

**TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT
NINETEENTH SESSION OF THE 2020-2021 GENERAL BODY
January 24, 2021**

Called to Order: 4:03 p.m.

1) Preliminary Items

- a) Roll Call**
- b) Approval of Minutes**
 - i) Approved**
- c) Gallery Introductions/Business**
 - i) Members of the College Republicans**
- d) Membership Appointment/Resignation**
 - i) Resignation of Ireti Rotimi**
 - (1) Resigned
 - ii) Resignation of Hana Sheto**
 - (1) Resigned
 - iii) Blaine Smallwood as an Associate Senator to the Environmental Affairs Committee**
 - (1) Appointed
 - iv) Krishna Chebolu as an Associate Senator to the Environmental Affairs Committee**
 - (1) Appointed
 - v) Rachel Holt as Student Government Representative to OAF**
 - (1) Appointed
- e) Oath of office**
- f) Changes to the Agenda**
 - i) Wuennenberg: Move to place New Business ahead of reports**
 - (1) Not approved

2) Auxiliary Reports

- a) Speaker of the Student Senate**
 - i) E. Smith:**
 - (1) Confirming spring election schedule; planning rules revision
 - (a) Let me know if you have any suggestions for rules revision
 - (2) Will be drafting election handbook soon
- b) Faculty Advisor**
 - i) N/A**
- c) Staff Advisor**
 - i) Bates:**
 - (1) I will be putting a scheduling link on Slack this week for one-on-one appointments
- d) Student Representative to the Board of Governors**
 - i) N/A**
- e) Athletic Fee Accountability Committee Chair**
 - i) N/A**
- f) Student Representative to SAB**
 - i) Cochran:**
 - (1) Planning Final Blowout
 - (2) Survey ends next Monday
- g) Student Representative to ResLife**
 - i) No report**
- h) Black Student Representative**
 - i) Eagal:**
 - (1) Meeting with Katie at 9:30 on Thursday

- (2) Will meet with Dr. Cremer next week
 - (3) Working with Diversity Committee on DPS committee
 - (4) Need to check in about Bulldog Scholars program
 - i) Academic Affairs Committee**
 - i) Purinton:**
 - (1) Drafting timeline for Academic Accolades Banquet
 - (2) Looking at some math classes and exploring how to make Senior Portfolio project easier
 - (3) Self and Society project for undecided students should be done soon
 - j) Diversity Committee**
 - i) Cooper:**
 - (1) Emailed about programming for Black History Month, have yet to get a response
 - (2) Wanting to contact folks from the different religious groups on campus/identity-based groups to see what help they might need
 - k) Environmental Affairs Committee**
 - i) No report**
 - l) External Affairs Committee**
 - i) MacLeod:**
 - (1) Still working on stuff from last meeting
 - (2) Tried sending multiple messages to Covid Stops With Us, but no response
 - (3) Working towards two resolutions: memorial resolution for former StuGov President who passed away earlier this year from covid, and one to encourage faculty to be considered for next round of covid-19 vaccines
 - m) Student Affairs Committee**
 - i) Barge:**
 - (1) Discussing outreach to organizations; brainstorming major project for this semester
 - (2) Working with RHA to make it easier for students to change their gender identity in Truview
 - n) Health, Wellness, and Safety Co-Committee**
 - i) Barker:**
 - (1) Came up with agenda for the semester
 - (2) Working on creating timeline for faculty wellness honoree and academic accolades
 - o) Purple Friday Committee**
 - i) Myers:**
 - (1) Working on next Purple Friday (Winter themed), will be sending out sign-up sheet soon
 - p) Parking Appeals Committee**
 - i) Paris:**
 - (1) Meetings are starting, have met twice
 - (2) If you have any concerns about parking on campus, let me know
 - q) IT Director**
 - i) N/A**
 - r) PR Director**
 - i) Knight:**
 - (1) Got the request for alumni info form filled out, hoping to get weekly alumni posts going
 - (2) Josh will be member spotlight this week
 - (3) Got post up for civics exam update
- 3) Executive Reports**
- a) Treasurer**

- i) Wren:
 - (1) Will be bringing the budget for second read and approval today
 - (2) Myers: We will be spending \$60 on candy for future Purple Fridays
 - b) Secretary
 - i) Lesch:
 - (1) Committee chairs, please let me know when your meetings are happening and start updating committee attendance
 - c) The President and Vice President of the Student Association
 - i) German:
 - (1) Activities fair this Wednesday
 - (2) StuGov dinner time will be announced soon
 - (3) Searching for new IT Director
 - (4) First ExComm was last Thursday, 8:00 p.m.
 - ii) Alexander:
 - (1) Looking for Presidential Designee for AFAC/ESFAC; let me know if you are interested
 - (2) We are playing IM Women's Dodgeball - first game Tuesday! We still have a couple spots remaining
 - (3) Meeting with Dr. Thomas:
 - (a) University working to improve quarantine process; looking to hire new faculty to help with transitions/making experience better
 - (b) DPS and the Health Center have been vaccinated; unfortunately, professors are no longer next in line for the vaccine, looking into resolution regarding this
 - (c) \$1.7 million in CARES Act money directly for students
 - (d) Janna has heard concerns from Club Sports, because we can now have IM Sports; difference is that Rec staff will be at all IM Sports, but not available for Club Sports
 - (e) Also heard concerns about Truman not raising minimum wage; not required to meet state minimum wage, would not be able to hire enough student workers if they raised minimum wage
 - (4) Eli: Is there any way that students in quarantine can have an opportunity to walk outside or anything?
 - (a) Alexander: This is something that we have discussed in the past, but unsure how to make this happen.
 - (b) Eli: Perhaps they could have assigned times at the Rec Center or something?
 - (5) Bates: Missouri agreed to raise the minimum wage to \$12, so there is about a dollar increase every year. Right after this, student wage was raised, and last January staff salary went to \$9.45 and students to \$9. This year, there was still a new rate (students \$9.45), some specific positions have higher wages.
 - (a) Tillman: Is there any possibility in the future to explore meeting the state minimum wage for student employees?
 - (b) Bates: I think that would be a possibility, but would be dependent on several different factors.
 - (c) O. Smith: Can we get the website that has the jobs that qualify for adjusted rate wages?
- 4) Old Business
- a) [Spring 21 Budget \(Wren\)](#)
 - i) Wren: Made slight changes from last week, most notably Sexual Assault Prevention budget (\$100); will keep appropriations

ii) Questions:

- (1) Barker: What is “gavel”?
 - (a) Wren: We are budgeting to purchase the president’s gavel for next Fall
- (2) Wuennenberg: What is “Shining Star”?
 - (a) Wren: Award with Union and Involvement Service that we sponsor
 - (b) Alexander: At Leadership Recognition Program, we have traditionally held this award; anyone can nominate someone for this, comes with a \$100 scholarship.
 - (c) Barge: There is no reason to get rid of it right now, so we decided to keep it

iii) Adopted by unanimous consent**5) New Business****a) Appointment of Malia Johnson as Student Climate Union Representative**

- i)** Alexander: Any organization can petition the Student Government to be able to sit at general body meetings; do not get a yes/no vote, but express support based on the perspective of their organization; SCU working on divestment, energy efficiency; establish communication between StuGov and SCU
- ii)** Johnson: I believe my position would help our group help the community, ensure our agendas do not clash with each other

iii) Questions:

- (1) O. Smith: Do organizational representatives sit on any committees?
 - (a) E. Smith: They don’t have to, they keep us informed
 - (b) Tillman: They can serve as ex-officio members on committees
- (2) Barker: In our standing rules, FAC, RefLife, and SAB automatically have reps, but any other organization can petition for a representative
- (3) College Republicans: What differentiates this position from the other appointees today?
 - (a) E. Smith: It’s mostly how our constitution discusses them; associate senators are specifically signed to a committee, organization representatives are not
- (4) Barker: The main reason we are doing this in business and not appointments is because it seemed people wanted to discuss this
- (5) O. Smith: How do you see yourself working with our Environmental Affairs Committee?
 - (a) Johnson: I am mostly here to absorb information and pass it between the organizations
- (6) E. Smith: ASG apparently had an org rep for a long time
- (7) Eli: The petitioning process is part of the constitution?
 - (a) E. Smith: Yes
- (8) O. Smith: Will Malia be added to the agenda?
 - (a) E. Smith: Yes, she will have an opportunity to discuss if she has a report
 - (b) Bates: This is an opportunity for students to participate in StuGov discussions

iv) Discussion:

- (1) Owsley: I think going forward as an organization, it is important that we look towards the impacts of climate change. I support Malia becoming a representative for her organization

v) Appointed 12-1-1

- b)** Discussion Item on Spring Election Dates [Proposed dates: Petitions out April 5th, transition April 25th](E. Smith)
 - i)** [Link to last spring's handbook and dates](#)
 - ii)** E. Smith: Pretty much the exact same as last Spring
 - iii)** Meyer: Are we going to change the logo to our new logo?
 - (1) E. Smith: This is just the dates, not the handbook. That will come later
 - iv)** Bates: If there is anything that has to be turned in to U&I, we have a different deadline than Friday at 5:00?
 - v)** Adopted by unanimous consent
- 6) Announcements**
 - a)** E. Smith: We are going to take a look at the organizational representative appointment process, so let me know if you have any suggestions
 - b)** Bates: There is a snow emergency declared through at least Wednesday. If you do not follow the city of Kirksville on social media, this is where they are posting these warnings. If you know anyone who parks on a snow emergency route, they will need to move their vehicle.

Adjourned: 5:03 p.m.