

**TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT
 TWENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE 2020-2021 GENERAL BODY
 MARCH 14th.**

Called to Order: 7:00 p.m.

1) Preliminary Items

- a) Roll Call
- b) Approval of Minutes
 - i) Approved
- c) Gallery Introductions/Business
- d) Membership Appointment/Resignation
- e) Oath of office
- f) Changes to the Agenda

2) Auxiliary Reports

- a) Speaker of the Student Senate
 - i) E. Smith:
 - (1) We are about to have a lot of resolutions coming out of rules revision
 - (2) Let Emily know if you are interested in being a pro-temp or if you are interested in being speaker next year
- b) Faculty Advisor
 - i) Edwards:
 - (1) I urge you to think about things going on, your “last hurrahs,” in the coming months
 - (2) On Tuesday, there are Zoom discussions for city council, school board, and health board; join if you are an Adair County voter
- c) Staff Advisor
 - i) Bates:
 - (1) The rec center replaced hot water heater over break
 - (2) This is around the time that we are looking at next year’s budgets, keeping an eye out for governor’s budget for higher ed
 - (3) Processed a lot of FRFs over break
 - (a) As a reminder, it takes a minimum of 7-10 business days for FRFs to process; plan intentionally
 - (4) Talking with land acknowledgement artist on the commission plans and details
- d) Student Representative to the Board of Governors
 - i) Smeltzer:
 - (1) Next meeting April 10th
 - (2) University is looking to see what happens with governor’s budget; having lots of conversations with lobbyists in Jefferson City
- e) Athletic Fee Accountability Committee Chair
 - i) N/A
- f) Environmental Fee Accountability Committee Chair
 - i) N/A
- g) Student Representative to SAB
 - i) N/A
- h) Student Representative to ResLife
 - i) N/A
- i) Organizational Representatives
 - i) N/A
- j) Black Student Representative
 - i) No report
- k) Academic Affairs Committee

- i) Purinton:
 - (1) Spring commencement speaker application closes tomorrow
 - (2) Most of interviews for Academic Accolades are scheduled for this week and next week
 - (3) Meeting with Jonathan Vieker on Friday and will have update on undecided student project
 - D) Diversity Committee
 - i) Cooper:
 - (1) Met with new director for CDI over spring break
 - (a) Excited to work with Student Government
 - m) Environmental Affairs Committee
 - i) No report
 - n) External Affairs Committee
 - i) No report
 - ii) Alexander: Have you looked into vaccine lobbying we wanted to do? We discussed maybe doing some kind of form email to get more voices
 - (1) MacLeod: I will talk to you guys and my committee for more ideas
 - o) Student Affairs Committee
 - i) No report
 - p) Health, Wellness, and Safety Co-Committee
 - i) No report
 - q) Purple Friday Committee
 - i) Myers:
 - (1) Purple Friday this Friday, outside the SUB; look out for sign up
 - r) Parking Appeals Committee
 - i) No report
 - s) Legislative Director
 - i) No report
 - t) IT Director (and apprentice)
 - i) Eagal:
 - (1) Finishing up working on Women's Leadership Conference website
 - ii) O. Smith:
 - (1) Just downloaded all the minutes and will get them posted this week
 - u) PR Director
 - i) N/A
- 3) **Executive Reports**
 - a) Treasurer
 - i) Wren:
 - (1) Will be spending no more than \$100 on graduation cords for graduating seniors; planning on purchasing 18 for \$94
 - b) Secretary
 - i) No report
 - c) The President and Vice President of the Student Association
 - i) Alexander:
 - (1) This Saturday is the Women's Leadership Conference! From 12:00-6:00 p.m., with lots of different kinds of programming
 - (a) Speakers, panels, workshops; both in-person and Zoom
 - (b) Finishing with mental health activity with Positive Peers and talk from Nicole Galloway
 - (c) This is our major conference, so please come to at least one event and bring friends! We will be posting the schedule in the general Slack
 - (2) Had meeting with Dr. Thomas before Spring break:

- (a) Talked more about student vaccinations; campus restrictions only planning to be lifted once students have herd immunity
- (b) We cannot mandate students get vaccinations since it was approved through emergency authorization
- (c) Talked more about snow days, will talk more at ExComm
- (d) Currently, Rec Center dress code is being revised

ii) German:

- (1) Will be doing more intramural stuff soon!

iii) Edwards: I wonder if the Campus Clear app could include some kind of option for vaccine information?

iv) Tillman: Regarding the changes to UCS and the Health Center, there have been some concerns about student insurance bringing up costs/concerns from current counselors -- could we find out more about what these changes will mean?

- (1) Bates: All I know is that Truman and Complete Family Medicine have a deal that current employees will be kept on for at least a year during the transition; I think the longer hours will be really helpful; this is still new and there are things to be worked out; in terms of counselling, they had counselling vacancies, have contract with online counsellors -- things might be a bit shaky until UCS can work things out

- (2) Edwards: We want to advocate for students; we have had concerns about students without insurance not being able to pay for mental health services, not sure how invoicing and the like will work

v) Crawford: Last I was told, the rec center has a new dress code that we are enforcing

- (1) Alexander: When we met with Dr. Thomas on March 4th, we were told it is still being workshopped. Will talk about it more this week

vi) Eagal: I'm working with ABC; we are also concerned about the Complete Family Medicine merge, met with Janna over spring break to discuss potential financial barriers; seemed as though this semester is covered, but there are still questions about student access/payment plans

4) Old Business

a) [A Resolution To Require Resolutions To Be Sent Out To The Truman State Student Body](#)
(Bono)

i) Bono: Changed the wording in the title, also want to discuss a little about the wording at the bottom of the dissemination section -- how would we word sending it out to the student body?

ii) Discussion:

- (1) German: For the last section, this is only for this particular resolution

- (2) Alexander: Also for the "directs that" section, I'm not sure all these people are necessarily relevant; this is more of an internal discussion

- (a) Bates: I suggested to include all the Vice Presidents, since your resolutions might be applicable to these groups

- (3) Tillman: In the future you could say the Student Association in the "directs that" section

- (4) Alexander: I'm not sure that we can put resolutions in PDF format always in our emails; typically, I've linked them in emails

- (a) Bates: It would be great if you could link to your website where the resolutions would be posted with the minutes

- (5) MacLeod: Therefore Be It Resolved ends with semicolon

iii) Voting:

- (1) Adopted by unanimous consent

5) New Business

a) [A Resolution Relating to Emergency Weather Systems Tests](#) (O. Smith)

- i) O. Smith: A week before we went on spring break, there was a state-wide test of the tornado sirens, but no information beforehand; I think it would be pertinent to have some notifications sent out to the Student Body before tests occur
- ii) Discussion:
 - (1) Edwards: On this mass alert, it was actually a statewide malfunction
 - (a) O. Smith: That's part of why I think we should have this notification; this would help everything remain clear
 - (2) Bates: They used to test it the last Friday of every month as long as the weather conditions weren't stormy
 - (3) Alexander: I find it interesting that we are talking with DPS about this, because in the past few years we have talked about wanting more notifications with DPS about emergency events; If chairs who worked on this in the past have any ideas, that might be helpful
 - (a) Also, the sentence about "the weather did not appear to be severe," seems a bit facetious
 - (4) Edwards: I don't know if it's still the same, but in general when a real alert happens, it generally takes over our computer systems; I'm not sure if this is still the case, but that's something to think about in terms of how we want to inform the student body
 - (a) O. Smith: When I talked with Sara Seifert, she didn't want to use TruAlert for this because she wanted to keep it for real emergencies; but, I want to make sure that these alerts are taken seriously and that people know when it is a test/a real alert
 - (5) Alexander: Maybe include information about how students can sign up for TruAlerts
 - (6) Tillman: I think this is valid, but I wonder if we can just ask for an email next time? Not sure if a resolution is needed
 - (a) E. Smith: There is a lot of good information here, resolutions are what we often do
- b) [Academic Accolades Money Motion](#) (Purinton)
 - i) Purinton: Spend \$585 for academic accolades; some of these are just ideas, so we likely won't be spending this entire amount; just to make sure we have plenty of wiggle room
 - ii) Questions:
 - (1) Alexander: Which of these items are for the three finalists, and which are for the other professors?
 - (a) Purinton: Initially, we were planning on getting something small for all of our finalists, but still thinking about that; this list is mostly for the three finalists
 - (b) Alexander: What about the t-shirts?
 - (i) Purinton: We are having some issues with the company I was hoping to work with
 - (ii) Bates: Some of this looks like a gift to faculty and staff, which we are not allowed to spend over a certain amount on; working more on this
 - (iii) Alexander: So the \$350 is for three t-shirts?
 - 1. Purinton: And shipping costs, which would be an expedited process once we get the designs; because of copyright with some of the designs we were thinking of, it was going to be fairly expensive; I'm not exactly sure what mode the celebration is going to take, so I'm trying to make this as special as possible; would likely come out closer to \$250

- iii) Discussion:
 - (1) E. Smith: I get nervous about Etsy shops shipping things on time, so I would check with the shop owner and double check that they are able to get this in on time
 - (2) Bates: If this were tabled until next week, this would allow Jesse and I to work with Sutton and discuss a bit more
- iv) Money Motion Tabled
- c) [Discussion Item on SB 332](#) (King)
 - i) King: This is a bill meant to prohibit institutions of higher education from taking adverse action against any belief-based organization (political, ideological, or religious)
 - (1) Bill is different from past bills, as it includes organizations beyond religious organizations
 - (2) Has been first read, second read, and referred to the education committee; next action would be Public Hearings
 - (3) Bill is at an advantage since it was introduced by a Republican in a Republican state; Cindy O’Laughlin is the chair of the education committee, so this might be advantageous for us
 - (4) If we choose to support this bill, I suggest that we pass a resolution in support; if we choose to oppose, could pass a formal resolution against it
 - ii) Questions:
 - (1) Wuennenberg: Was there an inciting incident that caused this bill to be introduced?
 - (a) King: I am not sure, but I could reach out and see
 - (2) Alexander: For the previously considered bills, did those have hearings?
 - (a) King: The 2018 and the 2019 did, but were never perfected
 - (b) Alexander: I think it would be helpful if we had some information on supporting and opposing viewpoints
 - (3) German: Reading through the first section, what does “standards of conduct” refer to?
 - (a) King: I’m assuming that would be the organization’s standards of conduct
 - (b) Bates: I would read that as based on the group itself
 - (4) Edwards: Would this prevent standards of conduct from the university to apply to organizations? That could prove somewhat problematic in regards to the university’s conduct rules
 - (5) Bates: Case in Georgia about an individual student passing out religious literature in the designated free speech zone; religion is a protected class, so I think it’s interesting this is being brought up; the only reason a faith-based group would be denied chartering would be if they were promoting illegal activities or were excluding protected groups
 - iii) Discussion:
 - (1) German: I’m not sure this does very much for religious organizations, I think it’s largely to protect political organizations’ free speech
 - (2) Kershaw: I was trying to research this more, and there was an event at the University of Iowa in which a gay student was not allowed to be in a leadership position in a religious organization; not sure if this would be under the information of this bill
 - (3) Tillman: Do you get the sense that this bill is potentially trying to supercede university non-discrimination policies?
 - (a) King: I don’t believe so; it allows organizations to take cases to court and get reparations; as far as superseding school policies, I think this is more of an “in addition to”

- (4) Alexander: I think a good path going forward would be to ask these questions and gain some clarity (for example, how would this interact with existing conduct codes?)
 - (a) E. Smith: The bill does mention that it cannot interfere with existing university rules; refers to benefits/Title IX standards
- (5) Edwards: It specifically says that universities do not require leadership from groups to do anything that goes against their standards/conduct rules
 - (a) Bates: I think this is a question to pose
- (6) Tillman: At the moment, I don't feel comfortable supporting this bill due to its vagueness
- (7) Alexander: I think we need some answers before we support this bill; I would like to commend Dan for taking this step in this position
- (8) Bates: You might connect with Lauri Millot to see if she has any insight
- (9) Owsley: Dan has a bill tracker, so if you are interested in following others, it is in the shared drive

iv) Discussion tabled

6) Announcements

Adjourned: 8:15 p.m.