



Student Government Resolution 119.022

**A Resolution Advocating for Improved Relations Between Student Government Alumni
and Current Student Government Members**

**Sponsored by the External Affairs Committee: Emily Smith, Committee Chair; Luke
Rascher, Voting Senator; Jose Reyes, Voting Senator; Irete Rotimi, Voting Senator**

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
- Student Government currently has no consistent outreach to its alumni members; and
- There is value to creating and maintaining connection to alumni of our organization; and
- These connections have potential to create networking opportunities for Student Government members; and
- Creating a greater bond between Student Government alumni and current members can further promote unity within the organization; and
- Scott Sifton, an alumni member of the organization and current Missouri State Senator, presented at the Fall 2019 Student Government Retreat and provided insight for current members, including discussing his work with Truman's curricular reform and Student Government Vision Document over 20 years ago; and
- Student Government alumni members can provide context and resources for current and ongoing projects and policies; and
- Outreach to alumni members can help to keep them connected with the campus community as a whole; and
- Other on-campus groups promote alumni relations through sharing important updates and maintaining regular communication; and
- The External Affairs Committee strives to promote communication between the Student Association and the larger society of which it is a part; and
- The External Affairs Committee sent out an initial alumni newsletter at the end of the Fall 2019 semester detailing large events and each individual Student Government committee's work from the semester; and

- This initial newsletter was sent out on December 22nd, 2019 and was well received by alumni;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT,

- Recognizes the need to establish and maintain consistent relations between Student Government alumni and current Student Government members; and
- Recommends the body maintain regular communication with Student Government alumni including, but not limited to, updates on large events and individual committee work; and
- Suggests that future External Affairs committees continue to develop alumni communications through a bi-annual alumni newsletter; and
- Upon reviewing the success of such newsletters, recommends that future administrations consider including these responsibilities in the Student Government's governing documents.

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT DIRECTS THAT,

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

Passed by Unanimous Consent, April 13, 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Deanna Schmidt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

Deanna Schmidt, President of the Student Association.