

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
March 25, 2021**

**Called to order: 8:06 p.m.**

**1) Preliminary Items**

**a) Roll Call**

**2) Auxiliary Reports**

**a) Speaker of the Student Senate**

i) E. Smith:

- (1) Rules revision will meet Sunday at noon, talking about a lot
- (2) Will be looking at resolutions for Sunday; organizational representative process resolution

**b) Academic Affairs Committee Chair**

i) Purinton:

- (1) Completed spring commencement interviews today, will still take the weekend to figure out choices
- (2) Academic accolades interviews also finished today, will be meeting as a committee to discuss after
- (3) Money motion coming on Sunday; pair of socks for each finalist and plaques

**c) Diversity Committee Chair**

i) Cooper:

- (1) Wrote resolution for Food Pantry, bringing on Sunday
- (2) Interfaith center work continuing
- (3) Trying to figure out food labelling with Sodexo
- (4) Alexander: We'll need to talk a little bit more about the Food Pantry resolution, wondering if we should wait closer to April when the pantry committee is looking through some issues so we can have more details

**d) Environmental Affairs Committee Chair**

i) Kershaw:

- (1) Working on ordering stuff for Earth Week
- (2) Committee member working on ENVIS major plan to present to ENVIS minor committee
- (3) For ESFAC, finishing reading student proposals, will finalize budget and allocation next week

**e) External Affairs Committee Chair**

i) MacLeod:

- (1) Mike got the newsletter all typed up, will work with Alec on making it look nice
- (2) Assistant city manager wants us to promote local elections, working with committee on list of questions for Truman policy to send to candidates
  - (a) Alexander: Make sure you tell them what you want to do with the information when you ask for it

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

i) Woods:

- (1) Working with Purple Friday tomorrow for Epilepsy Awareness Day

- (2) Waiting to get cost estimates on brochure for a pilot
  - ii) Barker:
    - (1) Alex and Emily got really cool t-shirt design from Alec
    - (2) In final stages of interviews
    - (3) Myers: If anyone can sign up for Purple Friday tomorrow please do!
  - iii) Alexander: We talked with Dr. Thomas and Janna about the transition to Complete Family Medicine for SHC and UCS; asked to see what students would be asked to complete if they can't pay for a service; CFM sent us the form for sliding scale, but we found it pretty intimidating from a student perspective (financial records, problems with accessibility); would your committee be able to take a look at those forms?
    - (1) Barker: Is this a Truman-specific form?
    - (2) Alexander: No, this is the same as what they have at their normal locations; I would think that at a bare minimum they would be able to present the information in a way that's more accessible to students
- g) Purple Friday Committee Chair
  - i) Myers:
    - (1) Purple Friday this Friday
    - (2) Thinking about buying feather flags for more visibility at the table ("Purple Friday" and "Student Government")
      - (a) \$130 for each because we will also need to buy the poles
    - (3) E. Smith: Do we know how they break down to store?
      - (a) Cooper: With flags I've had in the past, there's usually a way to fold the fabric down for storage
- h) Student Affairs Committee Chair
  - i) Barge:
    - (1) Attended ResLife meeting today; talking about restructuring curricular approach; taken a lot from University of Delaware research, how they can better needs of students; trying to get all institutions on campus involved with themes (current focus on community and wellness)
    - (2) Committee is talking about Freshman Guide from a few years ago
    - (3) Alexander: Talked with president of JSU (Ryley Wilson) about university not acknowledging religious holidays and allowing students to take these days off
      - (a) Cooper: I have met with the JSU and would like to keep working with them
- i) Women's Leadership Conference Committee Chair:
  - i) Sprehe:
    - (1) Everything went great! Attendance was really good for being in the middle of the pandemic and I want to sincerely thank everyone who helped me, you are all amazing! Let me know if you have any questions.
- j) Legislative Director
  - i) King: Got no updates on senate bill, ghosted when asked questions; will call the office to follow up
- k) IT Director:
  - i) Knight: Ran into some formatting issues on brochure, but the brochure is designed; also got stickers for Sexual Assault Awareness
- l) Election Handbook:

- i) O. Smith: Will be bringing election handbook Sunday, would like to suspend the standing rules and get it passed; link in Slack; let Owen know if you have any concerns

### 3) Executive Reports

#### a) Treasurer

- i) Wren:

- (1) Meeting with Emily on Sunday, second read of resolution for SAB and FAC treasurer meeting

#### b) Secretary

- i) Lesch:

- (1) No report

#### c) The President and Vice President of the Student Association

- i) Alexander:

- (1) Governor released new phases, students will be eligible April 9th; might have specific events for students, have volunteered StuGov to help
- (2) Rec Center dress code

##### (a) Phone call with legal council:

- (i) Historically, one of the problems they were trying to address were policies being unequally enforced towards women; initial dress code requiring shirts was for cleanliness, encouraging Rec staff to clean more instead
- (ii) Explained ExComm perspective of discomfort with men being shirtless in the weight room; Amy disagreed about making sure people were comfortable, and felt that as long as there wasn't indecent exposure people should be able to wear what they want

- 1. They also don't have language finalized yet, so we might be able to help them develop something
- 2. E. Smith: "Torso garment"?
  - a. "At minimum a bra"?
- 3. Woods: Discussing not creating a hostile environment rather than a specific kind of covering?
- 4. Kershaw: The legal concerns are very subjective based on state laws; in Missouri it is "private body parts"
  - a. Wikipedia defines "top" as covering at least the chest

- ii) Discussion on Kirksville city council revisiting mask mandate policy:

- (1) Meeting regarding this will be in April, do we want to continue to support our past resolution about mask mandates?

- (a) Woods: I do not want to support taking away the mask mandates; getting vaccinated is not 100% prevention, and you can still pass the virus to people who are unable to get the vaccine

- (b) Myers: I think it would be interesting to discuss at least until summer break, which would be more specifically Truman-focused
- (c) Cooper: I know Kirksville has a mask mandate right now, but they don't enforce it; is there any way we could support keeping the mask mandate and also encourage more enforcement?
- (d) Kershaw: In the terms of the current policy, is there actually any language about enforcement?
- (e) Woods: Current definition of herd immunity is 75%-95% of the community vaccinated
- (f) German: Should it be when everyone has access to the vaccines?
  - (i) Myers: Maybe a month or so after everyone has access?
  - (ii) Woods: Remember that there is a second dose though, so the immunity would not be built until a couple months
- (g) E. Smith: I would prefer that we propose something they would keep for a shorter period of time than something that they won't approve at all
- (h) MacLeod: In a lot of our original resolution, it was based on White House guidance; I think now it's close to July 4th in terms of restrictions lifting
- (i) Alexander: Should we be thinking about our unique situation as a rural area -- more spread out, more vaccine access?
- (j) MacLeod: Resolution calls for a fine to up to \$15 for not wearing a mask
- (k) E. Smith: I think until about May is an easy way to put it
- (l) S. Meyers: I would avoid specifically mentioning Truman, but "through May" might be a good option
- (m) E. Smithe: I think June would be a good middle ground to propose
- (n) Sprehe: I think we should consider the fact that a lot of residents are a bit sceptical about the vaccine; I would imagine that once faculty and students come back, most of them would be vaccinated
- (o) Alexander: It doesn't have to be a resolution, could be a letter?
- (p) German: I think a lot of Truman students stick around for the summer and we shouldn't discount their safety
- (q) Barker: I think if we are stating an official opinion it needs to be a resolution; a letter wouldn't be an option according to our rules
- (r) Alexander: This needs to be a priority because of the deadline, will need to make a decision within the next few days

**Adjourned: 9:07 p.m.**