

**TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
 TWENTY-SEVENTH SESSION OF THE 2020-2021 GENERAL BODY  
 March 28, 2021**

**Called to Order: 5:00 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) Election stuff coming from Owen
    - (2) E-Board has a poster tonight
    - (3) Several resolutions tonight
- b) Faculty Advisor
  - i) N/A
- c) Staff Advisor
  - i) No report
- d) Student Representative to the Board of Governors
  - i) Smeltzer:
    - (1) Only two action items for April 10:
      - (a) Tuition/enrollment fees
      - (b) Recontracting out to Sodexo for next three years
- 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) Johnson, Student Climate Union:
    - (1) Working with Dr. Harker writing a letter to PSAC to see about their inactivity
    - (2) Student Climate Proposal is ready for student support
- j) Black Student Representative
  - i) No report
- k) Academic Affairs Committee
  - i) No report
- l) Diversity Committee
  - i) No report
- m) Environmental Affairs Committee
  - i) No report
- n) External Affairs Committee
  - i) MacLeod:
    - (1) Sending questions to city council candidates to put together infographic promoting municipal elections

- o) Student Affairs Committee
    - i) No report
  - p) Health, Wellness, and Safety Co-Committee
    - i) Woods:
      - (1) Still working on stuff for the brochure
      - (2) Doing interviews for Faculty Wellness Honoree sometime soon
      - (3) Emily and Alex are working on Sexual Assault Prevention, t-shirts and stickers coming up
      - (4) Looking more at the Complete Family Medicine transition and what it means to students without insurance
  - q) Purple Friday Committee
    - i) No report
  - r) Parking Appeals Committee
    - i) N/A
  - s) Legislative Director
    - i) King:
      - (1) No response from senator, will continue asking via email/calling
  - t) IT Director (and apprentice)
    - i) No report
  - u) PR Director
    - i) Knight:
      - (1) Sent email out about pricing questions for Wellness Brochure, still waiting to hear back
      - (2) Designed Sexual Assault Prevention stickers
      - (3) Election posters are approved
      - (4) Getting posts prepared for Earth Week
  - v) Center for International Students Representative
    - i) McNab:
      - (1) Lost our international student advisor, but have found new person to fill role
      - (2) Recently started having Zoom discussion sessions for international students to discuss any concerns
- 3) Executive Reports**
- a) Treasurer
    - i) Wren:
      - (1) When you do printing, work directly with their office and they will send us an invoice
      - (2) Bates: Katie Best is probably your best course of action, she will be able to approve your proof
  - b) Secretary
    - i) No report
  - c) The President and Vice President of the Student Association
    - i) German:
      - (1) Dr. Thomas meeting:
        - (a) Vaccine phase 2 starts tomorrow; April 9th is phase 3, and everyone can get it at that time
          - (i) Truman is planning some kind of drive-thru effort for this
        - (b) Resolution coming up
        - (c) President Thomas has meeting with City Board in support of continued mask mandate
        - (d) No increase or decrease in funding for Truman
        - (e) CARES act has been almost completely distributed

(f) Dr. Gooch is currently working on an outline regarding the severe weather concerns

(2) Continuing to advertise elections; wanted to do all-school email Monday, chairs let us know for anything to advertise

(3) Intramurals start this week!

(4) Cooper: Would the drive-thru event be open to students without a car?

(a) German: Yes you can walk

#### 4) Old Business

##### 1) [Fee-Based Organization Collaboration Resolution](#) (Wren)

a) Wren: Only changes is language from other resolutions being passed, acknowledging this will change the standing rules; treasurers will be required to meet at least once a semester

b) Adopted by unanimous consent

##### 2) [A Resolution Amending the Description of the Environmental Affairs Committee in the Standing Rules of the Student Government](#) (E. Smith)

a) E. Smith: Lots of comments on this one, have been resolved; we are excited about this

b) Discussion:

i) Kershaw: I added “may” to qualify requests from other organizations

c) Adopted by unanimous consent

##### 3) [A Resolution Officially Renaming the Diversity Committee to the Diversity and Inclusion Committee in the Standing Rules and Constitution of the Student Government](#) (E. Smith)

a) E. Smith: Added in some language about the Interfaith Center, as well as why the committee didn’t feel the current title fully encompassed what the committee does

b) Questions:

i) Kershaw: Kennedy, are you sponsoring this?

(1) E. Smith: I will put Kennedy in

ii) Bates: What are we doing with the comment regarding “lasting three days”?

(1) E. Smith: I think this is consistent with what every other committee has

c) Discussion:

i) Bates: In Clause 3, I think “relevant” might not be the best word choice

(1) E. Smith: I think applicable could be a good choice?

d) Adopted by unanimous consent

#### 5) New Business

##### a) [Organization Representatives Suggested Changes](#) (Smith)

i) E. Smith: When we were appointing the Student Climate Union representative, the wording in the Standing Rules was not clear, and it got confusing as to whether or not we had a say in the approval; We split into two different processes, one so that org representatives from any RSO get a space in the agenda/automatic approval and we have a form on our website for application; We have closer ties with FAC, SAB, and ResLife and we kept the process for this the same so that their appointment can be more in-depth

ii) Discussion:

(1) Kershaw: “Minority appointment” or “Minor appointment”?

(a) E. Smith: Should be minor

(2) Wuennenberg: Talks about organizational representatives serving as non-voting members on committees -- can they serve on a committee?

(a) E. Smith: We are proposing that they could apply for two different positions, one as organizational rep and one as the committee member

- b) [Spring 2021 Election Handbook](#) (O. Smith)**
- i)** O. Smith: Everything should be formatted correctly; Do we want a presidential debate? Should we list the declared candidates and their signatures on the website? (Not necessarily exact number, but Y/N next to name for if you have reached the correct number)
  - ii)** Questions:
    - (1) E. Smith: Point of clarification, You do have to be a graduate student to run to be a graduate senator; make sure this is clear
  - iii)** Discussion:
    - (1) Wuennenberg: I remember last year when gathering signatures, I couldn't remember how many signatures I had gotten, so having that available would be helpful -- but I don't want people to base votes off of signature numbers
      - (a) O. Smith: The number would not be listed, just whether or not you have reached the required number
    - (2) Bates: Something to think about for the future, we should consider using the Student Government email or an election-specific email so there is one simple line of communication
    - (3) MacLeod: I like debates, a Zoom presidential debate would be fun
      - (a) O. Smith: If there is only one candidate, should we still do this?
        - (i) Wren: It could be a forum/discussion
    - (4) Kershaw: Are you going to accept the changes on here?
      - (a) O. Smith: I will so long as everyone is okay with them; personally, I like Jesse's idea of having Student Media do the debate/forum
      - (b) Bates: I would consider that Student Media usually likes to be paid
    - (5) E. Smith: I do have a concern about the retreat, is that confirmed for VH 1000?
      - (a) Bates: I would change this to "location to be announced"
    - (6) German: Could you change "chartered" to "recognized student organizations"?
  - iv)** O. Smith: Motion to suspend the standing rules and second read and pass
  - v)** Adopted by unanimous consent
- c) [E-Board Elections Posters Money Motion \\$120](#) (Alexander)**
- i)** German: Posters for elections!
  - ii)** Discussion:
    - (1) Wren: Posters funded through Spring Election leftover from banners
  - iii)** Adopted by unanimous consent
- d) [Mask Mandate Resolution](#) ( Alexander)**
- i)** Woods: City council has talked about removing the mask mandate since we are seeing a decrease in covid cases; this resolution is going through suggestions to keep mandate until vaccinations get going more in the city
  - ii)** Discussion:
    - (1) Wuennenberg: Should we provide a specific date we think the mask mandate should be effective until?
      - (a) Woods: We know that by April 9th, the general public will be eligible for the vaccine and protection is two weeks after this second date; so maybe one month after the date?
      - (b) MacLeod: It's also important to remember that not everyone will be able to get it on April 9th, so a month would probably be a good estimate?
      - (c) Bates: Do we want to consider adding in an end date?
        - (i) Wuennenberg: "No earlier than May 9th" in this case

- (ii) Woods: I would say the earliest would be mid-May based on when immunity occurs after the second vaccine; I don't think we were going to put a date in until we knew when the City Council was going to be reconsidering it
- (iii) E. Smith: Were we talking about through May in ExComm?
- (2) Bates: I think you need to be very specific with the local government, so if there are specific things you would like to see you need to consider being very direct within the resolution
- (3) Wren: I would include a date, and I think June 1st would be good
- (4) Bates: Will you all be meeting next weekend? The health board will be meeting in the next 10 days -- you might reach out to Brenda to see the meeting plan
  - (a) Woods: I believe our resolution is close to being ready; if there is a possibility to meet next Monday we can get this going in time
  - (b) E. Smith: We can also consider doing an e-vote
- e) [Interfaith Center Money Motion](#) (Cooper)
  - i) Cooper: Have been doing research into interfaith centers at other universities; goal is to improve the prayer room, making a welcoming nondenominational space for students of all faiths; also includes items to give people opportunities to meditate or be mindful
  - ii) Questions:
    - (1) German: Have you checked shipping prices on these?
      - (a) Cooper: I think they are free shipping on Amazon
  - iii) Discussion:
    - (1) Bates: You might consider getting something to go under the fountain so water doesn't get everywhere
  - iv) Adopted by unanimous consent
- f) [Academic Accolades Money Motion 2.0](#) (Purinton)
  - i) Purinton: \$425 for 16 finalists to receive one pair of personalized socks, the cost of the three plaques for each winner, and gift tags/ribbon to tie the socks for delivery
  - ii) Adopted by unanimous consent
- g) A motion to enter closed session

## 6) Announcements

**Adjourned: 5:53 p.m.**