

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
March 18, 2021**

**Called to order: 8:04 p.m.**

**1) Preliminary Items**

**a) Roll Call**

**2) Auxiliary Reports**

**a) Speaker of the Student Senate**

i) E. Smith:

- (1) Will be appointing another Ethics Justice to run elections
- (2) Working with Katie on elections stuff -- flyers for early info sessions, posters for running and voting, etc.
  - (a) Cooper: On your original posters, the "with Student Government" is a bit hard to read
- (3) Eboard will spend no more than \$99 on flyers
- (4) Rules Revision will have a lot of resolutions this Sunday
  - (a) Amending organizational representative petitioning process to make it an automatic process
    - (i) Want to keep process for representatives to SAB, FAC, and ResLife the same to give them the fullest appointment process as possible

**b) Academic Affairs Committee Chair**

i) Purinton:

- (1) Doing interviews for Educator of the Year and Research Mentor of the Year
- (2) Commencement interview scheduling will happen next week; will be seven graduation ceremonies, so chance to have multiple speakers, though not sure if we will go this route
- (3) Working on getting prizes figured out after talking to Laura and Jesse
- (4) Barker: If we don't pick multiple speakers, will the same person speak at all seven?
  - (a) Purinton: Yes, they will
  - (b) Alexander: Maybe we could do one speaker for each day, so the speaker wouldn't have to stay the entire weekend they graduate? I would think about maybe having two or three people to make it easier on the speaker
- (5) Alexander: Do you have the finalists for Educator and Research Mentor?
  - (a) Purinton: We are down to nine people; 6 for educator and 3 for research mentor

**c) Diversity Committee Chair**

i) Cooper:

- (1) Working on improving Prayer Room, have list of specific items to purchase
- (2) Talked with Josh about a lot of ideas and got a lot of good feedback
- (3) Brad Turnbull turned in proposal for LGBT Resource Center; thinking about writing a resolution in support of it

- (4) Food Pantry committee wrapped up our proposal and it is pretty much ready to turn in; might also write a resolution in support of this
- (5) Alexander: Kennedy's committee co-sponsored the Recap Event, and it was incredible; it is recorded!

**d) Environmental Affairs Committee Chair**

i) Kershaw:

- (1) Sent money motion for Sunday in ExComm chat; Earth Week spending
  - (a) Film rights, posters, 300 stickers, 500 seed balls -- \$900 total
- (2) Alexander: How are the birds doing?
  - (a) Kershaw: There are apparently some ethical concerns about birdhouses because it might alter their natural lifestyle, and it would take a while for the birds to get used to campus/to lure them here
- (3) German: Are we going to be able to do Earth Day on Earth Day?
  - (a) Kershaw: Earth Week is the week before Earth Day; Earth Day is also the SRC, hoping to have some stuff on the Quad with SAB
- (4) Woods: What are seed balls?
  - (a) Kershaw: They are a collection of dirt, nutrients, and seeds and you can drop them wherever and they'll grow

**e) External Affairs Committee Chair**

i) MacLeod:

- (1) Looking into lobbying state representatives about covid vaccine classification issues; P.J. has contact info so will contact them
- (2) Laying groundwork for election day time-off so it can be further pursued next semester
  - (a) Alexander: Have you passed a resolution yet?
    - (i) MacLeod: Passed last semester that pointed towards making this step this semester
- (3) German: Are you doing anything for the local elections?
  - (a) MacLeod: Will be doing publicity, though voter registration deadline has passed

**f) Health, Wellness, and Safety Co-Chairs**

i) Woods

- (1) Brochure is almost published, got in touch with Alec
- (2) Mr. Dreamweaver will be putting brochure on the website
- (3) Helping with WLC on Saturday

ii) Barker:

- (1) Planning on sexual assault prevention tabling; looking into ordering t-shirts and stickers
- (2) Planning on tabling to promote Rave App
- (3) Still in Educator of the Year process, will be finishing up in the next couple weeks
- (4) Wren: We only budgeted \$100 for sexual assault prevention; will this come out of the HWS budget?
  - (a) Barker: Yes
- (5) German: Who are your finalists?
  - (a) Barker: We don't have them quite yet, but have 7 on the list

**g) Purple Friday Committee Chair**

- i) Myers:
  - (1) Purple Friday tomorrow 11-3 outside the SUB, have all slots filled
  - (2) Have another planned for advertising running for Student Government; also date for Epilepsy Day (“Purple Day”)

**h) Student Affairs Committee Chair**

- i) Barge:
  - (1) Sutton mentioned Harvard Business School “If I Knew Then...” where alumni post advice for current students; looking into what we could apply to Truman and thinking it would be good to talk to seniors for advice/how we would set up this website -- general body discussion?
  - (2) Also discussed Sodexo food policy; hoping to meet with someone from Sodexo about getting food products labelled for those with special diets (Kosher/Halal)
    - (a) Cooper: A couple months ago, heard about Sodexo not labelling dietary info on their food; survey conducted showed that students are supportive of Sodexo more thoroughly labelling food
    - (b) Kershaw: I have contact info from working with composting, so I’ll pass that along
    - (c) Wren: I also have contact info from working with meals for quarantine students

**i) Women’s Leadership Conference:**

- i) Sprehe:
  - (1) Conference is on Saturday! Unfortunately I am in quarantine, but Katie is doing a great job
  - (2) Have a couple more finishing touches
  - (3) Got emails sent out to all speakers, now focusing on advertising and getting together a few decorations; mural is almost done and is going really well
  - (4) Tell everyone you know to attend! If you are not busy tomorrow, you should help hand out WLC stickers for Purple Friday
  - (5) Alexander: Remember that if you are attending in person, you should wear Student Government attire and nametags
    - (a) SEND ALL YOUR FRIENDS THE ADVERTISEMENTS AND BRING FRIENDS TO THE CONFERENCE!
  - (6) King: Have you reached out to Panhellenic orgs?
    - (a) Sprehe: We have emailed national Panhellenic Conference and other organizations, so all have been contacted
  - (7) Will be spending no more than \$99 on balloons and such for the conference

**j) Legislative Director**

- i) King:
  - (1) Reaching out about Senate bill questions from Sunday’s meeting

**3) Executive Reports**

**a) Treasurer**

- i) Wren:

- (1) SAB officially made an amendment in their constitution that their treasurer is required to meet with treasurers from other fee-based organizations every year
  - (a) Making a resolution to document the collaboration and what we are doing moving forward
- b) Secretary**
  - i) Lesch:
    - (1) No report
- c) The President and Vice President of the Student Association**
  - i) Alexander:
    - (1) Seriously help advertise the WLC!
    - (2) Had great meeting with Dr. Thomas and Janna:
      - (a) Talked about concerns from Sunday regarding Student Health Center
      - (b) The university is paying for a new counselling program -- MySSP app, completely free counselling available at any time
      - (c) Also talked about OAF, looking for different home for OAF other than Student Government; Janna recommended looking to the Accounting Department, and will be talking with rules revision
      - (d) Lauri Millot will be done with her term in just a few weeks; will be an outside firm in St. Louis doing remote consulting in the transition period
        - (i) Dr. Thomas and Janna asked if we could have a student representative on the interview process; reach out if you are interested in the position
    - (e) Talked about the Rec Center dress code; there is now officially no dress code at the Rec Center
      - (i) Men and women now don't have to wear shirts in the weight room; concerned about some legal concerns
      - (ii) Concerned that the weight room might feel more threatening to women if men weren't wearing shirts
      - (iii) Kershaw: Is the dress code only in the weight room? Not sure if it was clear what the dress code was
      - (iv) Myers: I think it would be reasonable to require shirts in the weight room
      - (v) Sprehe: I think the rules for the weight room or the rest of the rec should be different; I don't think having to wear a shirt in the weight room would be an issue, the main concern was not being able to wear tank tops
      - (vi) Lesch: I know that I personally already feel intimidated by the weight room, and I think having shirtless men there would be a further discomfort
      - (vii) E. Smith: Could we just ask people to cover their chests?
      - (viii) Kershaw: Enforcement might tricky, it seems like it was being enforced in different ways
      - (ix) Barge: I think this new lack of a dress code would cause a lot more problems

- (x) Wren: I don't think there should not be a dress code, but it needs to be changed from what it was originally
  - (xi) Woods: Is this dress code only in the weight room area? I think we need to keep in mind that women are more policed in dress docs than men
    - 1. German: It's supposed to be, but it was being enforced elsewhere with miscommunication
  - (xii) Wren: I think this is a good reminder that student feedback matters on our campus
- ii) Barker: Have we talked any more about the inclement weather policy?
- (1) Alexander: We did not talk about it this week, but we will continue discussions; we could also write a resolution in support of the changes to the policy

**Adjourned: 9:09 p.m.**