

**TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT**  
**FIRST SESSION OF THE 2020-2021 GENERAL BODY**  
**April 26, 2020**  
**Called to Order: 6:50 P.M.**

**1) Preliminary Items**

- a) Roll Call
- b) Approval of Minutes
- c) Gallery Introductions/Business
- d) Membership Installation
  - i) Installment of Katie Alexander and Josh German as President and Vice President (Schmidt)  
(1) Approved.
  - ii) Installment of Shania Montúfar, Sam Tillman, and Maddie Meyer as Senior Senators and Jesse Wren, Emily Smith, Ethan Kershaw, Adam Barker, Joshna Karki, Kiren Macleod, Sutton Purinton, Richard Parks, Alexandra Crawford, John Marx, Irete Rotimi, and P.J. Wuennenberg (Alexander)  
(1) Approved.
  - iii) Designation of Alek Nikitow as the Secretary Pro Tempore  
(1) Approved.
  - iv) Designation of Rachel Holt as the Treasurer Pro Tempore  
(1) Approved.
  - v) Designation of Jesse Wren as the PR Director Pro Tempore  
(1) Approved.
  - vi) Election of the Speaker of the Student Senate (Kolok)  
(1) Approved.
- e) Membership Appointment
  - i) Major Appointment of Austin Derbak as the Chair of the Vision Document Ad Hoc Committee (Alexander)  
(1) Approved.
  - ii) Minor Appointment of Tori Woods as an Associate Senator on the Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee (Alexander)  
(1) Approved.
- f) Oath of Office
- g) Changes to the Agenda
  - i) N.A.

**2) Auxiliary Reports**

- a) Speaker of the Student Senate
  - i) N.A.
- b) Faculty Advisor
  - i) This is a body that needs to be paying attention to budget changes.
- c) Staff Advisor
  - i) Truman is planning on Move-In on August 12th and that classes will proceed as normal, but these are things you need to keep in mind.
  - ii) We are still on a budget freeze.
- d) SAB Representative
  - i) N.A.
- e) Student Representative to the Board of Governors
  - i) N.A.
- f) Food Pantry Committee Student Government Designee
  - i) N.A.
- g) Athletic Fee Accountability Committee
  - i) N.A.

- h) Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee
    - i) N.A.
  - i) Academic Affairs Co-Committee
    - i) N.A.
  - j) Diversity Committee
    - i) N.A.
  - k) Environmental Affairs Committee
    - i) N.A.
  - l) External Affairs Committee
    - i) N.A.
  - m) Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee
    - i) N.A.
  - n) Student Affairs Committee
    - i) N.A.
  - o) Purple Friday Subcommittee
    - i) N.A.
  - p) Select Committee on Parking Appeals
    - i) N.A.
  - q) Vision Doc Ad Hoc Committee
    - i) No report.
  - r) Sexual Assault Prevention Designee
    - i) N.A.
  - s) IT Director
    - i) N.A.
  - t) Public Relations Director
    - i) N.A.
- 3) Executive Reports**
- a) Treasurer
    - i) No report.
  - b) Secretary
    - i) No report.
  - c) The President and Vice President of the Student Association
    - i) Our biggest goal for next Sunday is to have a leadership team.
      - (1) Applications will be open right after this meeting.
        - (a) Chairship positions and Secretary/Treasurer are open and prioritized at this time.
        - (b) We need these applications by Wednesday at 5 P.M.
- 4) Old Business**
- 5) New Business**
- a) [An Executive Order Re-Authorizing the 2019-2020 Vision Document Ad Hoc Committee of the Student Government for 2020-2021](#)(Alexander)
    - i) We need another Vision Doc in order to publish the Vision Document that has been worked on in the past term. This is to re-authorize the Vision Document.
  - b) Discussion on Conducting Student Government Business Over the Summer (Alexander)
    - i) There are major decisions that are going to need to happen, but we don't know what they are and when, so we need to be able to address these. Josh and Katie are planning to bring a resolution next week so they would like discussion on what this should look like.
      - (1) Alexander: Should we meet regularly, or at all? Should we call emergency meetings?
      - (2) Alexander: We are also considering a Summer Ad Hoc committee. This will be a leadership team committed to meeting over the summer and to discuss moving forward.

- ii) Questions:
  - (1) Meyer: Do you foresee any problems trying to meet over the Summer if some plans do start rapidly changing, such as if we do not end up meeting in the Fall?
    - (a) Alexander: We want to reiterate that we want to be flexible right now, so we will assess this on a case-by-case basis. This is to receive any feedback on this process.
  - (2) Holt: What are your thoughts on accessibility and how do you plan on working with your speaker about this since it is ultimately her decision?
    - (a) Alexander: We can converse with her about this.
  - (3) Bates: If we wait until August to make decisions or to be a communication link to students, we will be doing a disservice to the student body. How do we plan for right now? You need to be thinking about how to best voice both yourselves and the student body. ‘
- iii) Discussion:
  - (1) Barker: We need to be able to hit the ground running next year. There needs to be meetings happening over the Summer. I can see both once a month or emergency meetings when needed. I imagine the work should be targeted efforts.
  - (2) Dr. Edwards: We want to impress that this is a policy-based group. You can plan programs and events but the goal is to influence policy. How are you going to influence policy, call a vote, give time, etc.? We need to think about these things before they happen. You should be engaging with ongoing discussions.
  - (3) Holt: I think it’s important for you two to manage expectations. People have plans during the summers and that’s something you guys need to consider. Summer can be a time for mental health for others. Also remember that the Secretary sets attendance policies. I would additionally encourage Slack meetings and votes rather than Zoom meetings.
  - (4) Montúfar: I think meeting and working in the Summer is do-able and important for us to prepare for whatever may come at us in the Fall. I think having a consistent bi-weekly or monthly meeting would be ideal to help accessibility issues. Yet also there should be asynchronous options such as discussion items on Google Docs that can be collected. I also think absences are okay as long as they are addressed. I am okay with appointing people early.
  - (5) Meyer: Maybe it would be good to appoint committee chairs who already have projects set-up for the Fall.
  - (6) Barker: I see how a Summer Leadership Ad Hoc committee could be beneficial but committees like those in the past have not done much for us. I think in the long run it will cause people to lose interest and focus. You are going to have to have a clear vision as to what that looks like.
  - (7) Holt: Online voting would give people an extended period of time to vote that is not via Zoom. There is a minimum of 72 hours that gives accessibility and a participation in discussion.

## 6) Announcements

**Adjourned: 8:26 P.M.**