



Student Government Resolution 120.018

A Resolution Amending the Description of the Environmental Affairs Committee in the Standing Rules of the Student Government

Sponsored by the Governing Documents Review Board: Emily Smith, Committee Chair; Ethan Kershaw, Environmental Affairs Chair; Kiren MacLeod, External Affairs Chair; Morgan Sprehe, Women’s Leadership Conference Chair; Maddie Meyer and Sam Tillman, Senior Senators; Rachel Holt and Owen Smith, Voting Senators; Mike Owsley, Incoming Senator

WHEREAS,

- The Student Government is the official governing body of the Student Association and exists to represent the present and long term best interests of the Student Association in the formulation of the University policy and in the fulfillment of the University's mission; and
- *An Executive Order Establishing the Governing Documents Review Board Ad Hoc Committee for the Spring 2021 Semester*, authorizes the 2021 Governing Documents Review Board to amend the governing documents of the Truman State University Student Government; and
- The Truman State University Student Government is bound by the rules detailed in its governing documents; and
- The Governing Documents Review Board is authorized to identify and make changes to section, clauses, and articles related to “The structure and purpose of the Environmental Affairs Committee”; and
- Numerous administrative and student-run groups focused on the environment exist on-campus; and
- Having a designated member of the committee serving as a bridge between these groups would foster better communication and coordination among the wide range of environment-related organizations; and
- This connection would thus allow the Environmental Affairs Committee to more effectively author legislation, communicate environmental concerns to administrators, organize environmental programming, and represent students’ opinions; and

- Creating a specific role focused on facilitating inter-organization communication would ensure a continuation of this role into the future; and
- Section 16 of the standing rules is listed in the appendix with suggested changes¹.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT,

- Supports the efforts of the Governing Document Review Board in its continued efforts to amend, modernize, and simplify the Constitution of the Truman State University Student Government; and
- Approves the proposed changes to the Standing Rules; and
- Shall implement, upon approval by the Student Senate, the proposed amendments to the Standing Rules of the Truman State University Student Government; and
- Shall make, upon approval and immediate effect of the amendments to the governing documents, any corrections to section title or numbering in the table of contents of the governing documents;

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT DIRECTS THAT,

Additional copies of this resolution be disseminated to President Sue Thomas; Board of Governors; Janna Stoskopf, Vice President for Student Affairs; the University Archives and the Truman Media Network

Passed by unanimous consent, March 28, 2021.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katie Alexander". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name of the signatory.

Katie Alexander, President of the Student Association

¹ See Appendix

Section 16: Environmental Affairs Committee

Clause 1

The Environmental Affairs Committee strives to promote a sustainable and environmentally sound campus from the perspective of the Student Association. The committee carefully considers issues concerning resource management and recycling, campus beautification, sustainable behaviors and practices, and informational outreach to the Student Association and the community pertaining to the above. This is in order to assure that all facilities and grounds are maintained and utilized in an environmentally responsible manner; decisions affecting the campus environment will receive input from students and appropriate guidance from faculty, staff, and administration prior to implementation; and the environmental impacts of the University are managed locally and regionally.

Clause 2

The Environmental Affairs Committee shall work closely with all members of the Student Senate, the Campus Planner, the President's Sustainability Action Committee, the Physical Plant, the Sustainability Office, student environmental groups, pertinent university committees, and other members of the university community who impact the campus environment in order to promote environmentally sustainable practices on campus.

Clause 3

The Environmental Affairs Committee shall also be responsible for assisting the Sustainability Office with planning and executing Earth Week programming lasting at least three days.

- a. The Environmental Affairs Committee may offer support at the request of other student groups participating in Earth Week.
- b. At least one event will be executed entirely by the Environmental Affairs Committee in addition to its attendance at the Earth Week Festival.

Clause 4

The Environmental Affairs Committee shall designate one of its members as an Environmental Liaison who will work to connect the Environmental Affairs Committee to student-run environmental groups on campus, monitor those groups for feedback, and appraise them of relevant Student Senate projects.

- a. The Environmental Liaison shall be a previously appointed member of the Environmental Affairs Committee and will attend meetings accordingly.
- b. The Environmental Liaison shall be appointed by the President in consultation with the Environmental Affairs Chair and be approved by the Student Senate by minor appointment.
- c. The Environmental Liaison shall be responsible for facilitating communication between environmental groups and organizations that seek to influence

institutional policies or projects and for assisting these groups in accomplishing their own goals or proposals.

- d. It is suggested that the Environmental Liaison collaborate with the Sustainability Office, the President's Sustainability Action Committee, and any other student or institutional groups that work to address environmental and sustainability issues.
- e. In the absence of a designated Environmental Liaison, the Environmental Affairs Chair shall assume these duties.