



Student Government Resolution 120.019

**A Resolution Officially Renaming the Diversity Committee to the Diversity and Inclusion Committee in the Standing Rules and Constitution of the Student Government
Sponsored by the Governing Documents Review Board: Emily Smith, Committee Chair;
Kennedy Cooper, Diversity Committee 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 Semester¹*, 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 relating to “The title and purpose of the Diversity Committee”; and
- The Diversity Committee undertakes legislation and programming related to diversity and inclusion; and
- The Committee’s current title does not entirely reflect this; and
- A change in the Committee’s title would bring it into alignment with other administrative offices and allow the Committee to better achieve overarching campus goals; and
- Section 5 of the Constitution is listed in the appendix with suggested changes; and
- Section 15 of the standing rules is listed in the appendix with suggested changes²; and

¹ <https://senate.truman.edu/files/2021/02/Governing-Documents-Review-Board-Executive-Order.pdf>

² See Appendix

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT,

- Supports the efforts of the Rules Revision Ad Hoc Committee 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 the Constitution of the Truman State University Student Government and giving its consent to place the constitutional changes on the Spring 2021 general election ballot and up to a vote by the Student Association; and
- Approves ballot language for the proposed constitutional amendments to read: A vote “yes” on this measure shall be considered an approval of the changes proposed to the Constitution of the Truman State University Student Government; and a vote “no” shall be considered a disapproval of the changes proposed to the Constitution of the Truman State University Student Government. Attached below are copies of both the current and proposed amended version of the Constitution of the Truman State University Student Government”; and
- Shall, upon approval by the Student Association, immediately implement the proposed changes to the Constitution; and
- Shall implement, upon approval by the Student Senate and contingent upon the approval by the Student Association on the constitutional amendments, 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 OF TRUMAN STATE DIRECTS THAT,

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

Passed by unanimous consent, March 28, 2021.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katelyn Alexander". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the date of the resolution.

Katie Alexander, President of the Student Association

Constitution

Section 5: Committee Structure

Clause 1

Committees shall be divided into three categories: primary committees, secondary committees, and ad hoc committees. Committees shall meet weekly to discuss issues, projects, and solutions affecting Student Government, the Student Association, and the University as a whole. Committees are the primary method of outreach to faculty, staff, and students across campus, disciplines, and issue areas.

Clause 2

Primary committees are permanent committees that exist in order to address current concerns of the Student Association while serving their long-term interests. These committees shall be defined and structured so that they may address a wide range of topics within an overall category of student life. These committees shall include:

- Academic Affairs
- Diversity and Inclusion
- Environmental Affairs
- External Affairs
- Health, Wellness, and Safety
- Student Affairs

Standing Rules

Section 15: Diversity and Inclusion Committee

Clause 1

The Diversity and Inclusion Committee strives to promote an inclusive campus environment that recognizes the diverse backgrounds and needs of the Student Association and works to represent the interests and needs of all students, especially those from marginalized groups and communities. The Committee shall fulfill its stated mission through an annual Diversity Week, other diversity and inclusion programming, programs, involvement in University policy making, and collaboration with administrative and student groups across campus that promote diversity and inclusion.

Clause 2

The Diversity and Inclusion Committee shall be responsible for planning and executing diversity and inclusion programming lasting for at least three days.

Clause 3

The Diversity and Inclusion Committee shall work closely with all members of the Student Senate, student organizations on campus dedicated to diversity, the Center for Diversity and Inclusion, the Center for International Students, the Women's Resource Center, the Interfaith Center, the Administration, applicable student organizations, and other members of the university community who impact diversity of campus.

Clause 3

The Diversity Committee shall also be responsible for planning and executing diversity programming, including a diversity celebration lasting at least three days.