



Student Government Resolution 119.021

A Resolution Centralizing Executive Powers Into an Executive Branch

Sponsored by the Rules Revision Ad Hoc Committee: Jared Kolok, Committee Chair; Kiren MacLeod, Voting Senator; Maddie Sarasio Meyer, Academic Affairs Committee Chair; Emily Smith, External Affairs Chair; and Deanna Schmidt, 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 Constitution of the Truman State University Student Government takes precedence over the governing documents and all legislation the Student Government adopts¹; 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 descriptions of Executive Board, Executive Committee, and Executive Staff, have been revised for clarity and amended to fall under a centralized Executive Branch; and
- Changes to Article III, IV, and V of the Constitution of the Truman State University Student Government are listed in Appendix I²;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,

- 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

¹ Constitution of the Truman State University Student Government, Article X, Section 3

² See Appendix I

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 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 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.

Passed by Unanimous Consent, April 5, 2020.



Deanna Schmidt, President of the Student Association.

Appendix I: Constitution

ARTICLE III: ~~THE EXECUTIVE BOARD~~ The Executive Branch

Section 1: Executive Power

The chief executive power ~~herein granted~~ shall be vested in the President of the Student Association. The Executive Board, ~~Executive Committee, and Executive Staff~~ shall assist the President by carrying out the duties delegated to them by the governing documents of the Student Government.

Section ~~32~~: President of the Student Association

Clause 1

The President shall be the chief executive of the Student Government ~~and shall serve as the chief representative of the Student Association and Student Government to the faculty, staff, and administration of Truman State University. The President may not hold any additional positions on the Student Government, shall be an ex-officio member of the committees of the Student Senate, and shall have the same rights and obligations as voting members, except for voting privileges. The President shall be authorized to:~~

~~Clause 2~~

~~The President shall serve as the chief representative of the Student Association and Student Government to the faculty, staff, and administration of this University.~~

~~Clause 3~~

~~The President may not hold any additional position on the Student Government.~~

~~Clause 6~~

- a. The President shall have the authority to ~~e~~ Call special meetings of the Student Senate;
- ~~b. Clause 11~~ The President shall preside over the Executive Board and Executive Committee except where specified in this constitution or the standing rules.
- c. Serve as a student representative to the Faculty Senate and Faculty Senate Executive Committee. The President can assign the Vice President or a temporary replacement representative in their stead;
- d. Give a regular report to the Board of Governors on behalf of the Student Government and Student Association;
- e. Call special elections in the case of initiatives and referendums in accordance with the Constitution and Standing Rules;
- f. Appoint members of the Student Government or Student Association to Student Government positions or as official representatives to University or community committees;
- g. Veto legislation adopted by the Student Senate;
- h. Issue Executive Orders.

Section 3: The Veto

Clause 1

The President may veto legislation within 96 hours of its adoption. A written account of the veto shall be filed with the Speaker of the Student Senate and the Secretary within 96 hours of the adjournment of the meeting in which the legislation was adopted.

Clause 52

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

Section 4: Executive Orders

Clause 10

The President shall have the authority to issue executive orders, which shall be recorded in the records of the Student Government. These orders may:

- a. authorize student representatives to committees to have the Student Government's support or opposition of a matter recorded in their respective minutes as long as this authorization does not conflict with an effective piece of legislation;
- b. require committees of Student Senate to investigate a specified area of interest at a time;
- c. require committees of Student Senate to present their findings and subsequent proposals to the Student Senate by a specified date;
- d. create ad hoc committees and charge them with specific duties.

Clause 4

The President shall have the power to Veto legislation adopted by Student Senate within 96 hours of its passage and shall file a written account of their veto with the Speaker and Secretary within 96 hours from the adjournment of the meeting in which the legislation was passed.

Clause 6

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

Clause 7

The President shall call special elections in the case of initiatives and referendums in accordance with the provisions in this constitution and the standing rules.

Clause 8

The President shall serve as a student representative to Faculty Senate and Faculty Senate Executive Committee. In the event of scheduling conflicts, the Vice President shall attend or the President may appoint a temporary replacement representative.

Clause 9

The President shall give a regular report to the Board of Governors on behalf of the Student Government and the Student Association

Clause 12

The President shall be a non-voting, ex-officio member of the committees of Student Government except where specified in this constitution or the standing rules. While attending meetings of the Student Senate or its committees, the President shall have the same rights and obligations of voting members except for voting privileges.

Section 45: Vice President of the Student Association

Clause 1

The Vice President shall assist the President and encourage internal communication within the Student Senate, as is enumerated within the Standing Rules. **The Vice President shall serve as an additional representative to the faculty, staff, and administration of Truman State University.**

Clause 2

The Vice President may not hold any additional position on the Student Government, other than pro tempore committee chair **or** chair of an ad hoc committee.

Clause 3

The Vice President shall be a non-voting, ex-officio member of the committees of Student Government except where specified in this constitution or the standing rules. While attending meetings of the Student Senate or its committees, the Vice President shall have the same rights and obligations of voting members except for voting privileges.

~~Clause 4~~

~~The Vice President shall serve as an additional representative of the Student Association and Student Government to the faculty, staff, and administration of this University.~~

Section **46**: Treasurer

Clause 1

A student shall assume the office of Treasurer upon appointment by the President and confirmation by a majority vote of the Student Senate.

Clause ~~42~~

The Treasurer shall be responsible for making deposits and withdrawals on behalf of the Student Government. ~~Clause 5~~ **The Treasurer and** shall act as a consultant to the Student Senate on budgetary matters.

Clause ~~23~~

While attending meetings of the Student Senate, the Treasurer shall have the same rights and obligations of voting members except for voting privileges.

Clause ~~34~~

The Treasurer shall serve as the Appropriations Committee chair, but may not hold any additional position on the Student Government, except for chair of an ad hoc committee and their own.

Section **67**: Secretary

Clause 1

A student shall become the Secretary upon appointment by the President and confirmation by a majority vote of the Student Senate.

Clause 2

The Secretary shall be authorized to:

- a. ~~Clause 5~~ **Independently enforce** ~~enforcing~~ the absence policy as adopted by the Student Government for all positions except for their own. The absence policy of the Secretary shall be maintained by the Executive Committee.
- b. **Keep the records of the Student Government up to date;**
- c. **Ensure the governing documents are up to date and publicly available;**
- d. **Compile, with the assistance of relevant members of the Student Government, the End of Year Report**

e. ~~Clause 6~~ The Secretary shall have the responsibility to inform members of the Student Government that a veto has been filed upon receiving the written account of the veto from the President.

Clause 2

The Secretary may not hold any additional position on the Student Government, except for chair of an ad hoc committee.

~~Clause 3~~

~~The Secretary shall have the responsibility of keeping the records of the Student Government up to date and in order. The Secretary shall maintain an up to date copy of this constitution and the standing rules and ensure both are publically available.~~

~~Clause 4~~

~~The Secretary shall, with the assistance of other relevant members of the Student Government, have the responsibility of compiling the End of the Year Report.~~

~~Clause 5~~

~~The Secretary shall have the independent responsibility for enforcing the absence policy as adopted by the Student Government for all positions except for their own. The absence policy of the Secretary shall be maintained by the Executive Committee.~~

~~Clause 6~~

~~The Secretary shall have the responsibility to inform members of the Student Government that a veto has been filed upon receiving the written account of the veto from the President.~~

~~Clause 7~~

~~The Secretary may not hold any position on the Student Government, except for chair of an ad hoc committee and their own.~~

Section 28: Membership ~~The Executive Board~~

Clause 1

The Executive Board shall refer to the primary executive body of the Student Government, which serves to ensure the longevity of and provide direction for the Student Government. ~~Clause 2~~ The membership of the Executive Board shall include: the President of the Student Association, the Vice President of the Student Association, the Speaker of the Student Senate, the Secretary, and the Treasurer.

Clause 2

The Executive Board shall meet regularly, as needed. Any member of the Executive Board may call for an Executive Board meeting. ~~Clause 3~~ Executive Board decisions ~~being~~ made on behalf of ~~all~~ Student Government shall be decided by a majority vote of all members of the Executive Board.

~~ARTICLE IV: EXECUTIVE STAFF~~

Section 19: Purpose ~~The Executive Staff~~

Clause 1

The Executive Staff shall refer to the administrative personnel of the Student Government, who serve to ensure the efficiency and productivity of the Student Government.

Section 2: Membership

Clause 2

The membership of the Executive Staff shall include: the Legislative Director, the Public Relations Director, the Information Technology Director, the Ethics Justice, and all individuals appointed as a Presidential Aide.

Clause 3

The powers and responsibilities of individual members of the Executive Staff shall be defined in the Standing Rules.

Clause 4

Executive Staff decisions being made on behalf of all Student Government shall be made in concert with and are beholden to the approval of the Executive Committee.

Clause 5

While attending meetings of the Student Senate, members of the Executive Staff, who are not already Voting Members of the Student Senate, shall have the same rights and obligations of voting members except for voting privileges.

ARTICLE V: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 10: Purpose The Executive Committee

Clause 1

The Executive Committee shall refer to the secondary executive body of the Student Government, which additionally serves in order to ensure the yearly functionality of the Student Government.

Section II: Membership

Clause 2

The membership of the Executive Committee shall include: the Executive Board, all individuals holding a chairship, ~~the Student Representative to the Board of Governors,~~ ~~the Ethics Justice,~~ the Executive Staff, the Faculty Advisor, and the Staff Advisor.

Clause 3

Executive Committee decisions being made on behalf of all Student Government shall be decided by a majority vote of all members of the Executive Committee, excluding the Faculty Advisor, Staff Advisor, ~~and Student Representative to the Board of Governors.~~

Clause 4

The Executive Committee shall be required to meet every week there is a full body meeting.

Clause 5

While attending meetings of the Student Senate, all members of the Executive Committee, who are not already Voting Members of the Student Senate, except the Speaker of the Student Senate, the Faculty Advisor, and the Staff Advisor, shall have the same rights and obligations of voting members except for voting privileges.

Clause 6

In the event the presidency is vacant or invalid, the Vice President shall become the temporary chair of the Executive Committee. Should both the presidency and vice presidency be vacant or

invalid, the voting members of the Executive Committee shall elect from among themselves a temporary chair.