

**TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
EIGHTEENTH SESSION OF THE 2020-2021 GENERAL BODY  
January 18, 2021**

**Called to Order: 6:04 p.m.**

**1) Preliminary Items**

- a)** Roll Call
- b)** Approval of Minutes
- c)** Gallery Introductions/Business
- d)** Membership Appointment/Resignation
  - i)** Major appointment of Nick Blum as OAF Chair
    - (1) Approved
  - ii)** OAF Slate: Korey Canada, Madi Petry, and Peyton Hornburger as Students-at-Large.
    - (1) Approved
  - iii)** AFAC Slate: Emma Walbert as Female Athlete Representative, Joshua Scheiderer as Male Athlete Representative
    - (1) Approved
  - iv)** Women's Leadership Conference Committee Slate: Alix Medler, Kavya Singh, Caroline Wright, Allison Strauss, Fanta Coulibaly, Mike Owsley
    - (1) Approved
  - v)** Jessie Coleman as Sustainability Office Representative to ESFAC
    - (1) Approved
  - vi)** Caroline Wright as an associate Senator on Student Affairs
    - (1) Approved
- e)** Oath of office
- f)** Changes to the Agenda

**2) Auxiliary Reports**

- a)** Speaker of the Student Senate
  - i)** E. Smith:
    - (1) Will need to set election dates for Spring by next meeting; slack Emily if you have any concerns/suggestions
    - (2) We are redesigning StuGov/SGA sorority shirts!
    - (3) Chiefs are playing in the semi-finals next Sunday, and it has been suggested that we move the meeting to 4:00
      - (a) Confirmed through straw poll
- b)** Faculty Advisor
  - i)** N/A
- c)** Staff Advisor
  - i)** Bates:
    - (1) Tomorrow is open forum for first CDI candidate, another on Thursday; spots available in-person and via Zoom
    - (2) Parameters that were in place in the Fall are still in place -- gathering/event limitations, etc.
- d)** Student Representative to the Board of Governors
  - i)** Smeltzer:
    - (1) Board met a lot over break:
      - (a) State of MO withheld funds at beginning of the year, but Gov. Parson reported that this will be coming back
        - (i) Funds will partially be going to reimburse university for lost room and board fees from Spring 2020
      - (b) Hired new general council
      - (c) Finished review of President Thomas

- (d) Starting new engineering co-op at WashU and music therapy major
- e)** Athletic Fee Accountability Committee
  - i)** Hall:
    - (1) Got proposal email into Truman Today; next week accepting proposals
- f)** Student Representative to SAB
  - i)** Cochran:
    - (1) Nothing new motioned at last meeting, but survey will be going out soon
- g)** Student Representative to ResLife
  - i)** Walker:
    - (1) First general body meeting on Thursday at 8:00, multiple positions open for elections
- h)** Black Student Representative
  - i)** Eagal:
    - (1) Meeting with Bertha and Janna, will check in with Brad
- i)** Academic Affairs Committee
  - i)** Purinton:
    - (1) Met with Dr. Gooch last Tuesday; interested in how students are doing this semester and how they feel about covid guidelines
    - (2) Keeping eye on civics exam, looking into portfolio, planning banquet
    - (3) Posters were printed over break and will be distributed soon!
- j)** Diversity Committee
  - i)** Cooper:
    - (1) Met before semester started and laid out plans for the semester
    - (2) Movie and discussion nights, one in February and April
    - (3) Met with Brad about LGBTQ resource center, waiting to the end of the month to propose this
- k)** Environmental Affairs Committee
  - i)** Kershaw:
    - (1) The labyrinth project is closer to construction! Work could start in early February
- l)** External Affairs Committee
  - i)** MacLeod:
    - (1) Continuing work from last semester; redistricting for off-campus student voting, developing policy for election day off
    - (2) Assistant city manager reached out about working with Northeast Missouri Covid Stops With Us, updates and resources for the community
    - (3) E. Smith: Have you sent out a newsletter?
      - (a) MacLeod: No, this is also something we will work on
    - (4) Bates: Former StuGov president passed away from covid at the beginning of the year, we might think about sending a condolence card to her family
- m)** Student Affairs Committee
  - i)** Barge:
    - (1) We are excited to have a new associate senator!
    - (2) Want to work with more orgs and clubs on campus to make sure they feel connected with StuGov; continue to build relationships with Center for International Students and RHA
- n)** Health, Wellness, and Safety Co-Committee
  - i)** Woods:
    - (1) Starting to publish 8 Dimensions of Health handbook
    - (2) Looking into medical marijuana and storage on campus
  - ii)** Barker:
    - (1) Figuring out meeting time; will start brainstorming wellness programming ideas for the semester

- (2) Reached out to Dr. Dierking to work out more resources for quarantine students
      - (3) Working with Sutton on academic accolades
    - o) Purple Friday Committee**
      - i) Myers:**
        - (1) Just getting back in the swing of things
    - p) Parking Appeals Committee**
      - i) N/A**
    - q) IT Director**
      - i) N/A**
    - r) PR Director**
      - i) Knight:**
        - (1) Wanting to get more student engagement on social media; thinking about weekly giveaways
        - (2) Planning weekly “Day in the Life” posts
- 3) Executive Reports**
  - a) Treasurer**
    - i) Wren:**
      - (1) Budget:
        - (a) Budget includes \$600 already approved from last semester
        - (b) Only budgeting what will be spent this semester
        - (c) Labyrinth: Cost for labor, material, and equipment around \$4,400
        - (d) Appropriations: Only budgeted \$2,000 last semester, kept this number the same for this semester. Do we keep appropriations, change maximum amount, remove appropriations altogether...?
  - b) Secretary**
    - i) Lesch:**
      - (1) Office hours start this week -- please sign up if you have not already done so
      - (2) Homebase will now be used for all office sign-ins -- please (re)familiarize yourself with the system and let me know if you have any questions
      - (3) Shared drive is up and running; let me know if there is anything currently missing that you think belongs there!
      - (4) Meyer: Should we complete hours this week if we have Monday hours?
        - (a) Lesch: If you can, go for it, but if not just start next week
  - c) The President and Vice President of the Student Association**
    - i) Alexander:**
      - (1) OAF committee: Reviewing major student fees, online newspaper source, etc. Need to appoint a voting member of the Student Government to be on this committee as well.
      - (2) Trying to put focus in Women’s Leadership; need someone to attend AFAC/ESFAC meetings
      - (3) Meeting with Dr. Thomas:
        - (a) Funds released, but part will be used for capital improvements
        - (b) Also some funds that can be put towards other things
        - (c) Things are looking good in terms of covid expenditures; main concern is dorm-related expenditures, since residence halls are operating at much lower capacity
        - (d) Talked about Covid measures; professors and university staff will have access to the vaccine once the county has them available; working to prepare for potential covid surge
      - (4) O. Smith: Do AFAC/ESFAC meet regularly?
        - (a) Alexander: Once a week

ii) German:

- (1) We still have apparel in the office; please pick it up if you haven't
- (2) ExComm Thursday at 8:00
- (3) Activities Fair coming up, will ask for volunteers soon
- (4) Women's Dodgeball team! You can join if you would like to

4) Old Business

5) New Business

a) [Spring 21 Budget \(Wren\)](#)

i) Questions:

- (1) Holt: Will we still keep the full \$400 for sexual assault prevention?
  - (a) Alexander: We could consider a lower number
- (2) Kershaw: Do we often get many applications for Spring appropriations?
  - (a) Holt: Committee does get busier, but it also can get complicated because of the types of requests
- (3) O. Smith: Will we have another voter registration drive this semester?
  - (a) MacLeod: I don't think so, since we did a lot last semester
- (4) Tillman: If we were to eliminate the appropriations part of the budget, where would it go?
  - (a) Wren: Would be dispersed into committees or other projects
- (5) Meyer: Why did the labyrinth jump so much in cost?
  - (a) Holt: Initially didn't know how much labor costs would be
  - (b) Bates: We never had an official quote; this is now that we have an actual dollar amount rather than estimates
- (6) O. Smith: Do we have funds lowered if we had too much left in the reserve?
  - (a) Barker: OAF audits the budget, so we do have to pay attention to how much we have, but it's not a major concern right now

ii) Discussion:

- (1) Holt: I understand the argument for getting rid of appropriations, but as a government we should be here to support students rather than only funding events
- (2) Kershaw: I don't know if we should permanently remove this from our budget, but it might be interesting to not allocate the \$2,000 for this semester
- (3) Barker: It might be a good idea to decrease the maximum amount of funding available to apply for
- (4) Tillman: I think in the future, the \$2,000 could be used for special campus projects; as reserve currently stands, we would have about 5% of our total budget left over
- (5) Meyer: In my capstone class, professor suggested StuGov as a potential source of funding; do not think we should permanently get rid of it, but not sure if we need the full \$2,000 for this semester
- (6) E. Smith: I get lots of questions about appropriations
- (7) MacLeod: I have also heard a lot of people talk about StuGov appropriations, so I think we need to be cautious about cutting this funding; if appropriations aren't being allocated efficiently, we should review how we allocate the funds rather than getting rid of appropriations entirely
- (8) Holt: Appropriations is the most direct way Student Government benefits students

6) Announcements

Adjourned: 7:11 p.m.