



**Student Government Resolution 119.030**

**A Resolution to Reschedule Diversity Week From Spring 2020 to Fall 2020**

**Sponsored by Shania Montúfar, Diversity Committee Chair; Lizzie Cremer, Diversity Committee Vice Chair; Sam Tillman, Kavya Singh, and Elana Sanders-Braxton, Diversity 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
- Diversity Week is hosted in order to highlight our diverse campus community, advocate for underrepresented voices, and facilitate critical dialogue; and
- The Diversity Committee organized the 2020 Diversity Week (see Appendix I) to be hosted from March 16-21st; and
- In-person classes and campus events from March 15-21st were suspended in response to the COVID-19 outbreak; and
- All in-person classes and campus events were suspended for the duration of the semester on March 16; and
- The 2020 Diversity Week was unable to take place as scheduled on March 16-21st and could not be moved to a later date in the semester; and
- The 2020 Diversity Week was planned in coordination with a variety of campus organizations, including the Hispanic American Leadership Organization, the Association of Black Collegians, PRISM, the Center for International Students, the Muslim Student Association, the Queers of Color Collective, and the Episcopal Student Ministry; and
- The theme for the 2020 Diversity Week was “Intersectionality,” which describes how race, class, gender, and other individual characteristics overlap with one another; and
- Several purchases were made in preparation for the 2020 Diversity Week, including the following:
  - Promotional materials such as stickers, candy, tote-bags, and a table-runner;
  - A speaker contract through the Missouri Historical Society to be rescheduled in consultation with Union and Involvement Services Staff;
  - The movie screening rights to *Moonlight* expiring by March 2021; and
- All promotional materials were not specifically branded for 2020, so they may be reused freely in the future; and

- The 2019-2020 Diversity Committee effectively tripled the 2020 Diversity Week budget to through co-sponsorships from \$700 to \$2200; and
- The 2019-2020 Diversity Committee was unable to spend its budget for Diversity Week due to the COVID-19 outbreak; and
- The programming planned for the 2020 Diversity Week received substantial engagement, including 65 RSVPs from faculty, staff, administration, and students for the “Unity Dinner” event; and
- In order to best utilize the Student Government budget and engagement garnered for the 2020 Diversity Week, the 2020-2021 Diversity Committee should plan to reschedule Diversity Week in the near future; and
  - The *Moonlight* movie license must be utilized before its expiry in March 2021;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT:

- Recommends that the 2020-2021 Diversity Committee reschedule Diversity Week for Fall 2020 if on-campus events are permitted; and
- Extends its sincere gratitude to the following 2020 Diversity Week co-sponsors: the Center for Diversity and Inclusion; the Office of Student Affairs, the Office of Admissions; Greek Life; the Classical and Modern Languages Department; and the Sociology, Anthropology, and Justice Systems Department;
- Encourages the committee to utilize the promotional materials, presentations, and movie screening rights purchased by the 2019-2020 Diversity Committee; and
- Recommends that the 2020-2021 Diversity Committee considers developing collaborative webinars, digital advocacy campaigns, and other non-traditional programming options in response to potential COVID-19 related restrictions; and
- Directs that the 2020-2021 Student Government set aside at least \$1000 (see Appendix II) to be dedicated to funding a Unity Dinner, promotional expenses, and catering for Diversity Week from the rollover of the 2019-2020 Student Government budget; and
- Suggests that the Diversity Committee considers using or adapting elements of the original schedule of events (see Appendix I) in the rescheduled programming.

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT DIRECTS THAT:

- Additional copies of this resolution be disseminated to Dr. Sue Thomas, President; Truman State University Board of Governors; Dr. Janet Gooch, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs; Janna Stoskopf, Vice President of Student Affairs; Brad Turnbull, Interim Director of the Center for Diversity and Inclusion; The Association of Black Collegians; Namaste Nepal; The Episcopal Student Ministry; The Ronald E. McNair Program; PRISM; The Sexual Health Advocacy Form (SHAG); The Muslim

Student Association; Kappa Alpha Psi, Epsilon Eta Chapter; The Hispanic American Leadership Organization; Phi Beta Sigma; The Center for International Students; Dr. Danion Doman, Classical and Modern Languages Department Chair; Dr. Amber Johnson, Sociology, Anthropology and Justice Systems Department Chair; Dr. Tara Hart, Director of Admissions; Laura Bates, Director of Student Union and Campus Activities and Director of Greek Life; Faculty Senate; The Undergraduate Council; Student Activities Board; Truman Media Network; and the University Archives.

Passed, 12-0-1, April 26, 2020.

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

Deanna Schmidt, President of the Student Association.

## Appendix I

### **The Schedule of Events for the 2020 Diversity Week (March 16-21st).**

Unity Dinner - Monday, March 16, 5pm-7pm in the SUB Activities Room  
Faith and the LGBTQ+ Community Panel- Tuesday, March 17, 6pm-8pm BH 114  
Spaces of Exile, Music of Unity: The Arrival of Salsa in the Heartland - Wed. March 18,  
6pm-8pm SUB Activities Room  
Supporting Students of Color Panel - Thursday, March 19, 6pm-8pm BH 114  
Moonlight Showing and Discussion - Friday, March 20, 7pm-9:30pm VH 1000  
Diversity Retreat - Saturday, March 21, 10am-4pm SUB Activities Room

## Appendix II

### **Budgetary Breakdown for Requested Funds**

\$750 - Catering for Unity Dinner  
\$250 - Promotional and Event Catering Expenses (posters, catering for events outside of Unity Dinner, etc.)