

**TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT
NINTH SESSION OF THE 2020-2021 GENERAL BODY
September 27, 2020**

Called to Order: 4:58 p.m.

1) Preliminary Items

- a)** Roll Call
- b)** Approval of Minutes
- c)** Gallery Introductions/Business
 - i)** Jacob Bischel; Dan Fox; Gracie, from SAB; Jessica Venvertloh; Kyley, from CDI
 - ii)** Lauri Millot - [Bias Related Incident Response and Reporting policy](#)
 - (1) Report incident that is indicative of bias (based on race, socioeconomic class, sex/gender, etc.)
 - (2) Will not cause disciplinary results -- more of an opportunity to monitor bias events
 - (a) Allows for creation of data
 - (3) Can be filed anonymously or non-anonymously -- will follow through with contacting non-anonymous reports
 - (4) Helps protect against worsening harassment
 - (5) Tillman: How often will data be published?
 - (a) Goal was every two months, but that might change with covid
 - (6) Barker: Will there be any other action taken beyond disciplinary information?
 - (a) There will be a conversation
 - (7) Meyer: Where can we send people for information?
 - (a) On the Title IX website, DPS website, and HR's website
 - (8) Bates: Is any part of this part of Cleary reporting?
 - (a) This has to do with reporting hate crimes (crime committed against an individual on the basis of protected status). So, if it fits in the definition of hate crimes, we would follow through as such.
- d)** Membership Appointment/Resignation
 - i)** Appointment of Dan Fox as an Associate Senator to the External Affairs Committee
 - (1) Approved
 - ii)** Appointment of Jessica Venvertloh as an Associate Senator to the Academic Affairs Committee
 - (1) Approved
 - iii)** Appointment of Jacob Bischel as an Associate Senator to the Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee
 - (1) Approved
 - iv)** Appointment of Gracie as SAB representative
 - (1) Approved
 - v)** Appointment of Sam Myers to the Purple Friday Committee
 - (1) Approved
 - vi)** Appointment of Kennedy Cooper to the Purple Friday Committee
 - (1) Approved
 - vii)** Appointment of Alex Crawford to the Purple Friday Committee
 - (1) Approved
 - viii)** Announcement of Removal of John Marx (Lesch)
 - (1) Appeal is sustained
- e)** Oath of Office
- f)** Changes to the Agenda

2) Auxiliary Reports

- a) Speaker of the Student Senate**
 - i) Smith:**
 - (1) I will be appointing a temporary aide to keep track of Zoom members during meetings
- b) Faculty Advisor**
 - i) N/A**
- c) Staff Advisor**
 - i) Bates:**
 - (1) There are thefts occurring, so please be careful and take care of your belongings
 - (2) If you have not registered to vote, please try to do so this week
 - (3) If you need an absentee ballot, they are available on Tuesdays and in the U&I office
- d) Student Representative to the Board of Governors**
 - i) Smeltzer:**
 - (1) Next meeting October 24th, in person
 - ii) Tillman: Will the meeting be open to the public?**
 - (1) Smeltzer: Yes, all meetings are open to the public
 - iii) Bates: General Council has notified the board that he is planning on retiring, so new search is starting**
- e) Athletic Fee Accountability Committee:**
 - i) Hall:**
 - (1) Currently combing through applications for committee members
 - (2) So far, everything that got passed last year is still on track
- f) Student Representative to SAB:**
 - i) No report.**
- g) Academic Affairs Committee**
 - i) Purinton:**
 - (1) Emailed Jeremy Hopkins about civics exam; Nancy Asher will be taking concerns to faculty governance
 - (2) First committee meeting is this week
 - (3) Will be meeting with Jonathan Vieker this Friday regarding advising and retention
- h) Diversity Committee**
 - i) N/A**
- i) Environmental Affairs Committee**
 - i) Kershaw:**
 - (1) Still working with Sustainability Office to figure out how to get more sustainable options for food containers
 - (2) State parks brochures are in the office! Will be passed out on October 10th at the Sustainability Festival
- j) External Affairs Committee**
 - i) MacLeod:**
 - (1) Meeting with County Board of Health is happening tomorrow
 - (2) Reached out to Sigmas about collaborating with voter registration drive
 - (a) Bates: If there is an ability to do another day of tabling this week, that would be a good way to assist -- deadline is next week
- k) Student Affairs Committee**
 - i) German:**
 - (1) Met last week
 - (2) Would like to do Student Appreciation Week this semester rather than this semester; would like to do this election week (or something else cheery)
 - (3) Also brainstorming equity and inclusion efforts

- D) Health, Wellness, and Safety Co-Committee**
 - i) Woods:**
 - (1) Cacti thief on the loose?
 - (2) Talked with Mr. Dreamweaver at the rec center
 - (3) New posting about Mindfulness on the Wellness website from Dr. Dixon's class
 - (4) Still working with Partners in Prevention
 - (5) Adair County will be offering flu shots and covid tests to all Adair county residents (Oct 12 and 14) -- including students
 - (6) First HWS meeting is Thursday
 - ii) Barker:**
 - (1) Met with Dr. Van Boxel about dorm safety issues
 - (a) Will be working with RHA on some issues (educating students about safety measures, changing hours of access into dorms)
 - (2) Interviewed Dr. Dixon on Thursday for Faculty Wellness Spotlight
 - m) Parking Appeals Committee**
 - i) N/A**
 - n) IT Director**
 - i) Getting administrator access, will put pictures on website**
 - o) PR Director**
 - i) Sent out a couple posts last week**
 - ii) Bates: Look into rules with Truman T**
- 3) Executive Reports**
- a) Treasurer**
 - i) No report**
 - b) Secretary**
 - i) Please fill out Google Form for roster ASAP**
 - ii) Thinking about how I can make a shared calendar of some kind for all StuGov meetings and events**
 - c) The President and Vice President of the Student Association**
 - i) Alexander:**
 - (1) Thanks to everyone who helped out with the roundtable!
 - (2) Meeting with Dr. Thomas:
 - (a) If students test positive outside of the county, they are expected to report to the Health Center
 - (b) Discussed what other universities are doing (it seems Truman's method of counting cases is more thorough)
 - (3) Will begin advertising new positions this week
 - (4) Will be attending Health
 - (5) Next meeting will be a discussion on racial justice issues on campus
 - (a) We expect everyone to come having read resources
 - (b) We are not going to be sending invitations to all organization
 - (i) We will be reporting our discussion and goals to the student body after the meeting
 - (6) Katie will be taking Mondays off from Student Government, so please direct questions to Josh or just wait until Tuesday
 - ii) German:**
 - (1) Working on designs for apparel options
 - (2) Will be scheduling chair meetings this week
 - (3) Making ResLife representative for Student Affairs meetings
- 4) Old Business**
- 5) New Business**

- a) [A Resolution Supporting a Collaboration Between the Center for Diversity and Inclusion and the Purple Friday Committee for National Coming Out Day](#) (German)**
- i)** Planning on “Rainbow Friday” to celebrate National Coming Out Day
 - ii)** Kiley:
 - (1) CDI is planning Truman’s first Coming Out Day; will have table on the quad and have everyone wear rainbow (SAB is sponsoring Rainbow shirt making event)
 - iii)** Discussion:
 - (1) German: If anyone has any ideas how to shorten this name, please let Josh know
 - (2) Tillman: Will the event also address why folks still need to “come out”?
 - (a) Kiley: We will have a video featuring coming out stories and why people are proud to come out
 - (3) Alexander: I was very grateful to receive Kylie’s message this week about this event and I was happy to be able to pass it on to Josh to write the resolution of support. One of the most important things to me about serving as president this year is to be able to help grow our community, and I want all of our students to feel welcome and loved and supported. I wanted to let you know though in the beginning of these discussions that in thinking of my personal beliefs in my Catholic faith, I don’t believe that I can be involved in the resolution. I am not trying to advocate against this event, but I will be respectfully abstaining from the vote next Sunday.
- b) Discussion Item on the President’s Roundtable Event (Alexander)**
- i)** Alexander:
 - (1) Thanks to everyone who participated in this event
 - ii)** Kershaw:
 - (1) TruOutdoors has been splitting larger group events into smaller sections to reduce exposure
 - (a) Also doing outdoor activities and sign-up sheets
 - (2) Focus on fundraising rather than larger events
 - (3) Concerns with finding case tracker website; perhaps sending campus-wide link through email
 - (4) Also concerned about finding new members to carry on clubs next year
 - (5) Meyer: If you Google Truman State University, the link is on the first page
 - (6) Tillman: Adair County and KTRM also have covid reports -- can we advertise these?
 - iii)** Barker:
 - (1) Group seemed generally pretty positive
 - (2) Main concern: Having more options for testing. Some concern over accuracy of case numbers
 - (3) Would also like to see better social distancing practices
 - iv)** Holt:
 - (1) Pretty positive group in general
 - (2) Hybrid meetings, online service opportunities
 - (3) Felt Truman community was doing well and felt generally safe on campus
 - (4) Some discussion about the arrows on the SUB floor and chairs in the library
 - (5) Mental health check-ins, Zoom yoga
 - v)** E. Smith:
 - (1) Again, not many complaints
 - (2) Group generally felt supported by University

- vi)** Purinton:
 - (1) Lots of valuable information and insight
 - (2) Concerns about mental health, especially in terms of no-break semester and if this would continue into the Spring
 - (a) One idea: Having Wednesdays off every week
 - (3) Concerns about being overworked
 - (4) Association for Computer Machinery: “Call-Outs” that tell members when he will be in the library and what he will be working on so members can reach out or join
 - (5) Group members wondered if we could have another roundtable this semester to talk more with the other organizations within the group?
 - (a) Would like more of an opportunity to have conversations
- vii)** MacLeod:
 - (1) Question about having to pay for testing (only without insurance)
 - (2) One member concerned if she could be tested as a part-time student
 - (a) Bates: I would think she could so long as she is an enrolled student
- viii)** Sprehe:
 - (1) Students pleased with faculty and administrative support
 - (2) Having a hard time understanding campus restrictions vs. CDC restrictions in terms of how/where they can meet
 - (3) Some organizations missed activities fair and are concerned about getting new members
 - (4) JSU wondered if they could do a food fundraiser
 - (a) Bates: I don't see anything in the books that they have made a request for anything besides a meeting; nothing got processed as confirmation
 - (b) Sprehe: It was a matzo ball soup recipe
 - (c) Bates: I will follow up with JSU about this; food fundraisers are not allowed
- ix)** Cooper:
 - (1) One organization was concerned about having members in quarantine who were not receiving food
 - (2) Request for master-list for clubs
 - (3) JSU brought up that important Jewish holidays have not been recognized by Student Government
 - (4) German: Alec, can you contact the JSU to address this?
- x)** Woods:
 - (1) Everyone seems to be doing well getting Zoom for everyone
 - (2) Medical groups, so interesting to see this perspective
 - (3) Medical Student Association is doing a kind of ticket-system
 - (a) A certain number of tickets, everyone else watches via livestream. Those attending need to show Campus Clear app
 - (4) Biggest concern is lack of regulation on outdoor mask regulating on campus
 - (5) Also having trouble planning for next semester -- struggling to get any basic ideas of what Spring might look like
 - (6) Concerned with professors who are not being accommodating to students in quarantine or who do not feel comfortable attending in-person class
 - (7) Having issues with U&I communication
 - (8) Would like to see more frequently reported cases and information on what the Health Department is doing (would help organizations make more plans)

- (9) Would like to create a specialized health organization roundtable, or perhaps another roundtable at the end of this semester/beginning of next
- (10) German: HWS could definitely discuss these things with other health organizations, outside of roundtable

xi) Alexander:

- (1) Good feeling about how university is handling policy
- (2) Concerned with scholarship jobs (specifically, making up missed hours from quarantine)

xii) Bates:

- (1) Beginning about mid-July, we started to solicit questions from students and advisors
- (2) Anything related to covid, Laura must get multiple layers of permission to send this out; approval process looks very different than normal
- (3) Things are taking longer than usual to go through the process
- (4) Truman wants students to have the ability to assemble and use their best judgement -- some parameters are defined by administration, and some by students
- (5) Document listed on involvement website and sent out to advisors and org leaders to address questions and new decisions (ex: no bonfires at the University Farm)
- (6) Slack or email Laura if you have any concerns

6) Announcements

Adjourned: 6:49 p.m.