

**TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT
FOURTH SESSION OF THE 2020-2021 GENERAL BODY
August 23, 2020**

Called to Order: 5:02 p.m.

1) Preliminary Items

- a)** Roll Call
- b)** Approval of Minutes
 - i)** Approved
- c)** Gallery Introductions/Business
 - i)** Gallery: Krishna Chebolu; Warren Barge; Josh Grandstaff; Megan Ford; Thomas Webber; Micheal Walka; John Dames; Katrina Parks; Nate Kline; Alex Fellows; Santino Bono; Mike Owlsly; Morgan Sprehe
- d)** Membership Appointment/Resignation
- e)** Oath of Office
- f)** Changes to the Agenda

2) Auxiliary Reports

- a)** Speaker of the Student Senate
 - i)** Preparing election handbook
 - (1) Polished up social media options for candidates; limited in-person campaigning; keeping petitions/candidate declarations online
 - ii)** Money motion for election promotion
 - iii)** Spending no more than \$99 on some election posters
 - iv)** Emailing a list of identity groups to encourage joining in on elections
 - v)** Looking into parliamentary procedure for retreats
- b)** Faculty Advisor
 - i)** N/A
- c)** Staff Advisor
 - i)** New student director for UNI
 - ii)** Think about what events need to happen in-person and what can happen online
- d)** Diversity Committee
 - i)** Worked with ad-hoc committee over summer to discuss under-represented students' experiences, especially related to COVID-19
 - ii)** Working with Bertha Thomas this semester (Truman's Diversity and Inclusion consultant)
- e)** Environmental Affairs Committee
 - i)** Over the summer, worked on state parks brochure
- f)** External Affairs Committee
 - i)** Several meetings with J.D. Smiser
 - (1) Events relating to election year and constitution day
 - ii)** New position in city of Kirksville, looking at ways to increase voter registration in Kirksville
 - (1) Advocating for time off on election day to encourage students to go vote
 - iii)** Alexander: Have you reached out to Dr. Gooch?
 - (1) McCloud: Not yet, she is on my list.
 - iv)** Bates: Are there other options if you are not able to get the day off this calendar cycle?
 - (1) McCloud: Hopefully if not this year, we can get this established for the future
 - v)** Bates: Try hard to advertise with on-campus students
 - (1) McCloud: Talked about helping off-campus students vote on-campus as well

- g) Health, Wellness, and Safety Co-Committee
 - i) Woods:
 - (1) Working on social media and event planning
 - (2) Will contact Jesse about social media posts for cleaning procedures and masks
 - (3) Promoting social distancing
 - (4) Mental and social health during COVID-19
 - (5) Mindful monthly spotlight on a professor
 - (6) Making a pamphlet for Freshman Week
 - ii) Barker:
 - (1) Trying to meet with Dr. Van Boxel to discuss dorm-related things
 - (2) Working on attendance (carrying over from last semester)
 - (3) Distributing masks to off-campus students this week! Will send out a sign-up sheet on Slack -- Tuesday/Wednesday 10-2
 - iii) Alexander: Are you thinking about doing posters?
 - (1) Yes!
- 3) **Executive Reports**
 - a) Treasurer
 - i) \$35,000 for the academic year
 - ii) Meeting with committee chairs to create budget
 - iii) Working on election video -- Stay after meeting if you can participate
 - iv) Update social media platforms with new logo if approved
 - b) Secretary
 - i) Glad to help design the new logo!
 - c) The President and Vice President of the Student Association
 - i) Alexander:
 - (1) Suggested Academic Practices for Fall 2020 passed UGC
 - (2) Involvement: Lots of open positions!
 - (a) PR Director, IT Director, Purple Friday/Academic Affairs/Student Affairs chairs, smaller committees (student advising, scholarship requirements, liberal studies major, self and society, high impact experience, food pantry for Truman students)
 - (3) Policy on the city-level to keep the community healthier/safer
 - ii) German:
 - (1) Looking to fill specific representative positions (Black student rep, Disability Advocate rep, Greek Life rep)
 - (2) UGC report:
 - (a) Covid case reports will occur every Tuesday
 - (b) Course threads (Working to put this into a formal program by the end of this semester)
 - (c) Entrepreneurship program
 - (d) Interactive policy (to give money back to students who drop classes)
 - (e) Propose course update package for History courses
 - iii) Please be filling out applications for positions
 - iv) Chairs, send email by end of the week for plans for the semester
 - v) ExComm and office hours start next week (be on the lookout for a poll)
 - vi) Montúfar: Plan for having specific discussion about racial justice?
 - (1) Alexander: No plans as of yet, but we should start
- 4) **New Business**
 - a) [Long Term Elections Promotions Money Motion](#) (Smith)
 - i) Banners and signs for election promotion, quote: \$1,047

- i)** Government guidelines regarding international students and online courses. Federal government has since rescinded recommendations on international students. Would like to archive this discussion for future reference.
- ii)** Discussion:
 - (1) Meyer: Reads as if we were too late/indecisive to actually help students; should we try to document this for this reason?
 - (2) Barker: Could we flesh out specifically how we are supporting international students?
 - (3) Tillman: Use this as a reminder that work on this does not end; need to continue paying attention to how we can help international students
 - (4) Karki: Do we have any plans for working with the center for international students?
- e)** [A Resolution Formalizing the New Official Seal of the Student Government](#) (Alexander)
 - i)** Due to Truman's new logo and bulldog, we can no longer use our old bulldog seal
 - ii)** Questions/comments:
 - (1) German: need to disseminate the resolution
 - (2) Bates: Theresa Wheeler and Travis Miles should be on the list
 - (3) Karki: Do we have any guidelines for using the seal?
 - (a) Lesch: I worked to make sure the seal would be applicable to different formats
 - (b) Bates: Seal has been approved by publications, and further printing will also need to be approved by publications
 - iii)** Discussion:
 - (1) N/A
 - iv)** Move to suspend the standing rules: approved
 - v)** Move to second read and pass resolution: approved
 - vi)** Discussion:
 - (1) Montúfar: In "therefore it be resolved," should we mention that we will add the new seal to the website?
 - (2) Bates: Be cautious of having a downloadable file on the website
 - vii)** Passed by unanimous consent

5) Announcements

Adjourned 6:03 p.m.