



Student Government Resolution 120.001
A Resolution Establishing Legislative and Executive Procedure for Summer 2020
Sponsored by Katie Alexander, President of the Student Association; and Josh German,
Vice 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 interest of the Student Association in the formulation of University policy and in the fulfillment of the University mission; and
- The United States is in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic with rapidly evolving conditions for maintaining public health; and
- The University has committed to an entirely online summer term; and
- The University has made no decision on the status of the Fall 2020 semester; and
- The Student Government expects that University administration will release plans for the Fall 2020 semester over the summer; and
- Major changes to the Fall 2020 semester, such as the continued restriction of in-person courses or other social distancing measures, will have dramatic effects on the student body and the functions of the Student Government; and
- The Student Government must be able to respond to any major changes in the interest of the Student Association; and
- The formal rules of the Student Government do not obligate members to actively participate in the organization over the summer; and
- Members of the Student Government may be unable to actively participate in the organization over the summer due to a lack of internet access, work or family obligations; and
- General Body meetings over the summer, if held sparingly and with accommodations for fluctuating schedules, will allow for the Student Government to appropriately discuss major developments as an organization and for members of the Student Government to be appropriately informed as leaders of the student body; and
- The utilization of online voting and virtual, asynchronous discussion will aid the Student Government in conducting official business over the summer; and

- The President and Vice President will work over the summer to prepare the Student Government for on-campus involvement in the fall, assuming that the University returns to in-person classes and activities, and will continue to discuss University policy with faculty, staff, and administration; and
- The President and Vice President face challenges with the best way to reach the individual members of the Student Government for their questions, suggestions, and concerns regarding Student Government legislation and advocacy over the summer and intentions for the fall semester;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,

- The Speaker of the Student Senate will facilitate two scheduled General Body meetings over the course of the summer should there be issues requiring the body's attention or discussion; and
- The Speaker will hold each of these meetings at 5:00 p.m., the first on Sunday, June 7, and the second on Sunday, July 12; and
- The Executive Board highly encourages Student Government members to plan to attend these meetings as elected leaders of the student body at large; and
- The Executive Board will not penalize members for absences from these General Body meetings, understanding that schedules in the summer are subject to change; and
- The Executive Board will offer sufficient methods for asynchronous participation prior to formal meetings and throughout the summer; and
- In order to ensure proper communication over the summer, all members shall complete a contact sheet form for the President and Vice President¹; and
- Members shall be responsible for informing the President and Vice President of any changes in their availability or preferred communication method over the summer.

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF TRUMAN STATE DIRECTS THAT,

Additional copies of this resolution be disseminated to President Dr. Sue Thomas; Vice President of Student Affairs Janna Stoskopf; Truman Media Network, and the University Archives.

Passed by Unanimous Consent, May 3, 2020.



Katie Alexander, President of the Student Association

¹ <https://forms.gle/SV6r7GP3PupR7vnx9>