

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
January 28, 2021
Called to order: 8:00 p.m.**

1) Preliminary Items

a) Roll Call

2) Auxiliary Reports

a) Speaker of the Student Senate

i) E. Smith:

- (1) Excited to head Rules Revision! Executive Order looks good, but need to work out scheduling for meetings
- (2) Sprehe: Is the Executive Order being brought up at this meeting?
 - (a) E. Smith: Yes. Also need to do the Election Handbook
- (3) Alexander: Authorizing committee to consider future functions of appropriations, role of StuGov in creating OAF, the description of Environmental Affairs, and the procedures for appointing Org Representatives
 - (a) Cooper: Could we add changing the name of the Diversity Committee?
 - (b) E. Smith: Do we want to review the role/purpose of the Speaker and the Executive Committee?
- (4) Barker: Do we have a plan on how to change the organizational representative?
 - (a) E. Smith: It will mostly be clearing things up -- let me know if you have any suggestions

b) Academic Affairs Committee Chair

i) Purinton:

- (1) Main project for the semester will be the banquet
 - (a) Set up timeline, nominations open Feb. 1-15; Will choose faculty for essay prompt Feb. 19, then go into interviews/reaching out to academic organizations for feedback; Winners chosen March 26
- (2) Met with Jonathan Vieker, said new appointment, Dr. Gleason, will be working with Freshman undecided majors; work together on an advising Blackboard/etc. rather than in Self and Society; would become a requirement for Spring registration

ii) Wren: Concerned about professors needing to fill out paperwork/take a lot of extra time to follow through with nominations; are we missing people who could have these awards because of all the paperwork?

- (1) Barker: This award genuinely has merit in terms of jobs/tenure
- (2) Purinton: It is a very competitive/prestigious award; doing short essay responses for Educator of the Year/Research Mentor of the Year; maybe looking into simpler options in the future, but we are giving them two weekends to complete the prompts; the essays reveal a lot about the values and practices of the professors
- (3) Woods: Students have to do a lot of work, and I think a lot of professors are more than willing to do the essays

c) Diversity Committee Chair

- i) Cooper:
 - (1) Main goals:
 - (a) Continuing past projects
 - (b) Interfaith Center: Met with Jewish Student Union to get some feedback, and also reaching out to a few other organizations; Potentially working with CDI on this; Jewish Student Union president suggested an educational activity once the project is complete
 - (c) PBS said we do not have to pay for their documentaries, so long as we are showing them without charging admission!
- d) Environmental Affairs Committee Chair
 - i) Kershaw:
 - (1) Main goal this semester is to work on divestment
 - (a) Contacted Bulldog Student Investment Fund, received information/paperwork
 - (b) Emailed Ernie Hughs, but have not heard back yet
 - (c) Hoping to have presentation to give to student group soon -- divestment shouldn't be too difficult
 - (d) A resolution is a possibility if cannot contact university -- would hope to share progress by Earth Day
 - (e) Alexander: You can pass a resolution to document progress/for records
 - (2) ESFAC has form for proposals ready, will put this in the Slack
- e) External Affairs Committee Chair
 - i) MacLeod:
 - (1) Main goal is fighting for election day off in future years
 - (a) Write resolution/pass through the body, then bring it to Faculty Senate -- resolution in draft form, but still needs editing
 - (2) Covid Stops With Us chair is interested in working with StuGov -- interested in speaking with Student Government
 - (3) Working on a couple resolutions:
 - (a) Calling on state government to categorize professors to be next in line for covid vaccine
 - (b) Memorial resolution for JoEllen Engelbart, not yet drafted -- Josh gave me resources for how we can find out more about her and her legacy
 - ii) E. Smith: Are you interested in collecting money/donations for JoEllen's family? You might Slack Laura about this
- f) Health, Wellness, and Safety Co-Chairs
 - i) Barker:
 - (1) Met with Sutton to discuss academic accolades
 - (a) Came up with prompt for students to answer
 - (2) Mindfulness sessions will happen Tuesday afternoons for quarantine students
 - (3) Goals for semester:
 - (a) Set up peer counseling on campus, through app called "Unmasked" -- reaching out to university faculty to see how this could be set up at Truman

- (b) Dorm hours; dorms will lock after 5:00, after hall desk monitors stop working -- will put together proposal, try to get something on ResLife survey, open forum for this and other ResLife issues
 - ii) Woods:
 - (1) MO Partners in Prevention:
 - (a) Want to have all chair and exec members go through Ask, Listen, Refer training
 - (b) Also doing another survey, and a JED survey; also considering doing tabling about Ask, Listen, and Refer
 - (c) MOPIP conference every year, free conference online this year; will post link for training and the conference
 - (2) Hayden suggested the possibility of a trans representative on the Student Government body
 - (a) Also suggested Autism Acceptance month instead of Autism Awareness -- potentially weekly tabling; Awareness week in late February about visible vs. invisible disability
 - (3) CHIA organization getting started, to support students with chronic health issues -- currently have about 5 people interested
 - iii) German: What is the prompt for the award?
 - (1) Barker: Same as last year, but also added question about how professor has specifically helped in regards to covid-19 wellness concerns
- g) Purple Friday Committee Chair
 - i) Myers:
 - (1) Main goal is to have a Purple Friday that is fully planned, not rushed, etc -- perhaps around March (St. Patrick's Day?)
 - (2) We are good to go for tabling tomorrow!
- h) Student Affairs Committee Chair
 - i) Barge:
 - (1) Want to focus on outreach and resolutions
 - (a) Resolution focused on either raising student wage or lowering scholarship hour requirements; another focused on expanding bathroom access in the dorms
 - (b) Open to sharing funds with other committees since we aren't planning on any major expenditures for the semester
 - (2) Called Physical Plant and have not yet heard back
- i) Women's Leadership Committee Chair:
 - i) Sprehe:
 - (1) Working with four art students to commission the mural/backdrop for the conference
 - (2) Alexander: Will you be bringing a money motion?
 - (a) Sprehe: Will talk to the art students on Saturday and see what they think, and then will bring forward money motion
- j) PR Director
 - i) Knight:
 - (1) Received list of alumni emails, so will have lots of opportunities for the alumni spotlight
 - (2) Got posters in for Purple Friday
 - (3) Next week will be putting in order for Academic Accolades Banquet

(a) Sutton: Thank you so much for all that you do!

ii) Sprehe: Could you work with my committee PR member?

3) Executive Reports

a) Treasurer

i) Wren:

(1) Bringing resolution on Sunday for the labyrinth, would love to first and second read it; construction supposed to start on Sunday

(a) Want to locate past information/resolutions about the labyrinth

ii) Sprehe: Do we update the budget every year?

(1) Wren: Yes, but website is currently very outdated

b) Secretary

i) Lesch:

(1) Hoping to get things situated/organized for the next secretary, so that everything is in the same place

c) The President and Vice President of the Student Association

i) Alexander:

(1) Executive Board planning elections initiative:

(a) Increase diversity, both in terms of identity and academics;
Increased advertising

(b) Have been working on brainstorming some goals -- hoping to have full plan/delegations in a few weeks

(c) Advertising options: Early interest sessions, emailing organizations, posters

(d) Launching advertising campaign by the time petitions go out

(e) E. Smith: If you have any suggestions on how to reach out to organizations productively, let us know

(f) Wren: Reach out to clubs to advertise!

Adjourned: 8:56 p.m.