

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
January 21, 2020**

Called to order: 8:00 p.m.

1) Preliminary Items

a) Roll Call

2) Auxiliary Reports

a) Speaker of the Student Senate

i) E. Smith:

- (1) Put out anonymous suggestion form, so let me know your thoughts
- (2) Also talked with Caroline about sharing minutes screen during meetings so people on Zoom can keep up more easily

ii) Alexander: Want to look into some rules changes -- revising structure of OAF

- (1) E. Smith: Will look into this; let me know if you have anything you'd like to investigate; look at the names, descriptions, etc. of your committees to make sure everything sounds okay

b) Academic Affairs Committee Chair

i) Purinton:

- (1) Talked to Dr. Gooch about civics exam, will be keeping my eye on this; Kathryn Brammall mentioned that UGC will be looking at civics exam questions again; looking into portfolio for way to create diversity prompt; creating timeline for banquet; meeting with Jonathan Vieker next week and talking to him about Self and Society undecided student project; planning on looking more into high drop and withdrawal classes; Dr. Gooch and Nancy Asher have set deadlines for commencement speaker applications, will be the same every year (April 1st for Spring)

c) Diversity Committee Chair

i) Cooper:

- (1) Land acknowledgement artist commission completion; looking into emergency fund for students; DPS focus group; considering changing committee name (Equity Committee?); ABC petition recap; LGBTQ Resource Center; exploring helping Interfaith center; considering forming committee or panel to figure out how university should respond to incidents on campus/in community; name/gender change on Truview; want to host more movie/discussion nights

ii) Wren: Nov. 8, passed money motion of \$500-\$1,000 for artist, so as long as the commission cost remains in this range, you will not need to resubmit anything

iii) Kershaw: What films are you looking at?

- (1) Cooper: Something for Black History Month, trying to get more people to show up -- *St. Louis Superman/Finding Refuge in KC* as possibilities

d) Environmental Affairs Committee Chair

i) Kershaw:

- (1) Hoping to do small project for Earth Week; labyrinth construction and advertisement; divestment resolution regarding Truman endowment fund; energy efficiency/carbon neutrality/sustainability goals in general

ii) Alexander:

- (1) Ernie Hughs from Advancement is good contact for divestment
- (2) Dr. Thomas wants to look at the specific investments -- is it specific companies, or the features of companies, etc?

e) External Affairs Committee Chair

i) MacLeod:

- (1) Main priorities are enfoldng off-campus students into on-campus voting and creating election day time off policy; would like to introduce election day resolution next week; newsletter is being drafted; talked about city clean-up project
- (2) Alexander: We could do a clean-up project at Thousand Hills

ii) Alexander:

- (1) Talked about professor eligibility for COVID-19 -- higher education educators no longer next in line for vaccines. Would you want to pursue a campaign to advocate for this?

iii) Barker: Have you heard anything more about the "Covid Stops Here" campaign?

- (1) MacLeod: Have not heard back yet, sent a follow-up and still waiting for response

f) Health, Wellness, and Safety Co-Chairs

i) Barker:

- (1) Continue to spread awareness about COVID-19 precautions; sexual assault prevention; Josh will continue to attend JED committee; wellness and diversity event; American Heart month, Sexual Assault Awareness month, maybe Autism Awareness month; counseling on campus; look into getting involved with new campus wellness committee; continue faculty wellness spotlight and weekly wellness sessions for quarantine students

ii) Woods:

- (1) Will look into sexual health, especially during sexual assault awareness month; work with Hayden for disability rights on campus; Tori is officially liaison for SPHA; won't do mental health awareness week, but might do mental health day; will get brochure published; look into medical marijuana campus policy; "Unmasked" project, way for students to anonymously discuss mental health and other wellness issues; possibility for peer support group for students to help with crisis line

iii) Alexander:

- (1) Are you going to pursue anything on the attendance policy this semester?

Barker: No; will continue to look into potential for future work

- (2) For counseling stuff, we can expect some changes in how university counseling works

Woods: We are mostly planning additional services for students, not in lieu of UCS

iv) Wren: Have you heard back about STI testing through the health center?

- (1) Barker: I can follow up with them

v) Kiren: Can we find a way to do the "Unmasked" mental health project without it sounding like we are promoting not wearing masks?

g) Purple Friday Committee Chair

i) Myers:

- (1) Hesitantly planning something for the 29th, but might just push it to Valentine's Day to ensure we can get the FRF, full poster design, and more time in general
- (2) Alexander: If you did it on February 12th, you could do a joint Valentine's Day and Groundhog Day Purple Friday

h) Student Affairs Committee Chair

- i) Barge:
 - (1) Wondering how we want to work with other clubs and organizations/improving relationships with other campus orgs/promote other events; talking with RHA about gender identity/pronouns on Truview/how this might impact housing; thinking about specific project to do this semester (salt drive as possibility)
 - (2) What is the Shining Star Project?
 - (a) Alexander: Leadership Recognition Project, StuGov sponsors Shining Star Award with small scholarship; will check with Laura
- ii) Alexander: Have you considered looking into the email address issues?
 - (1) Barge: My understanding is that this was in response to a StuGov resolution from a few years ago; I will continue to look into this
 - (2) E. Smith: I think these were separate things, not in relation to the resolution; ask Shania for specifics
- iii) Knight: We have a Snapchat account that has been inactive for a while, if you want to use that for anything

i) Women's Leadership Committee Chair

- i) Sprehe:
 - (1) Set up meeting times for Saturday at 3:30; Intersectional Feminism for conference theme; POC panel of alumni and other community folks, LGBTQIA panel; plan both in-person and Zoom options for conference; starting on decorations; have been emailing art professors for commissioning students to create backdrop; gotten resources for WRC and WGST professors; trying to get Nicole Galloway or Cori Bush as keynote speaker (a reach, but would be cool!)
- ii) Alexander:
 - (1) Dr. Thomas and Janna let us know that Bertha Thomas has been working to develop a list of alumni of color -- might reach out to her
 - (2) The woman in charge of alumni in general is Stacy Tucker-Potter
- iii) Wren: On advertising, start in advance for best results
- iv) Woods: I work with Stacy Tucker-Potter on alumni outreach, and she's been wanting to get alumni more involved in events on campus

j) PR Director

- i) Knight:
 - (1) Reached out to business office about giveaway options; found stress relievers as an option; will be around \$160
 - (2) Planning on saving rest of the budget on WLC
 - (3) Reached out to Office of Advancement for weekly alumni appreciation posts
- ii) German: Can we do giftcards to the bookstore?
 - (1) E. Smith: That's really complicated -- apparently taxable?

- iii) Alexander: For one of our next all-school emails, would like to have a more engaging visual for the email/newsletter

3) Executive Reports

a) Treasurer

i) Wren:

- (1) Try to keep funds request procedure guide as updated as possible -- new prize section in this guide; Shining Star Award is up to us, will need to take that into account on Sunday for the budget
- (2) Took in everyone's comments from Sunday for the second read of the budget; will be keeping appropriations this semester; will be ordering graduation cords; need to write a resolution for the labyrinth funding

ii) Kershaw: Let me know if you need any help on the labyrinth resolution

b) Secretary

i) Lesch:

- (1) Continue to fill out weekly committee attendance spreadsheet (I'll send out the link again via Slack)
- (2) Let me know if there's anything I can do to help us stay organized/to make your StuGov life easier!

c) The President and Vice President of the Student Association

i) Alexander:

- (1) Initial ideas: Work with Emily for diverse range of candidates for Spring elections; getting a vote on Faculty Governance, we have one!; revise OAF; talked with Dr. Alberts about course thread project; talked about having more regular communication with chairs and exec appointments this semester; continue diversity and inclusion conversations -- will have another discussion in general body about this
- (2) For next ExComm, please come with #1 priority for the semester and a few steps you need to take to get there

Adjourned: 9:01 p.m.