

**TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
 TWENTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE 2020-2021 GENERAL BODY  
 April 11, 2021**

**Called to order: 5:00 p.m.**

**1) Preliminary Items**

- a) Roll Call
- b) Approval of Minutes
  - i) Approved
- c) Gallery Introductions/Business
  - i) Grace; Esther Fox; Erin Woolf; Mandi Wild
- d) Membership Appointment/Resignation
- e) Oath of office
- f) Changes to the Agenda

**2) Auxiliary Reports**

- a) Speaker of the Student Senate
  - i) E. Smith:
    - (1) Committee did not meet today, pretty much finished with resolutions for the semester; will meet one more time to explore OAF options
    - (2) If you are interested in running for speaker, let Emily know
    - (3) If you are not a senior, join the Slack channel for senior resolutions
- b) Faculty Advisor
  - i) N/A
- c) Staff Advisor
  - i) No report
- d) Student Representative to the Board of Governors
  - i) Smeltzer:
    - (1) Board meeting on Saturday:
      - (a) CARES money -- 1.6 million has been distributed to students; about \$7,000 left
      - (b) Senate wants to do increased appropriation for higher education
      - (c) New legislative session means we might get enough money to complete the Greenwood school
        - (i) Expansion for nursing and online account masters program
        - (ii) We might be able to recover lost revenue from covid
      - (d) Applications up 5%; up in acceptances and housing deposits from last year
      - (e) Tuition voted to increase by 4.9% -- everyone in Missouri has voted to increase tuition, Truman increase is below other universities
      - (f) Extended contract with Sodexo
      - (g) University has gotten \$10 million for covid funding
      - (h) Graduate programs are doing really well; more applications and acceptances
      - (i) ATSU Truman healthcare academy; will be 100 students this year, starting diversity initiative
    - (2) Alexander: How do numbers compare pre-covid?
      - (a) Smeltzer: Still down from about three years ago
- e) Athletic Fee Accountability Committee Chair
  - i) N/A
- f) Environmental Fee Accountability Committee Chair
  - i) Connolly:

- (1) Finished up discussion of proposals this past week and put together slate
- g)** Student Representative to SAB
    - i)** N/A
  - h)** Student Representative to ResLife
    - i)** N/A
  - i)** Organizational Representatives
    - i)** Park, College Republicans:
      - (1) Still collecting cans for local charities
    - ii)** Johnson, SCU:
      - (1) Protest for Earth Week Thursday at noon; will be an open forum as well
  - j)** Black Student Representative
    - i)** No report
  - k)** Academic Affairs Committee
    - i)** Purinton:
      - (1) Virtual banquet for Academic Accolades April 22nd, everyone invited to come
      - (2) Sending out emails inviting all finalists to come tomorrow
      - (3) Last call for anyone who wants to participate in the undecided student project; I will be in touch tomorrow with those who signed up
  - l)** Diversity and Inclusion Committee
    - i)** Cooper:
      - (1) Resolution on the agenda today
  - m)** Environmental Affairs Committee
    - i)** Kershaw:
      - (1) Earth Week is this week! Events start tomorrow, check out social media pages
        - (a) Speaker tomorrow night in SUB Georgian rooms
      - (2) Two resolutions today
  - n)** External Affairs Committee
    - i)** No report
  - o)** Student Affairs Committee
    - i)** Barge:
      - (1) Still working on dress code at Rec Center
  - p)** Health, Wellness, and Safety Co-Committee
    - i)** Barker:
      - (1) Planning virtual awards ceremony with Sutton
    - ii)** Woods:
      - (1) Meeting with Mr. Dreamweaver for brochure editing
      - (2) Working on Sexual Assault Prevention stuff
  - q)** Purple Friday Committee
    - i)** Myers:
      - (1) Last Purple Friday this Friday, encouraging people to vote in StuGov elections
  - r)** Parking Appeals Committee
    - i)** N/A
  - s)** Legislative Director
    - i)** No report
  - t)** IT Director (and apprentice)
    - i)** Eagal:
      - (1) Working with Truman Week committee for online interactive activities
  - u)** PR Director
    - i)** Knight:
      - (1) Invitations for Academic Accolades ceremony
      - (2) 3 different giveaways this week, alumni appreciation post

- (3) Will get graphic for Earth Week out
  - v) Elections administrator
    - i) O. Smith:
      - (1) Nominations have been picking up, candidates have until Friday to get signatures
      - (2) Posts will be going up this week
      - (3) Working on presidential debate/Q&A, will be on Zoom most likely; let Owen know with any ideas for questions
      - (4) Spending \$30 on tape for yard signs and rope for banners
  - 3) Executive Reports**
    - a) Treasurer
      - i) Wren:
        - (1) Appropriations slate coming today
    - b) Secretary
      - i) No report
    - c) The President and Vice President of the Student Association
      - i) Alexander:
        - (1) Retreat on 25th:
          - (a) Voting senators, chairs, and anyone who has an executive position must be there to present end-of-year reports
          - (b) Optional lunch on quad at 12:30, retreat starts at 1:00 (Georgian Rooms); half an hour to finalize reports, make sure it is written beforehand; hour to go over reports together and then another hour to do an activity together
        - (2) Please be writing your reports! Super helpful for future chairs
        - (3) Lauri Millot is no longer in her Title IX position; Tyana Lang, J.D. Smizer, Jonathan Vieker are working on reports for the time being, along with a firm in STL
        - (4) AFAC Slate next Sunday
          - (a) Discussing potential changes with Athletic Fee, potentially using to support existing programs
        - (5) Resolution next week to put OAF collegiate readership proposal on the ballot; will need to second read and pass
        - (6) If you have any resolutions, they need to come next Sunday in order to be first and second read
        - (7) We will need your nametags back at retreat, so please bring them
      - ii) German:
        - (1) UCG:
          - (a) Tuition increase for out of state students
          - (b) Dr. Daley-Moore talked about vaccine survey; 65% of respondents had already gotten vaccine, but portion of campus is hesitant to receive vaccine
          - (c) 360 doses given out at vaccine drive
          - (d) Email council before tomorrow regarding mask mandate
          - (e) Monday and Thursday intramural games
      - iii) Woods: For transition meeting, is this formal attire?
        - (1) Alexander: Yes, will have time to change; also, if you have any associate members you would like to invite to retreat, let me know
      - iv) Bates: If you are going to discuss the athletic fee outside of AFAC slate, you might introduce that language usually
      - v) Meyer: Can we send out an email or list of everyone who needs to be at retreat?
        - (1) Alexander: Yes, we can do that
- 4) Old Business**

## 5) New Business

- a) [Appropriations Slate 04/11/21](#) (Wren)
- i) Wren: Student is requesting \$650 as student stipend to complete a research project this summer in the science and math department; committee unanimously approved the funding, but after reconsideration of the standing rules, we have decided not to recommend funding; it is not typical that we fund student payroll; research mentor sent lengthy email encouraging that we investigate funding opportunities for research positions since it is not readily available currently
  - ii) Approved by unanimous consent
- b) [Divestment Resolution](#) (Kershaw)
- i) Kershaw: Asking the university to divest endowment fund from fossil fuel-based stocks and set a goal for this process; Bulldog Investment Fund have done a good job considering these concerns when investing
  - ii) Questions:
    - (1) Alexander: Did you meet with Dr. Hughes? Did he tell you anything about how the investment process works?
      - (a) Kershaw: We outsource the investment process, and the board is not handpicking stocks; would mostly be providing guidance to these outsourcing investors
  - iii) Discussion:
    - (1) Barker: Are there specific steps you can include in terms of revisiting this every year?
      - (a) Kershaw: That would be good, I will think more on that
  - iv) First read
- c) [Res Life Guidebook Resolution](#) (Kershaw)
- i) Kershaw: Reached out to ResLife before printing this, would be for 2022 as fall guidebooks have already been printed; also thought adding sustainability tips to the website would be good; would hope to work with ResLife further in the future and to add wording to outline specific goals
  - ii) Question:
    - (1) MacLeod: Is there any reason we can't request that the website happens in 2021?
      - (a) Kershaw: That is definitely something that can be included
  - iii) First read
- d) [A Resolution in Support of the Proposal for Gender and Sexual Diversity Center](#) (Cooper)
- i) Cooper: The idea for this center has been a project going on since at least 2015; Brad Turnbull has recently put together a proposal for a center to be established and have a physical space, this resolution is basically in support of that proposal
  - ii) Questions:
    - (1) Alexander: Why are we changing it to "Gender and Sexual Diversity Center" rather than LGBTQ Resource center?
      - (a) Cooper: Keeping it consistent with Brad's language
    - (2) Bates: What would this mean for other groups like the WRC?
      - (a) Cooper: Brad does want a space, looking at a few areas that are currently empty; I don't think it would interfere much with the WRC besides collaborating on programming
    - (3) Wuennenberg: What does address/resolve inequalities refer to in the resolution?
      - (a) Cooper: Providing safe and welcoming space for students, campus education, etc.
  - iii) First read
- e) [ESFAC Slate](#) (Connolly)

- i)** Connolly: Selected 6 proposals, including soil testing at University Farm, fund for ENVIS practicum, mason bee house installation, disposable mask/glove terracycling, snack packaging recycling, stacking recycling bins for the Sustainability Office, general funds for maintenance and installation; maximum to soil project
- ii)** Questions:
  - (1) Barker: Could you elaborate more on the practicum fund?
    - (a) Connolly: Students within practicum classes who need to fund projects
- iii)** Discussion:
  - (1) Bates: Did you get an example of what some of the practicum projects would be?
    - (a) Connolly: Dr. Bridget Thomas would be reviewing applications for funding; things like working with Kirksville organizations, etc.
    - (b) Bates: Would need some reporting information since this is a student fee
    - (c) Kershaw: We had a similar conversation about a different proposal, this would require consideration before funds are approved
  - (2) Alexander: Have you cleared this process with Dr. Thomas?
    - (a) Connolly: Yes
  - (3) Barker: Could we see what some of this grant money has been used for?
    - (a) Connolly: Yes, we can gather that information
    - (b) Kershaw: Rot Riders, bee houses, student compost bins, Communiversy Garden area
- iv)** First read

## **6) Announcements**

- a)** Bono: Sweet Nothings concert Friday night
- b)** Barker: Senior recital live stream Friday
- c)** O. Smith: Elections yard signs Wednesday afternoon, would appreciate help putting them up; active campaigning starts tomorrow!
  - i)** E. Smith: You must be filed and cleared in order to campaign

**Adjourned:** 5:47 p.m.