

**TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT
SIXTH SESSION OF THE 2020-2021 GENERAL BODY
September 6, 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) Owen Smith; Nathan Pulling; Sam Meyers; Kennedy Cooper**
- d) Membership Appointment/Resignation**
 - i) Appointment of Abby Smeltzer, Student Representative to the Board of Governors**
- e) Oath of Office**
- f) Changes to the Agenda**
 - i) N/A**

2) Auxiliary Reports

- a) Speaker of the Student Senate**
 - i) Smith:**
 - (1) We have the correct information for signs, so hopefully will get those before voting begins.
 - (2) Have 11 people who have already declared candidacy.
- b) Faculty Advisor**
- c) Staff Advisor**
 - i) Bates:**
 - (1) We are going into close to a month of school; continue to take care of yourselves and each other.
 - (2) Think very closely about where you are going and who you are spending time with.
 - (3) Tuesday at 12:00 - Bertha Thomas is hosting a virtual panel discussion: "The Impact of Race on Policing"
 - (4) Have given Jesse some guidance regarding the budget.
 - ii) Tillman:**
 - (1) Can the university schedule classes on what is a federal holiday?
 - (2) Bates: It has been approved; we are required to host a certain number of class days and eliminating this in addition to fall break allows us to meet this requirement.
- d) Student Representative to the Board of Governors**
 - i) Smeltzer:**
 - (1) Added the Liberal Studies major
 - (2) The Board was recommended to use the non-stop semester to mitigate health risks
 - (3) Concerned with student mental health, so still looking for ways to address this
 - (4) \$8.6 million revenue drop
- e) Diversity Committee**
 - i) Montúfar:**
 - (1) Still working out what to do with purchases from Diversity Week last semester (will come out with plans soon)
 - (2) This week will be a lot of reaching out to people regarding meetings
 - (3) Continuing with gender-neutral housing
- f) Environmental Affairs Committee**

- i) Kershaw:
 - (1) A petition went up this week pushing for sustainable to-go boxes (has over 400 signatures)
 - g) External Affairs Committee
 - i) MacLeod:
 - (1) Talking with Kirksville assistant city manager to start voter registration campaign
 - (2) Recently emailed Dr. Alberts talking about support for election day time off -- received good feedback
 - (3) Should be done by the September faculty senate meeting (or at least have something more concrete)
 - ii) Alexander: Faculty senate meeting is September 24
 - iii) Owen Smith: Student Climate Union is pushing for this action
 - (1) MacLeod: Issue is that the formal schedule is already created, so would need to be more of an individual push from faculty
 - h) Health, Wellness, and Safety Co-Committee
 - i) Barker:
 - (1) Meeting with Josh tomorrow to discuss academic accolades
- 3) Executive Reports**
 - a) Treasurer
 - i) Wren:
 - (1) We are going to work as a body to create more objective statements as to what appropriations can/can't fund
 - ii) Barker: What objective statements will those guidelines come in? Will it be a resolution?
 - (1) Wren: More requirement-based statements. Would more likely be standing rules
 - b) Secretary
 - i) Lesch: Please sign up for office hours!
 - (1) Wren: How will we be tracking these?
 - (a) Please sign in and out on the computer in the office
 - (2) Owen Smith: Will Zoom office hours be available?
 - (a) Yes, both Zoom and in-person
 - c) The President and Vice President of the Student Association
 - i) Alexander:
 - (1) Health and safety practices for Kirksville area
 - (2) Planning presidents roundtable for covid policies on campus
 - (3) Have gone into discussions for trial positions we would like to put into place this semester; in the beginning stages of drafting objectives
 - (4) Still accepting applications for some of our major positions -- please get in applications as soon as possible!
 - ii) Jesse:
 - (1) Started ExComm meetings on Wednesday
 - (2) Still accepting associate applications as well
 - (3) Retreat is September 20th at 12:00; required for all voting senators, associates are also welcome
 - (4) Apparel -- going for same style of shirts as last year, may also do quarter-zip jackets
- 4) New Business**
 - a) [FUNDS REQUEST PROCEDURE GUIDE 2020-2021 \(Wren\)](#)
 - i) Wren:
 - (1) Worked over the summer to compile this guide to allow anyone to understand the process of spending money. Broken down the steps of requesting funds -- guidelines, rules, important notes.

- ii) Questions:
 - (1) Montúfar: Is 3-4 weeks in advance for sending it to the business office?
 - (a) Wren: From the time you want to money to be submitted to Laura (she needs at least 5 business days to ensure you will get that expense)
 - (b) Montúfar: A sum total of when you need every item might be helpful
 - (2) MacLeod: Are we allowed to paraphrase information about not making agreements to groups/individuals?
 - (a) Wren: Not required, but highly recommended
- iii) Discussion:
 - (1) Alexander: Thank you to Jesse for putting this together!
- b) [Fall 2020 Budget \(Wren\)](#)
 - i) Wren: We had over \$11,000 roll over from last year; \$34,728 for this academic year. Advised that we leave a little extra in reserve in case of emergency. Budgeted an even \$30,000 across the board. Changed funding for HIV testing to a special project for HWS. Really encouraging everyone to make change because everything that will be purchased this year can be used for the future!
 - ii) Questions:
 - (1) N/A
 - iii) Discussion:
 - (1) Bates: 2 years ago, STI testing was cut for some reason. Was initially a much larger program than it is now.

5) Old Business

6) Announcements

Adjourned 5:38 p.m.