate~~ The Legislative Branch

Section 1: Legislative Powers

Clause 1

The legislative power of the Student Government shall be vested in a Student Senate. ~~Clause 2~~ The power to bring forth legislation for the consideration of the Student Senate shall rest solely with the membership of the Student Government.

Clause 2

The Student Senate shall be authorized with the power to:

- a. Adopt necessary and proper resolutions to address the concerns of the Student Association through a simple majority vote;
- b. Create and charge with a duty any necessary and proper ad hoc committees;
- c. Adopt a budget on a biannual basis, allocate funds to campus organization and projects, and approve money motions in consultation with the Treasurer and relevant members of the Student Government;
- d. Elect the Speaker of the Student Senate;
- e. Override an executive order or Presidential veto by a two-thirds majority vote;
- f. Vote on censure, articles of impeachment, and removal of any member of the Student Government for violations of the Student Government's governing documents or other misconduct;
- g. Submit any legislative proposal and specifications for adoption to the Student Association by a two-thirds majority vote, initiating a special election held between the seventh (7th) and fourteenth (14th) day after the decision, excluding holidays and vacations, unless otherwise specified by the Student Senate;
- h. The Student Senate shall have the final authority to interpret this Constitution and the Standing Rules

Section 2: Membership

Clause 1

The membership of the Student Senate shall consist of ~~the Student Representative to the Board of Governors, the Speaker of the Student Senate, five senior senators, fifteen senators, four incoming senators, a graduate senator, organization representatives, and associate members~~ voting and non-voting members.

- a. ~~Clause 2~~ Voting members of the Student Senate shall ~~be the~~ include five (5) Senior Senators, fifteen (15) Voting Senators, four (4) Incoming Senators, and ~~the~~ one (1) graduate senator. When called to vote, ~~they~~ voting members shall respond with a binding vote of affirmation, opposition, or abstention. ~~of "yes" or "no", or they may abstain from voting.~~
- b. ~~Clause 3~~ The ~~n~~ Non-voting membership of the Student Senate shall ~~be~~ include the Speaker of the Student Senate, Student Representative to the Board of Governors, organization representatives, and ~~associate members~~ Associate Senators. When called to vote, all non-voting members, excluding the Speaker of the Student Senate, may respond with a nonbinding vote in support, not in support, or in abstention. ~~"support" or "do not support", or they may abstain from voicing an opinion. The Speaker will not be called to vote and is considered a neutral member of the Student Senate.~~

Section 3: Definitions of Majority Votes

Clause 1

A simple majority shall be defined as an affirmative vote by at least one fourth of the total voting membership as well as a from a quorum of a majority of those members present and voting; this voting total shall not include any who have abstained.

Clause 2

A two-thirds majority shall be defined as an affirmative vote by at least one third of the total voting membership as well as a from a quorum of a two-thirds majority of those members present and voting; this voting total shall not include any who have abstained.

Clause 3

Any further types of majority votes shall be defined as at least the majority needed divided by two of the total voting membership voting affirmatively as well as the majority needed of those members present and voting; this voting total shall not include any who have abstained.

Section 54: The Speaker of the Student Senate

Clause 1

The Speaker of the Student Senate shall preside over all Student Senate meetings and work to ensure the functionality and efficiency of the Student Government in line with the governing documents, parliamentary procedure, and precedent. As the neutral member, the Speaker of the Student Senate shall only speak on matters of procedure, fact, and precedent.

Clause 2

The Speaker of the Student Senate is authorized to set the agenda for all full body meetings of the Student Senate, call special meetings of the Student Senate, and appoint a Speaker Pro Tempore to preside over meetings in the absence of the Speaker.

Clause 3

The Speaker of the Student Senate shall be elected, as outlined by the Standing Rules, during the Spring transitional meeting for a term ending at the next transitional meeting and must be appointed prior to consideration of any legislative items by the Student Senate. The Speaker of the Student Senate shall hold no other position except as outlined in this Constitution.

The Speaker of the Student Senate shall be the neutral member of the Student Government and shall work to ensure the functionality of the Student Government, neither speaking in favor of nor against any matter brought before the Senate, but speaking only on fact and procedure.

Clause 2

The Speaker of the Student Senate shall preside over all full body meetings of the Student Senate and shall set the agenda for all full body meetings of the Student Senate.

Clause 3

Meetings shall be conducted in a manner consistent with the governing documents of the Student Government, the most updated version of parliamentary procedure, and precedent set by former Speakers, in that order of priority.

Clause 4

If desired, the Speaker may select a Speaker Pro Tempore to preside over meetings in the Speaker's absence. Any member of the Student Government that is not on the Executive Board may serve as Speaker Pro Tempore. The Speaker Pro Tempore does not need to be confirmed by the Student Senate. While serving as Speaker, the Speaker Pro Tempore may not vote.

Clause 5

In the absence of a Speaker Pro Tempore, a senior senator selected at random will preside over meetings.

Clause 6

In the absence of an Ethics Justice, the Speaker shall serve as Ethics Justice. The Speaker may hold no other position, except for an ad hoc committee chair.

Clause 7

In the event that the Speaker presents a resolution while acting as ad hoc committee chair, the resolution shall not state that the Speaker is sponsoring it, but rather the ad hoc committee chair. During the presentation of this resolution, the Speaker Pro Tempore or a random senior senator shall preside over the meeting, should the Speaker Pro Tempore be a member of the ad hoc committee.

Clause 8

~~The Speaker shall have the authority to call special meetings of the Student Senate.~~

~~Clause 9~~

~~The voting members of the Student Senate shall elect the Speaker by a two-thirds majority vote. The Speaker shall be selected for a term beginning at the transitional meeting and ending at the next transitional meeting.~~

~~Clause 10~~

~~The procedure for election of the Speaker shall be outlined in the Standing Rules.~~

Section 45: Student Representative to the Board of Governors

Clause 1

The Student Representative to the Board of Governors shall serve as an intermediary between the ~~Student Government, the Student Association, and the Board of Governors.~~ ~~Board of Governors, Student Government, and the Student Association.~~ The Student Representative to the Board of Governors may not hold any position within Student Government other than their own, but should attend as many full body meetings of the Student Government as possible.

~~Clause 2~~

~~The Student Representative to the Board of Governors should attend and participate in as many full body meetings of the Student Government and Executive Committee meetings as possible.~~

Clause 32

The search for a new Student Representative to the Board of Governors shall be conducted by a secret, all-student committee chosen by the President of the Student Association and the most recent Student Representative to the Board of Governors. The membership function of this committee shall be detailed in the Standing Rules.

~~Clause 4~~

~~The Student Representative to the Board of Governors may not hold any position within Student Government aside from their own.~~

Section 6: Organization Representatives

Clause 1

Any organization that is chartered by and in good standing with the University may petition the Student Senate to send a representative to the Student Senate. ~~The Student Senate shall approve Organization Representatives in accordance with the Standing Rules.~~

Clause 2

The Funds Allotment Council, ~~the~~ Student Activities Board, and Residential Hall Association are not required to petition the Student Senate in order to send a representative, but their representative must still be approved by the ~~Student~~ Senate.

~~Clause 3~~

~~While attending meetings of the Student Senate, organization representatives shall have all of the rights and obligations of voting members of the Student Senate except for the right to vote.~~

~~Clause 4~~

~~Organization representatives shall be called upon during a roll call vote to voice, on behalf of their organization, an opinion of "support", "do not support", or "abstain".~~

Section 7: Associate Members ~~Senators~~

~~Clause 1~~

~~Associate Senators shall be appointed by the President of the Student Association and shall serve until the next transitional meeting. Associate Senators shall serve on at least one committee and, should they fail to uphold their responsibilities, are subject to removal.~~

While attending meetings of the Student Senate, associates shall have all of the rights and obligations of voting members of the Student Senate except for the right to vote.

Clause 2

Associates shall be called upon during a roll call vote to voice an opinion of "support", "do not support", or "abstain".

Clause 3

Associate members shall be selected for a term beginning on their confirmation and ending at the next transitional meeting.

Clause 4

Associate members shall be members of at least one committee and may be removed from the Student Senate should they fail to meet the duties required by their committee chair.

Section 8: Powers

Clause 1

The Student Senate shall approve such legislation as it deems necessary through a simple majority vote, unless another vote or majority requirement is stipulated in this constitution or the standing rules. In the event that the presidency is vacant or invalid, all legislation must be adopted with a two-thirds majority vote, unless a higher majority is required.

Clause 2

The Student Senate shall have the power to override Presidential vetoes by a two-thirds majority vote.

Clause 3

The Student Senate shall have the power to confirm or reject all appointments except where stated in this Constitution or the Standing Rules. The following appointments do not have to be confirmed by Student Senate: temporary representatives to external committees and Speaker Pro Tempore. All slates of nominees may be split unless specified in this constitution or the standing rules.

Clause 4

The Student Senate shall have the power to create and charge with a duty any necessary ad hoc committees by a majority vote.

Clause 5

The Student Senate may override an executive order by a two-thirds majority vote.

Clause 6

The Student Senate shall have the final authority to interpret this Constitution and the Standing Rules.

Section 9: Impeachment

Clause 1

All members of the Student Government shall be subject to removal from office on impeachment for, and conviction of, serious violations of the Student Government's Ethical Code of Conduct, Standing Rules of the Student Government, Constitution of the Student Government, violations of the Student Conduct Code, University Regulations, Missouri statutes, and or federal law.

Clause 2

The Student Senate shall have the authority, by a two-thirds majority vote of the total current voting membership, to impeach any member of the Student Government.

Clause 3

The Student Senate shall convict and remove impeached members of the Student Government from office by a three-fourths majority vote of the current total voting membership.

Clause 4

Neither articles of impeachment nor removal from office may be reconsidered, repealed, or expunged from the record in any way by the Student Senate.

Section 10: Censure

Clause 1

All members of the Student Government shall be subject to censure for violations of the Student Government's Ethical Code of Conduct, Standing Rules of the Student Government, Constitution of the Student Government, or other important misconduct.

Clause 2

The Student Senate shall have the authority by a two-thirds majority vote of the total current voting membership to censure any member of the Student Government.

Clause 3

Censure may not be reconsidered, repealed, or expunged from the record in any way by the Student Senate.

Section 11: Primary Committees and Subcommittees

Section 12: Secondary Committees

Section 13: Meetings

Clause 1

A quorum consisting of a majority of the current voting membership of the Student Senate shall be necessary to conduct legislative business.

Clause 2

The legislative session of the Student Senate shall be defined as the period of time from the first day of classes until the day before finals begin of each semester.

Clause 3

The Student Senate shall meet at least once every two weeks during the Fall and Spring legislative sessions at the time provided in the standing rules. The Student Senate may waive this requirement for one week by a two-thirds majority vote.

Clause 4

Members of the Student Senate shall have the authority to call a special meeting during the legislative session by presenting a petition, signed by ten voting members, to the Speaker, who shall thereupon call such a meeting within seventy-two hours of the presentation of the petition

Appendix II: Standing Rules

ARTICLE I: THE STUDENT SENATE

Section 1: Legislative Power and Responsibilities

Clause 1

The Senate shall adopt legislation that works toward the improvement of the University from the perspective of the Student Association.

Clause 2

All resolutions adopted by the Senate shall be distributed in a timely manner to the appropriate designees as made continually available and disseminated by the Secretary and the Public Relations Director

Clause 3

The Secretary and the Public Relations Director are responsible for dissemination and continued availability of adopted resolutions.

Clause #3

Legislation adopted by the Student Senate shall become effective after the President signs it or 96 hours after its passage, whichever occurs first.

Section 2: Legislative Process

Clause 1

Draft resolutions require a two week process involving a first read and a second read and adoption. First read resolutions must be considered by the Student Senate in one of the two general meetings immediately following the first read. Should the resolution fail to come under consideration during this time period, it shall require another first read.

Clause 2

During discussion and prior to adoption, amendments to draft resolutions may be made.

Clause 3

Resolutions shall require a simple majority vote of the present Voting Senators to pass and be adopted. Resolutions and the opinions of the body stated within remain binding until an Executive Order or resolution rescinds the original resolution.

Clause 4

A quorum consisting of a majority of the Voting Senators shall be required to conduct legislative business. Resolutions shall require a simple majority vote to be adopted or, should the presidency be vacant or invalid, resolutions shall require a two-thirds majority vote to be adopted.

Section 3: Definitions of Majority Votes

Clause 1

A simple majority shall be defined as an affirmative vote by at least one fourth of the total voting membership as well as a from a quorum of a majority of those members present and voting; this voting total shall not include any who have abstained.

Clause 2

A two-thirds majority shall be defined as an affirmative vote by at least one third of the total voting membership as well as a from a quorum of a two-thirds majority of those members present and voting; this voting total shall not include any who have abstained.

Clause 3

Any further types of majority votes shall be defined as at least the majority needed divided by two of the total voting membership voting affirmatively as well as the majority needed of those members present and voting; this voting total shall not include any who have abstained.

Clause 4

Definitions of Majority Votes cannot be superceded, overturned, or circumvented through a suspension of the Standing Rules.

Section 2: Duties of Voting Members

Clause 1

Voting Senators shall serve on at least one primary committee, ~~unless they are the chair of a subcommittee,~~ attend all meetings for the committee(s) of which they are a member, and fulfill all committee obligations as deemed necessary by the chair of the committee ~~or subcommittee~~ on which they serve.

Clause 2

Voting members shall attend all regular and special meetings of the Student Senate.

Clause 3

Voting members shall serve one hour per week in the Student Government office. This office hour may not run concurrently with office hours for any other organization.

Clause 4

Voting members shall be required to attend the Fall and Spring retreats as scheduled by the Executive Board.

Section 3: Student Representative to the Board of Governors

Clause 1

A secret selection committee of students chosen by the President of the Student Association and the most recent Student Representative to the Board of Governors shall select a slate of two or three candidates to send to the Student Senate for approval during the fall semester.

Clause 2

The selection committee shall be chaired by the President of the Student Association and comprised of the most recent Student Representative to the Board of Governors, a voting member of the Student Senate, a residential life representative, a member of the Student Activities Board, a member of the Funds Allotment Council, a campus media representative, a representative from either the Center for Diversity and Inclusion or the Center for International Students, and a student at large.

Clause 3

The committee must be selected prior to when applications for the position are made available.

Clause 4

The committee will strive to be fair and unbiased in its search for a new Student Representative to the Board of Governors, doing its best to widely promote the position and reserve potential biases when discussing candidates.

Clause 5

Once the committee has chosen two or three final candidates, a slate of the names shall be sent to the Student Senate for confirmation by a closed session, majority vote. If any person on Student Government is on the slate, they shall be required to leave for closed session. If that person is a voting member, they shall have the opportunity to submit a vote by secret ballot before leaving the room. If any member of Student Government present at the meeting applied for the position but did not make the slate, they shall disclose this information to the body.

Clause 6

Should the Student Senate not confirm the slate, the committee shall form a new slate to send to the Student Senate by the following week. During discussion of the slate, the members of the committee need no longer remain secret.

Clause 7

After a slate has been confirmed, the names shall be sent to the Governor of Missouri by the date set by the Governor of Missouri's office.

Clause 8

The selection committee shall remain in existence until the Student Senate confirms two or three individuals to be forwarded to the Governor of Missouri for selection.

Clause 9

Upon approval by the Missouri Governor, the new Student Representative to the Board of Governors shall be sworn in at the next full body Student Government meeting.

Clause 10

The Student Representative to the Board of Governors shall be called on before voting members to register an opinion in roll call votes.

Clause 11

The Student Representative to the Board of Governors shall have the opportunity to report at each regular meeting of the Student Senate.

Clause 12

The Student Representative to the Board of Governors is an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee.

Section 4: The Speaker of the Student Senate

Clause 1

The election for Speaker shall occur during the Spring semester after the transition to the new Student Senate, when the Speaker resigns, or when the Speaker is removed from office. If the most recent Speaker is not seeking re-election, they shall preside over the election of a new Speaker. Should the most recent Speaker be seeking election, the Speaker Pro Tempore or a random senior senator shall preside over the election, given they are not seeking election.

Clause 2

Persons interested in serving as Speaker shall submit a letter of intent to the Secretary by five PM on the Friday before the transitional meeting.

Clause 3

During the election, each applicant will be given up to five minutes to address the Student Senate. The meeting shall then move into closed session. There will be up to fifteen minutes of debate per **each** candidate, during which every member of the Student Government is allowed to speak only once for up to two minutes.

Clause 4

After debate has occurred, and in the event that there is more than one candidate, the voting members of the Student Senate shall rank order their preference for Speaker. The individual presiding over the election shall collect these ballots. The ballots shall be grouped based on the candidate with the first ranking. The ballots of the candidate with the least first place rankings shall be redistributed to the persons ranked second on each ballot if that person has a group of ballots remaining. This process shall continue until one candidate has the majority of the first ranking ballots. This person shall be the nominee to be Speaker. If at any point it becomes impossible to eliminate any more candidates, but more than one candidate still has ballots, the voting members shall re-rank order those candidates that are remaining.

Clause 5

A vote shall immediately occur to confirm or reject the nominee. If this person does not receive the a two-thirds majority vote of present voting members, the Student Senate will be allowed to debate on each remaining candidate for up to ten minutes with each voting member of Student Senate allowed to speak only once for no more than one minute. The nomination and election processes shall then begin again. This process shall be continued until a Speaker is elected.

Clause 6

Until a Speaker is elected, no new business shall be in order.

Clause 7

The Speaker shall remain non-partisan and impartial while presiding over meetings of the Student Senate.

Clause 8

The Speaker may answer to questions of fact, but shall not inject any personal opinion into any debate during meetings.

Clause 9

The Speaker has the discretion to set rules for general meetings in accordance with the governing documents of the Student Government, precedent set by former Speakers, and Robert's Rules of Order, adopting what is best and fair for the year. Any rule or article may be suspended by the Senate with a two-thirds majority vote in accordance with Robert's Rules.

Clause 10

In the absence of an Ethics Justice, the Speaker shall serve as Ethics Justice Pro Tempore.

Clause 11

In instances when the Speaker acts as Ethics Justice, a Speaker Pro Tempore shall preside.

Clause 12

The Speaker shall attend all regular and special meetings of the Student Senate, and shall report at each regular meeting of the Student Senate.

Clause 13

The Speaker shall serve one hour per week in the Student Government office. This office hour may not run concurrently with office hours for any other organization.

Clause 14

The Speaker shall submit an end of the year report.

Clause 15

The Speaker is an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee.

Section 5: Organization Representatives

Clause 1

Any organization that is chartered by and in good standing with the University may petition the Student Senate to send a representative to the Student Senate. Within two meetings of receiving a request, the President must submit the nominee to the body. The nominee shall be approved by a majority vote.

Clause 2

The term for this position shall last until the next transitional meeting, at which time the organization may reapply to send a representative if it so chooses.

Clause 3

The Funds Allotment Council, the Student Activities Board, and Residential Hall Association are not required to petition the Student Senate in order to send a representative, but their representative must still be approved by the Senate.

Clause 4

The organization may designate an alternate representative to the Student Senate in the event that its representative is unable to attend a meeting. The organization may also replace its permanent representative at any time, subject to a majority vote confirmation of the Senate.

Clause 5

Organization representatives shall be called on prior to voting members to register their organization's opinion during roll call votes.

Clause 6

Organization representatives may serve as nonvoting, ex officio members of any primary committee.

Clause 7

Executive committee members and voting senators may not serve as organization representatives.

Clause 8

Organization representatives may be removed from Student Senate by a two-thirds vote.

Section 6: Duties of Associate Members

Clause 1

Any student may become an associate member of the Student Senate upon appointment by the President or Speaker and confirmation by a majority vote of the Student Senate.

Clause 2

Associate members shall serve on at least one primary, secondary, subcommittee, ad hoc, or University committee, attend all committee meetings for the committee(s) of which they are members, fulfill all committee obligations as deemed necessary by the chair of the committee(s) on which they serve, and fulfill any other individual obligations deemed necessary by the President.

Clause 3

When attending meetings of the Student Senate, associate members shall have all of the rights and obligations of voting members, except for registering a vote.

Clause 4

Associate members, serving as primary committee chairs, shall have all of the responsibilities of voting members of the Student Senate, but they do not have voting power.

Section 21: Meeting Times and Special Meetings

Clause 1

The Student Senate shall meet weekly during the legislative session. Meetings shall take place at on Sundays at a time decided upon and publicized by the Executive Board prior to the first day of classes each semester.

Clause 2

In the case of holidays or other special considerations the Speaker may, in consultation with the President and Vice President, choose a more appropriate time.

Clause 3

The Speaker shall notify all Student Senate members at least twenty-four hours prior to a special meeting of the Student Senate.

Section 22: Closed Session

Clause 1

The Student Senate and the Executive Committee reserve the right to close any meeting to the public for the duration of time necessary to discuss the matters cited to close the meeting.

Clause 2

All voting and executive members of the Student Senate, as well as faculty and staff advisors, may remain in the room for the duration of closed session, unless they are appointee being confirmed.

Clause 3

If a member is not present at the beginning of closed session or exits during closed session, the member is not allowed re-entry until the cessation of the closed session, except by the consent of the Senate.

Clause 4

Requested appointees and guests of the Student Senate may remain in the room for a duration specified by the Student Senate.

Clause 5

All information disclosed, matters discussed, and issues dealt with in closed session shall remain in the confidence of Student Senate members present during closed session.

Section 23: Speaking Privileges of the Student Association

Members of the Student Association shall have the same speaking privileges as members of the Student Senate during open sessions of the Student Senate.

Section 24: Appointment of a Speaker Pro Tempore

Clause 1

If desired, the Speaker may select a Speaker Pro Tempore to preside over meetings in the Speaker's absence. Any member of the Student Government that is not in the Executive Board may serve as Speaker Pro Tempore. The Speaker Pro Tempore does not need to be confirmed by the Student Senate. While serving as Speaker Pro Tempore, the Speaker Pro Tempore member serving in this capacity may shall not vote.

Clause 2

If the Speaker fails to designate a Speaker Pro Tempore, a Senior Senator shall be selected at random to serve in this capacity. If no senior senator is available another voting senator shall be selected.

Clause 3

If a member of the Student Senate objects to the student selected as Speaker Pro Tempore, a vote of confidence shall take place. If the vote of confidence receives less than a two-thirds majority vote, the Speaker shall be replaced with a senior senator selected at random. If no senior senator is available another voting senator shall be selected.

Section 26: Electronic Voting

Clause 1

When it is otherwise infeasible to conduct a vote of the Student Senate, the Speaker may decide to put a legislative motion to a vote over email.

Clause 2

The Speaker is prohibited from putting Major Expenditures to a vote over email.

Clause 3

The Speaker shall allow for and notify the Student Senate of a commentary and discussion period, lasting a minimum of twenty-four hours, prior to calling for votes to be cast.

Clause 4

The Speaker shall define and inform the Student Senate of a time period lasting a minimum of forty-eight hours, during which votes shall be cast.

Clause 5

All motions put to a vote over email shall require a two-thirds majority vote of the total voting membership of the Student Senate to be approved.

Section 27: Limitation on Vetoes

Subsidiary, incidental, and privileged parliamentary motions or decisions delegated solely to the Student Senate shall not constitute legislation and cannot be vetoed by the President.

Section 28: Oath of Office

The following oath of office shall be taken during the installation of any voting or non-voting member to the legislature: I, (state your name),* do solemnly swear* that I will uphold the ideals* of Truman State University and the Student Government,* adhering to the ideals set forth* in the Student Government's Ethical Code of Conduct* and I will work toward the improvement of the University* from the perspective of the Student Association* in my position as (state your position).