

## **Student Affairs Committee End of Year Report 2020**

Submitted by Alexandra Crawford: 2019-2020 Committee Chair

### **Members:**

Kiren MacLeod (Voting Member)

Jesse Wren (Public Relations Director)

## **Projects**

*This committee was involved in the continuous fulfillment of the non-academic aspects of the University community. This committee also encourages updates/improvisations deemed necessary from the perspective of the Student Association.*

### **Updated Academic Building Maps**

Status: Completed/Ongoing

Description: At the beginning of the school year, the Student Affairs Committee discovered that many students were unaware of the resources available within each academic building. It was also found out that none of the academic building maps were on the Truman State University website. In response to that concern, the members of this committee went through each academic building and located all of the water bottle filling stations, gender neutral and accessible bathrooms, computer stations, and accessible printers. All of those resources were then added to the maps of each academic building. To ensure that students were made aware of the available resources, Jesse Wren was able to meet with Deanna Rood, and Web Writer and Editor for the TSU website. From there, I was able to share the updated maps with her and she added each to the website. Kiren MacLeod and I also met with Sam Guth and Kenny McKim from Physical Plant about updating the physical maps within each building. Though we were unable to replace the maps in the academic buildings this semester, Physical Plant is capable of updating each of the maps. We also made a resolution outlining the services in each academic building.

### **Picnic Tables on the Quad**

Status: Ongoing

Description: One of the first talked about projects for this committee was placing picnic tables on the quad. Laura Bates brought up the website, MaxR, for the picnic tables as that being where Student Government had gotten recycling bins previously. MaxR has reliable picnic tables, but seeing the prices, the committee thought it would be best to find other clubs and organizations to help sponsor the tables. After much research and a lot of communication with Lori Shook, I as the chair was able to meet with Laura Bates and Lori Shook for a specific location on the quad that would best fit the placement of picnic tables. Unfortunately, due to non-essential spending being put on hold by the governor, this project had to be put on hold.

## **Events**

*This event we feel helps achieve the goals of the committee and are feasible to re-execute in the coming years.*

## **Student Appreciation Week**

Date: Planned for March 30-April 3

Location: SUB Georgian Rooms, SUB Down Under, and Quad

Description: This is an annual event that this committee puts on. Although this week was unable to happen this year, a lot of great ideas were thought up for this week. On Monday, March 30, we had planned on having a self-care event held in the SUB Down Under. We had paired with the Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee to include coloring sheets, facial masks, journaling, snacks, yoga, and a mindfulness event with Dr. Eric Dickson. Because the week was unable to occur, the Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee added this specific event to the list of events they would like to be moved to Fall Semester of 2020, still working with this committee for the event. As for Tuesday, we had planned on tabling with Sarah Mitchell, a local citizen who makes kettle corn. On Wednesday, we had planned on buying muffins and donuts from sodexo for tabling in the morning. We had also planned a trivia night for Thursday in the SUB Georgian Rooms. While planning Student Appreciation Week, we had discovered that Greek Week was the same week. Because of that, we were hoping to pair with Greek Week for the last event on Friday, a BBQ and open music performances on the quad because Greek Week usually holds an end of the week BBQ. Throughout the week, we had planned on tabling and advertising a giveaway for local restaurant gift cards and movie tickets.

## **Resolutions**

*The first committee's resolution was adopted near the beginning of the first semester while the second was adopted in the last few meetings. The first resolution was adopted for the better of the student body and to show support for First Generation students while the second resolution was adopted to allow students to be aware of resources available in academic buildings.*

### **A Resolution in Recognition and Support of the First Generation Advisory Committee**

Discussion: The First Generation Advisory Committee came to Student Government seeking support for their committee and First Generation Students, and Deanna Schmidt, the President of Student Government, came to me. I reached out to Ryan Miller, Academic Advisor for MoLSAMP Scholars and a member of the First Generation Advisory Committee who had originally reached out about the resolution. I was able to find out what the committee stood for and accomplished for the First Generation students and felt good voicing support for the committee.

### **A Resolution in Support of Maps Outlining Student Access to Services in Academic Buildings**

Discussion: This resolution was made in response to the updated changes we made to each of the academic building maps. Water bottle filling stations, computer stations, accessible printers, and gender neutral and accessible bathrooms were added to each academic building map. We wanted to ensure that these resources were made available to each student and that the student body was aware of each of the resources within each building. This committee used this resolution to

guarantee that changes to the maps as well as the current state of the maps would be updated on the Truman State University website, Student Government's social media, and in each academic building.

## **Future Project Suggestions**

*These are projects that we were unable to complete. These would be good projects to look into at the beginning of the first semester.*

### **Project Suggestion:**

Updating Physical Copies of Each Academic Building Map Through Physical Plant  
Picnic Tables on the Quad

## **Notes and Suggestions for Future Committee Chairs**

- Never feel like you have to tackle everything yourself:
  - Your committee members are there to help you every step of the way. Do not be afraid to divide tasks and share responsibilities with them. Nobody likes feeling overwhelmed, and trusting your committee members will help prevent that.
- Believe in yourself completely:
  - You were chosen to be the chair by the Student Government, and don't doubt their decision. You were chosen for a reason, and the student body as well as Student Government trust you. You are capable for the job and willing to be the best chair, so believe that you are capable and willing to try your hardest for this committee.
- Advocate for student opinions:
  - With a committee as broad as this one, you can be extremely flexible in what the committee would like to accomplish, but be sure that whatever projects or events are still always advocating for the students' opinions.
- Stand up for student opinions:
  - It sometimes feels like your ideas and the students' ideas are not the best when you bring them to faculty or staff, but remember that you are doing everything you can to represent the student body, that those ideas are everything you stand for. Do not give up easily if it seems the ideas are not liked by higher ups; they are more than just your ideas.
- Remember to have fun:
  - This committee is an amazing committee and with the flexibility of this committee, there are endless projects and events you can come up with. Advocate for the students and enjoy what you are doing. The Student Affairs committee is the best committee!

Respectfully Submitted,