

**TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT
TWELFTH SESSION OF THE 2020-2021 GENERAL BODY
October 18, 2020**

Called to Order 5:01

1) Preliminary Items

- a) Roll Call**
- b) Approval of Minutes**
- c) Gallery Introductions/Business**
 - i) Sara Seifert**

- (1) Sent out invitations to many groups on campus to answer questions and address concerns; lots of calls for defunding police, questions for how DPS is run
- (2) I am your police chief; I am here because of you all, and I cannot do policing at Truman without having a relationship with students
- (3) Have 10 officers for 5,000 students; we cannot be everywhere at once, but must be able to work with students to help keep campus safe
- (4) 75-80% of DPS budget is personnel costs; other 30% is operating budget (training, fuel, computer software, repair/updates to uniforms and equipment, and student employees)
- (5) If you want to have good law enforcement, hiring is important; prospective officers must go through oral interview and a large background packet (including usernames/passwords for social media accounts, psychological exam, doctor's physical, lie detector test, physical examination)
- (6) TruAlliance started this year; focusing on opening lines of communication and building trust between DPS and student body
- (7) Goal is to establish proactive communication with student groups (for example, with protests); enhancing meaningful discussions on topics important to students; provide transparency in processes and procedures, and answer students' questions; establish avenues for proactive rather than reactive change
- (8) Bias-related incidents need to be reported in order for change to happen; allows for patterns to be analyzed; @trumanDPS Instagram and Facebook has information about this, as does Title IX page
- (9) Holt: Have you discussed safe arrests with the local jail?
 - (a) Seifert: Yes. Two years ago, College Republicans brought in Robert Spencer and local law enforcement met with these individuals; if you wanted to be passive-aggressive or stand your ground, DPS can arrange to have officers pick you up in a wheelchair
- (10) Alexander: Can you speak to the recent safety-related incidents (tire slashing, parking lot incident)
 - (a) Seifert: Tire slashing incident was on-camera; were able to distinguish three people; had to get statements and estimates to take to court; two juveniles involved were already familiar with the juvenile system and refused to talk, third was an 18-year old male
 - (i) Re: SUB incident, working with female reporter of assault; had her look over a line-up, wondered if she was targeted; unable to pick anyone from the line-up, so continuing to push for information (safe team escorts, etc.)

- (ii) This was the first call we have had in the past 8 years in which someone has been jumped
- (11) Neely: Do you think it would be a good call for DPS to invest in more cameras?
 - (a) Seifert: These would be a deterrent, but there is no one who could monitor them 24 hours a day; would aid in identification after crimes occur; budgets have been slashed due to pandemic, and without some kind of public safety fee, this probably wouldn't happen
- (12) Montúfar: After the tire slashing incident, I also had all my tires slashed at Campbell, and then later my window broken; there were a lot of inconsistencies between the two officers who took my report; also reached out to SA and found it interesting that this hadn't been communicated to ResLife, seemed that there wasn't any procedure to help this communication happen; also felt like I wasn't particularly supported by DPS
 - (a) Seifert: In residence halls, we are very reactive. We would generally notify entire campus if incident met certain criteria; we do have fairly open communication with ResLife; just check in if you have questions about the status of an investigation; do lighting surveys frequently, test all emergency phones on campus
- (13) Montúfar: It seems as though there hasn't been much student engagement with TruAlliance so far. Do you have any strategies for improving this?
 - (a) Seifert: Have been talking with the students who have been coming about reaching out to city, changing time of meetings, working to involve KPD; recently sent an invite to presidents and vice presidents to send representatives from organizations; have gained so much insight from even smaller numbers of students
- (14) Owsley: Who should we email if we are interested in communicating with DPS?
 - (a) Seifert: Publicsafety@truman.edu, individual contact emails are also on DPS website
- (15) Tillman: I would highly recommend chairs to ask a member from your committees to attend TruAlliance meetings
 - (a) Seifert: Wednesdays at 3:30 via Zoom
- (16) Clay Talton:
 - (a) Been with DPS for 3 years; here to serve and do whatever I can to help everyone succeed; want to do the best we can to help everyone feel safe and protected; try to deter from both foot and patrol cars; increasing patrols on parking lots each shift; want everyone to feel like you can approach DPS with questions and concerns
 - (b) Seifert: I understand that there are people who have had bad experiences with police; this is not our department; want to make a difference, one interaction at a time
- (17) Seifert: If anyone would like to attend Zoom meetings, give Sam your email address and we can send more information; please get ahold of DPS if anyone on the body has questions for the department
- ii)** Hayden Neely; Ruth Teferi; Kana Kassa; Dan King
- d)** Membership Appointment/Resignation
 - i)** Hayden Neely as an Associate Senator on Health, Wellness, and Safety, and Disability Rights Advocate
 - (1) Approved

- ii) Slate for Student Affairs Committee
 - (1) Ruth Teferi as an Associate Senator on the Student Affairs Committee
 - (2) Kana Kassa as an Associate Senator on the Student Affairs Committee
 - (3) Approved
 - iii) Dan King as a Student-at-Large on the Appropriations Committee
 - (1) Approved
- e) Oath of Office
- f) Changes to the Agenda
- 2) Auxiliary Reports**
 - a) Speaker of the Student Senate
 - i) No report
 - b) Faculty Advisor
 - c) Staff Advisor
 - i) Bates:
 - (1) Have had lots of informal conversations from students about quarantining; please be taking care of yourself so we can finish out the last five weeks of the semester!
 - (2) Be thinking about what you will be doing after the Thanksgiving holiday and what your plans are in terms of returning to campus or staying home; survey for on-campus students
 - (3) Decision about Spring semester should hopefully be coming soon
 - (4) Tillman: Do you know how much weight the student survey will have on the decision?
 - (a) Bates: I am not sure, but the survey also went out to faculty and staff; the decision for the fall was in line with other institutions, but administration is also aware of the added stresses of no break semester; there are certain standards that will likely remain in place, such as certain Union rooms being used as classroom spaces, continued distancing in classrooms, etc.
 - (5) Meyer: I started this semester with two in-person classes, and now only have one. Will there be any protocol in place to stop this from happening?
 - (a) Bates: I would recommend talking with Student Affairs about this
 - d) Student Representative to the Board of Governors
 - i) Smeltzer:
 - (1) Board meeting is this week (1pm Saturday), along with other meetings
 - (2) All committee meetings are open to the public, if you want information on these, Slack Abby
 - (3) BOG meeting only has two action items (masters in Gifted Ed, and faculty early retirement incentives); Abby will mention mental wellness at this meeting; decision for Spring semester is up to administration rather than BOG
 - e) Athletic Fee Accountability Committee
 - i) N/A
 - f) Student Representative to SAB
 - i) Cochran:
 - (1) Homecoming week, Presidential Debate, Halloween concert series and Halloweentown
 - (2) Starting to plan for next semester
 - g) Academic Affairs Committee
 - i) N/A
 - h) Diversity Committee
 - i) Montúfar:

- (1) Will be reporting to BOG in February regarding gender neutral housing
- (2) Continuing to talk about commissioning artist for land agreement
- i) Environmental Affairs Committee**
 - i) Kershaw:**
 - (1) Compost project is currently running pilot project for compost bins around campus; can put take out containers from dining halls in these; Alec made infographic about how to use these
 - (2) Bates: Kirk is closed as a building, so compost bin should be outside of building
 - (a) E. Smith: The bin is on the BnB side of the Kirk building, across from UCS
- j) External Affairs Committee**
 - i) MacLeod:**
 - (1) Were going to do ballot notarizing initiative, but Mike is now quarantining
 - (2) Had meeting with Adair County Health Department about targeted mask mandates; they do not have the power to implement this, but will send information about mask certification program to all businesses, rather than just chamber of commerce businesses
 - (3) Reaching out to different diversity groups at Kirksville High School and AT Still; haven't received any responses yet
- k) Student Affairs Committee**
 - i) Barge:**
 - (1) Student Appreciation Week coupons should be easy, also discussing advertising
 - (2) Discussing challenges for international students
 - (3) Rachel went to Residence Hall meeting; not particularly productive
 - (4) Owen looking into how to compensate nursing students for driving costs
 - (a) Bates: What kind of driving?
 - (i) O. Smith: Nursing students sometimes need to drive significant distances for clinical classes; not sure how this would work, but want to explore the option
 - (b) Meyer: Would you also expand it to education students?
 - (i) Holt: We have talked about making it more general to include travel-based classes
- l) Health, Wellness, and Safety Co-Committee**
 - i) Barker:**
 - (1) Working on wellness handbook this week; individual sections
 - (a) Adam is working on diversity section and meeting with Brad Turnbull for this
 - (2) Planning collaborative mindfulness event for November 10th
 - ii) Grandstaff:**
 - (1) Met with Dr. Daley-Moore about Campus Clear app; looks like it will remain student screening service for rest of the semester
 - (2) About 10% of students are participating
 - (3) Also talked about attendance policies, because some are accommodating to campus clear policies and some aren't
- m) Purple Friday Committee**
 - i) Myers:**
 - (1) Talked about upcoming Halloween purple friday; additional \$99 for stickers, posters, and candy giveaways
 - (2) Reserved spot in Magruder for the 30th, be on the lookout for sign-up
- n) Parking Appeals Committee**
 - i) No report**

- o) IT Director
 - i) Sheto:
 - (1) Talked with Jesse about appropriations page; email Hana if you would like to add anything
- p) PR Director
 - i) N/A
- 3) **Executive Reports**
 - a) Treasurer
 - i) No report
 - b) Secretary
 - i) Lesch: Testing out Homebase; please click the link from your email and sign up; more info to come
 - c) The President and Vice President of the Student Association
 - i) Alexander:
 - (1) Met with faculty senate executive committee regarding attendance policy for Spring
 - (a) Faculty senate is planning on extending current attendance policy into the spring
 - (b) Also talked about this being a good point for professors to reach out to students, sending out tip sheet to professors
 - (2) Information campaign for safe business is going great! Wine on Washington immediately reached out, and they are planning on enforcing a masking policy to meet guidelines; will post this on social media
 - (a) Will continue to reach out to other businesses as well and make a list of safe businesses to send to students
 - (3) Will try to order stickers with new logo; no more than \$50
 - ii) German:
 - (1) Met with Phi Beta Sigma today; considering having a member join StuGov (perhaps as Black Student Rep)
 - (2) FAQ coming soon with covid-related questions (Janna Stoskopf and Brenda Higgins are putting this together)
 - (3) Black quarter zips for apparel
 - (4) StuGov dinner is Wednesday at 5p.m. in one of the residence halls
- 4) **Old Business**
 - a) [A Resolution Encouraging Instructors Not to Hold Synchronous Classes on Election Day](#) (MacLeod)
 - i) Implemented all suggestions from last week; including student workers, mentioning development of longer-term/permanent policy, mentioned Student Climate Union petition, cleared up wording
 - ii) Questions:
 - (1) Alexander: Longer lines at polling places -- is the issue that students will want to avoid these, or that the covid/election situation will cause longer lines?
 - (a) MacLeod: I think both of these are issues; social distancing will make lines longer, and health concerns might also make students want to avoid long lines
 - iii) Discussion:
 - (1) Bates: As long as you are in line by 7pm, you will be allowed to vote
 - (2) Barker: I believe the title is Payroll Manager, if you want to add this
 - (3) Alexander: Whereas should end with semicolon instead of period

iv) Passes, 18-0-0

5) New Business

a) Awake showing Large Expenditure (Montúfar, Kershaw)

i) Cost of shipping and posters for event; hoping to hold it on November 6th; also wanted to make sure to include references to land acknowledgement and work with environmental affairs committee during discussion

ii) Myers: Where will this take place?

(1) Kershaw: Haven't decided yet, perhaps larger lecture hall rooms in Magruder

iii) Discussion:

(1) Wuennenberg: Should we include a statement that this does not reflect the official stance of the Student Government

(a) Kershaw: The goal was to show different perspectives on this issue; we could look into some kind of disclaimer, but don't know if this is something that has been done in the past

(2) Bates: We will own the movie, rather than buying the rights; in the past, have left films in the office for students to check out, or have donated them to the library

iv) Passes 17-0-1

b) Homecoming Expenditure (MacLeod)

i) Money for individually wrapped Sodexo snack for Homecoming

ii) Bates: Usually, there is money set aside for tailgating, which is not happening; so the money is going towards this instead

iii) Adopted by unanimous consent

6) Announcements

a) Bates: Today officially starts Homecoming week! Top Dog challenge is out, and activities everyday with opportunities for organizations to compete; \$250 from money motion is for 24 hour service project; also doing supply donations, list is on Homecoming website

b) Holt: Shoutout to Jesse for his half-marathon!!!!!!!!!!!!

Adjourned 6:35 p.m.