## STUDENT GOVERNMENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING October 7, 2020 Called to order: 7:48 p.m.

## 1. Preliminary items:

- a. Roll Call
- 2. Auxiliary Reports:

## a. Academic Affairs

- **i.** Purinton:
  - **1.** Jessica will be taking over civics exam; Dr. Gooch suggested looking into open book test, online test rather than proctored, etc.
    - **a.** Looking into which questions are missed the most; According to Dr. Gooch's data, every 2 out of 3 students passes
  - **2.** Meeting with Jonathan Vieker; will be looking into improving advising for undecided students
  - 3. Santino and Owen did a follow-up survey
    - a. Some miscommunication between students and preceptors
    - **b.** Advisors and students are also not communicating
    - **c.** Could symposium be optional? But then students likely wouldn't actually take it...
    - **d.** Alexander: Symposium committee is really active right now; encourage Santino and Owen to reach out to Katie so they can talk with the committee to get decisions made
  - **4.** Joshna and Ireti are collaborating on faculty diversification; using ABC petition to work on helping minority students
  - **5.** Alexander: Talked with Janna about scholarship options; Chegg services would technically count as taxable income; would have to go through Financial Aid services, and would be a bit of a complicated process
    - **a.** Have also found out that we can offer students scholarships, just can't necessarily be through a subscription service
- b. Diversity

# i. No report

## c. Environmental

- i. Kershaw:
  - 1. Sustainability fest is this Saturday, 10-2!
    - a. Still open slots for tabling
    - **b.** Goodie bags in addition to brochures?
  - **2.** Met with sustainability office and Dr. Seipel
    - **a.** Trying to work through physical plants to get composting set up for take out boxes
  - 3. Talking with Shania about film showing -- Awake at Standing Rock
  - **4.** Emma Rollings is interested in bike racks idea, talking about bird houses on campus

#### d. External

- i. MacLeod:
  - 1. Tabling went well! It seemed that having extra hands was a help

- **2.** Committee is working on election day time off resolution -- will have completed by Thursday
- **3.** Morgan and Mike were informed that they will not be getting notary stamps until past the date absentee ballots must be mailed
  - **a.** Social media campaign and posters for notary information
  - **b.** There is also another free notary in Kirksville -- Colleen Gooch (will reach out to her to see if she would be willing to help with absentee ballots)
  - c. Considering all-school email with notary information; SA emails
- 4. Identified diversity groups at AT Still and Kirksville high school
- **5.** Montúfar: Making an infographic and dm-ing to other organizations would be helpful for an information campaign
  - **a.** Also, Shania has contact info for diversity groups at ATSU
- **6.** Wren: Is it possible to talk to the business office about increasing hours for absentee ballots?
- 7. Barge: Why aren't classes cancelled for election day?
  - **a.** MacLeod: Late notice, some classes cannot miss a day; but, still pushing for no synchronous classes on election day, if possible

#### e. Health, Wellness, and Safety

- i. Barker:
  - 1. Meeting tomorrow to discuss mindfulness event -- giveaways and resources, stickers
  - 2. Reached out to identity org's and will be talking with RHA

#### ii. Woods:

- 1. Working on getting more information on brochure
- **2.** Still looking for people for disability advocate position (will be info soon on social media)
- **3.** October 10th is mental health awareness day
- **4.** Received response from Julie Sneddon, will be sending out information to folks who might be interested
- 5. Tori will be taking the weekend off -- direct any questions to Adam

## f. Student Affairs

- i. Barge:
  - 1. Canon idea still possible, but need to get it checked for safety
    - $\textbf{a.} \hspace{0.1in} \textbf{SAB wants more information about how cost will be split}$
    - **b.** Alexander: What kind of event do we envision using this canon for? What is the accuracy of the canon? How powerful is it?
      - i. Barge: Maybe renting out mascot costume during Student Appreciation Week. I will have more information at the next general body meeting
  - **2.** Trying to figure out rules for providing food; looking to meet with Sodexo about policies
    - **a.** What type of food? Laura also suggested coupons for SUB food
    - **b.** Laura also suggested considering different giveaway items than water bottles
  - 3. Laura thought about Purple Friday design contest
    - **a.** Could also partner with other clubs to cut costs
  - 4. Sam contacted SAB president about Oktoberfest; they do not need help

- **a.** Alexander: We usually set up a tent for giveaways
- **5.** Alexander: Student username issue -- changing to usernames that are random letters rather than ones that match names. Can you find more information?

## g. Purple Friday

- i. Myers:
  - 1. Once a month big events for Purple Friday
    - **a.** This month, Halloween event on the 30th; giving away plastic pumpkin filled with candy
  - **2.** Can table in Magruder and McClain
  - **3.** Climate Strike will be occurring in the middle of Rainbow Friday -- will see how this affects the event
- ii. Alexander: Purple People Eater for Halloween Purple Friday?

## 3. Executive Reports:

- a. Speaker:
  - i. No report
- b. Secretary: i. Still
  - Still considering collective calendar; will work more on this this weekend
- c. Treasurer:
  - i. Wren:
    - 1. Appropriations is meeting on Friday; coming up with funding plans and advertising applications
    - **2.** Looking into some amendments to the budget; paying more for apparel, gavel, no spending at Fall retreat
    - **3.** Sunday, October 18th 3p.m. -- StuGov facilitating car parade for homecoming
    - **4.** Homecoming would like Friday October 16th, Purple Friday to be a pep day for car parade

## d. President and Vice President:

- i. Alexander:
  - 1. Spending no more than \$75 to pay Rachel for photography at retreat
  - **2.** Please fill out blurb for all-school email if you would like to share what your committee is doing in terms of equity and inclusion
  - **3.** Recently heard from Center for International Students, would like help sponsoring International Education Week
    - a. Barge: I think Student Affairs could pick this up
  - **4.** Meeting with student intern for CIS to talk about how we can support international students
  - **5.** Sarah Seifert will be coming to meeting on October 18th; is there anything in particular we would like to hear about?
    - **a.** Barker: Attempted assault from 10/6
    - **b.** Montúfar: Would like to hear more about TruAlliance; cameras in parking lots?; response to ABC petition; biases in arrest rates?; arming of campus police?
  - 6. Met with Janna and Dr. Thomas
    - **a.** Talked about conversation on equity and inclusion; administration is working on new strategic plan

- **i.** Janna offered to connect us to this committee; send Katie any tentative plans for your committee related to efforts towards equity and inclusion
- **ii.** Montúfar: Shania can send the six pillar areas to see if anyone is interested in being staffed on a particular committee
- **7.** Working on getting information out about safe businesses in Kirksville; have posters almost done for restaurants to hang up
- **8.** Continuing to advertise for new positions -- and have received an application!

Adjourned: 8:47 p.m.