



Student Government Resolution 119.026
A Resolution Outlining the Continued Development of the Academic Accolades Banquet
Sponsored by Maddie Meyer and Josh German, Academic Affairs Committee Co-Chairs;
Paul Wuennenberg Jr., Nick Nguyen, Victor Wei, and Joshna Karki, Academic Affairs
Committee Members

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 mission; and
- The Educator of the Year, Research Mentor of the Year, and Faculty Wellness Honoree of the Year awards are all under the purview of Student Government; and
- The Academic Accolades Banquet is designed to provide recognition for the exceptional educators at Truman State University and is also under the purview of Student Government; and
- The selection committees for these awards have continued in their work and are managing to make informed decisions, despite the constraints of working exclusively online due to COVID-19; and
- The committee can no longer hold a banquet for the Spring 2020 semester due to health and safety guidelines; and
- Various finalists for the Educator, Research Mentor, and Faculty Wellness Honoree of the Year Awards have expressed interest in attending the Academic Accolades Banquet if it was to be moved; and
- The committee has come to the decision that hosting the banquet in the Fall 2020 semester would be the best way to provide recognition for the finalists and give the selected winners their ceremonial plaques;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT,

- Requests the 2020-2021 Academic Affairs Committee move forward with implementing the Academic Accolades Banquet in the Fall 2020 semester; and
- Instructs the 2020-2021 Academic Affairs Committee to decide on an exact date of the Academic Accolades Banquet from the options of September 21, 22, and 29 from 5-8PM that Student Government reserved in the Fall 2020 Room Lottery by consulting President Thomas, Provost Gooch, and their executive secretaries; and

- In the event that large gatherings are permitted to occur, instructs the 2020-2021 Academic Affairs Committee to invite the following people to the Academic Accolades Banquet:
 - President Sue Thomas
 - Provost Janet Gooch
 - Vice President of Student Affairs Janna Stoskopf
 - The Board of Governors
 - The past recipients of the Educator, Research Mentor, and Faculty Wellness Honoree of the Year award
 - The finalists for all three awards, and the option for them to bring one guest if so desired
 - The academic deans and department chairs of each finalist's respective school and department
 - The nominators for the finalists for all three awards, provided they still attend Truman State University
 - The 2020-2021 Student Government; and
- In the event that large gatherings are not permitted to occur, tasks the 2020-2021 Academic Affairs Committee to develop a smaller ceremony to honor these finalists; and
- Instructs the 2020-2021 Academic Affairs Committee to order plaques for the recipients of each award and decide on a new menu from Sodexo for the Academic Accolades Banquet; and
- Requests that the \$1400 granted to the Academic Affairs Committee for the 2019-2020 Student Government budget be earmarked in the 2020 Fall Semester rollover to fund unfinished projects as outlined in the committee's estimated budget¹; and
- Instructs that if leftover funds designated to the committee are still present after the completion of the reveal, that money go towards the Student Government budget reserved for the Fall 2020 Semester.

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT DIRECTS THAT,

Additional copies of this resolution be disseminated to President Sue Thomas; Dr. Janet Gooch, Vice President of Academic Affairs/Provost; Janna Stoskopf, Vice President of Student Affairs; Dr. William Alexander; Dr. Sarah Mohler; Dr. Joseph Benevento; Dr. Susan Scheurer; Inst. Shinya Uchida; Dr. Paul Parker; Dr. Michael Rudy; Dr. Bill Miller; Dr. Cassidy Dobson; Dr. Brett Berke; Dr. Emily Olsen; Dr. Nancy-Daley Moore; Dr. Eric Dickson; Dr. Wendy Miner; Dr. Roberta Donahue; Ms. Melissa Passe; Ms. Patricia Hanson; Truman Media Network; and the University Archives

¹[Academic Accolades Banquet Estimated Budget](#)

Passed by Unanimous Consent, April 19, 2020.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deanna Schmidt". The signature is written in a dark ink and is centered on the page.

Deanna Schmidt, President of the Student Association.