

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

**Called to Order: 5:01 p.m.**

**1) Preliminary Items**

- a) Roll Call**
- b) Approval of Minutes**
  - i) Approved**
- c) Gallery Introductions/Business**
  - i) Jerry Wollmering, Director of Athletics for AFAC; KTRM broadcast**
- d) Membership Appointment/Resignation**
- e) Oath of office**
- f) Changes to the Agenda**
  - i) Alexander: Move to bring AFAC slate ahead of auxiliary reports**
    - (1) Approved

**2) Auxiliary Reports**

- a) Speaker of the Student Senate**
  - i) E. Smith:**
    - (1) Wrapping up report
    - (2) Senior resolutions need to get started
- b) Faculty Advisor**
  - i) Edwards: Snow on Tuesday!**
- c) Staff Advisor**
  - i) Bates:**
    - (1) Processed financial stuff Jesse has given me
    - (2) Land acknowledgement artist documents wrapped up on Thursday, around \$800
    - (3) If you are an outgoing chair, please make sure you are speaking with Jesse about any funds as budget expires next Sunday
    - (4) If you are waiting on something from me, please remind me
- d) Student Representative to the Board of Governors**
  - i) Smeltzer:**
    - (1) No report
- e) Athletic Fee Accountability Committee Chair**
  - i) Hall:**
    - (1) No report
- f) Environmental Fee Accountability Committee Chair**
  - i) Connolly:**
    - (1) Revised ESFAC slate up for second read today
- g) Student Representative to SAB**
  - i) Cochran:**
    - (1) Hot air balloon moved for next week due to weather
    - (2) Final blowout this week; fun prizes and games
    - (3) New external affairs rep for SAB
- h) Student Representative to ResLife**
  - i) N/A**
- i) Organizational Representatives**
  - i) Park, College Republicans:**
    - (1) No report
  - ii) Johnson, SCU:**

- (1) Thanks to everyone who participated in Earth Week and came to the SCU event; if you would like to see our suggestions for sustainability on campus, the Student Climate Proposal is on our social media
- j) Black Student Representative**
  - i) Egal:**
    - (1) Working on end of year report
- k) Academic Affairs Committee**
  - i) Purinton:**
    - (1) Meeting with Dr. Gooch on Tuesday, Slack me with any questions
      - (a) Egal: For the graduation ceremonies, they are not allowing double majors to walk twice; could you bring this up to Dr. Gooch?
      - (b) Purinton: This has moved on from Dr. Gooch's involvement, but I will bring it up and let you know as soon as I hear anything
    - (2) Meeting with Mr. Vieker on Friday, so let me know with any questions regarding advising; thanks to everyone who helped me with the videos for the undecided student project
    - (3) Academic Accolades virtual ceremony on Thursday
    - (4) Good luck with all your last minute assignments and tests!
- l) Diversity and Inclusion Committee**
  - i) Cooper:**
    - (1) Working on end of year report
    - (2) Second reading resolution today
- m) Environmental Affairs Committee**
  - i) Kershaw:**
    - (1) Earth Week was a good time, thanks to everyone who helped!
    - (2) Thursday is Earth Day, so join us on the quad for canvas painting and seed balls/stickers
- n) External Affairs Committee**
  - i) MacLeod:**
    - (1) Working on end of year report
- o) Student Affairs Committee**
  - i) Barge:**
    - (1) End of year report
    - (2) Working on dress code for rec center
- p) Health, Wellness, and Safety Co-Committee**
  - i) Barker:**
    - (1) Tabling Wednesday-Friday from 10:30-2:30, will be sending out sign up sheet
    - (2) Academic Accolades Thursday at 5:30 on zoom
  - ii) Woods:**
    - (1) Trying to meet with Mr. Dreamweaver about brochure this week to do some editing and get it ready for the website
    - (2) Reaching out to Laura to talk about some brochure changes
- q) Purple Friday Committee**
  - i) Myers:**
    - (1) Friday was last event of the year, thanks to everyone who volunteered throughout the year
- r) Parking Appeals Committee**
  - i) N/A**
- s) Legislative Director**
  - i) N/A**
- t) IT Director (and apprentice)**
  - i) Egal:**

- (1) No report
  - ii) O. Smith:
    - (1) Academic Accolades info is on the website
    - (2) Lots of election info on website too
- u) PR Director
  - i) Knight:
    - (1) Working on finding best way to archive alumni responses to keep doing them next year
  - ii) Bates: You have a lot of gold balls left; what are you doing with those?
    - (1) Knight: Lots of giveaways over the next couple weeks
- v) Elections administrator
  - i) O. Smith:
    - (1) Candidate posts out last week, every candidate except for one has gotten their about statement and picture
    - (2) Voting this week
      - (a) Banners going up in the SUB
      - (b) Promotional posts on Instagram
      - (c) Hoping to get 400-450 people to vote
      - (d) Results announced Friday at 5:00 p.m. on Zoom and Instagram
    - (3) Working on end of year report
  - ii) Holt: How many people for how many spots?
    - (1) O. Smith: 17 running for 12 voting senator slots; 4 running for 3 senior senator slots

### 3) Executive Reports

- a) Treasurer
  - i) Wren:
    - (1) When you are working on end of year reports, include expenses you are planning for; for example, Sam is including info on banners for Purple Friday in his report for the next chair
  - ii) Cooper: With the land acknowledgement, should I consider that a continuing expense?
    - (1) Bates: We need to double check the date on the money motion, but I have received the W-9; Shania was wanting to purchase a frame, so we'll need to look into how to budget that
- b) Secretary
  - i) Lesch:
    - (1) Last week for office hours, finish out strong!
- c) The President and Vice President of the Student Association
  - i) Alexander:
    - (1) Dr. Thomas meeting:
      - (a) UCS waitlist is finally clear due to new services; 3 students are still waiting for specific services
      - (b) Also discussed MySSP and better ways to advertise; Janna will be sending out an email about how to access these before finals week; info will also be explained during orientation sessions and Truman Week
      - (c) Vaccine plans: Universities who have mandated vaccines are mostly private; based on legal advice, they believe public universities will not be able to mandate vaccines
      - (d) Some restrictions are being lifted for the summer, such as JBA and other external groups being allowed to use campus
      - (e) New Yorker article and ways we can serve students struggling with stress from this article; we haven't heard much concern over

the article, but Dr. Thomas was open to hearing how we can support students who might need it

- (2) Retreat list is out, your name should be on the email if you are required to attend; let us know if you think you need to be on the list but aren't

**ii) German:**

- (1) Get your cord from the office if you are a graduating senior
- (2) Basketball playoff game tomorrow at 6:00
- (3) Soccer playoff game Tuesday at 4:00
- (4) Lots of interest in chess lately; there is a message in the students only chat inviting you to join our chess league

**iii) Eagal:**

- (1) If you miss a meeting at UCS, you will get a call asking about your absence, but I have noticed that this has fallen off a bit; it seems as though if you miss one meeting now, you get kicked out
- (2) My friend was getting a wellness checkup with the new system, without insurance, and it was \$200
- (3) Meyer: I also use UCS and I too missed a meeting; counselor told me that it was not her responsibility to reach out if you miss a meeting; the price for counseling will be moving to \$15, but certain people can still get it waived, not sure about the wellness test

**iv) O. Smith: On the covid restrictions -- have you talked with Dr. Thomas about what kinds of restrictions we will see come fall if we aren't requiring vaccines?**

- (1) Alexander: The perspective of the administration is that they will be following the CDC; this will be a big conversation for the next administration
- (2) Bates: I have been told to plan as though things will remain the same; the university waited to make decisions in order to not need to change instructions, so discussions are going on but we might not hear anything until we receive more specific information from the CDC

**v) Wren: So, the mask mandate change in Kirksville is not impacting Truman?**

- (1) No

**4) Old Business**

**a) [Divestment Resolution](#) (Kershaw)**

- i)** Kershaw: Made some changes from last time; included a few student groups that have mentioned this in previous years; included more of a timeline in the therefore be it resolved/future suggestions for this project
- ii)** Adopted by unanimous consent

**b) [Res Life Guidebook Resolution](#) (Kershaw)**

- i)** Kershaw: Added a few timeline things towards the end; gave website sooner timeline than the guidebook based on Kiren's suggestions
- ii)** Discussion:
  - (1) O. Smith: I think this is a great way to potentially get rid of all of the recycling bins in our office

**iii)** Adopted by unanimous consent

**c) [A Resolution in Support of the Proposal for Gender and Sexual Diversity Center](#) (Cooper)**

- i)** Cooper: I tried to meet with Brad, but it didn't really happen; tried to look through the proposal, I don't think it should interfere with the WRC aside from working together on programming
- ii)** Questions:
  - (1) Bates: Do you want to support the proposal as it is written, or do you want to support the idea of the center?
    - (a) Cooper: Since we passed support for the concept in the past, this would be specifically in support of the proposal

- (2) O. Smith: Does it say in the report where the center might be located?
  - (a) Cooper: Brad has a couple spaces that he is wanting that are currently unused; the proposal doesn't act for a certain space
  - (b) Bates: I think it is dangerous to say a specific location at this time; the tactic is "What needs do you have?" and look at spaces based on that
- (3) O. Smith: Timeline for establishing center?
  - (a) Cooper: Once the proposal is approved, Brad wants it started as soon as possible; no specific timeline

**iii) Discussion:**

- (1) Barker: I think there are a variety of views and beliefs on campus, and I hope we are taking these views into consideration when considering this resolution
- (2) Alexander: I have been reading this proposal very carefully; this center seems to take a very active role in the Truman community, and this provides a very specific perspective; some parts of the proposal could have a bit more nuance when considering a variety of perspectives
- (3) Wuennenberg: What perspectives are you thinking of specifically?
  - (a) Alexander: This proposal has a specific viewpoint on LGBTQ+ issues, but there are a lot of ways students look at these issues and think of how they can best support communities
- (4) Meyer: The WRC puts tampons in the bathrooms on campus; I would say that is a specific viewpoint, but it still is a good service on campus; I don't think it is appropriate to not want to support something that helps student
- (5) Cooper: Students who have different perspectives have the option to not participate with the center; it is an option that is there
- (6) Barker: As far as the perspectives, there are different religious and political ideas, thoughts on funding; all students will be involved in this in some way as it is funded by Student Affairs
- (7) Wuennenberg: I do think it is an issue, because even if you are not explicitly participating in it, you are in some ways supporting it by paying tuition; some religious viewpoints on campus might oppose supporting this kind of organization
- (8) Grandstaff: Proposal suggests that we are one of the few universities that does not have this kind of center, and 20% of our body identifies as LGBT
- (9) Woods: Beliefs and values are important, but this is about health and wellness of everyone on campus regardless of beliefs; there are lots of groups of various viewpoints that get funding, and they all have the right to have access to these resources
- (10) Meyer: I take an issue that someone's gender/sexuality is a moral issue; I have never played a sport at Truman, but I pay into the athletic fee; I don't think it's ridiculous to ask students to support something they don't personally participate in
- (11) Cooper: A lot of these programs listed in the proposal already exist and are already being funding, though additional programming would be added; we all fund things we don't personally use; we also need to consider the fact that LGBTQ students do have a unique experience on campus, and this would be a good way for the institution to show support for these students
- (12) German: I think this is long overdue and I'm excited to see Truman pursuing this
- (13) Barge: Is there anything in this resolution that is different from our past resolutions?

- (a) Cooper: This resolution is different from the 2016 resolutions because it has more updated statistics and is also in support of a specific proposal that did not exist in past years
- (14) Myers: What is the funding for the WRC?
- (a) Bates: Small amount of money, less than \$2,000 a year
- (15) Wuennenberg: If this were specifically a resource for mental health or counseling services, I don't think it would be as controversial; but since the center will explicitly support advocacy events, this might make religious students uncomfortable; there is a big difference between the example of athletics fees and what this proposal suggests
- (16) Eagal: Our institution is a public institution, and we should be able to provide support for all students; from my perspective, some people have moral obligations to me being in this room, and I think this is a similar situation with just a different group of people
- (17) Cochran: My best friend works at the WRC, and says that there is a lot she wants to do but isn't able to do, and she is very excited about this resolution
- (18) Alexander: I want to bring this conversation back to how we can best support students; I have friends and family who are within these communities, and this is something that is important to me too; I also have a bit of a different perspective because of my beliefs, and I personally don't have a lot of issues with the funding; I'm mostly trying to think about this from different angles; it is important to be able to support problems that specific groups face, and I would like this proposal to focus more on these things (counseling services, making sure bias reporting is going well, etc.)
- (19) Barker: When reading the proposal, I was wondering about the graduate student in English?
- (a) Cooper: Brad asked around and someone was interested in working with them
- (20) Sprehe: I support comments from Azeeza, Jesse, Josh, etc.
- (21) Owsley: This is a good resolution, and it sticks out to me that we have had a lot of discourse surrounding how we support identity groups; I think it is good that we are tackling these conversations and important that we support these groups
- (22) Cooper: I wrote about a survey saying that 74% of students who were not LGBTQ would support the creation of this center; we as an organization represent all students; I would also ask you to consider the fact that LGBTQ students do have a unique experience and experience discrimination; this will support the community as a whole, as a variety of experiences is important in a liberal arts education
- (23) Kershaw: I think this covers a lot of things that we already do and consolidates it to a specific place; in the therefore be it resolved, it just supports giving the center its own place and funding; the proposal is well written and can be changed as we continue
- iv)** Passes 18-2-1
- d)** [ESEAC Slate](#) (Connolly)
- i)** Connolly: One change is removing practicum funding
- ii)** Questions:
- (1) Bates: Can he resubmit the slate since the one on the agenda still has that funding listed?
- iii)** Adopted by unanimous consent
- 5) New Business**
- a)** Finals Scream Money Motion \$1,000 (Barge and Barker)

- i)** Barge: This is a fun event, and we had extra funds
- ii)** Questions:
  - (1) O. Smith: What is this money being spent on, is there any documentation?
    - (a) Bates: The event is being put on by my committee; this is typically the day before finals begin; not doing the food this year, but there are activities that students can participate in to take a break from studying; study snacks a couple days during the week, stress reduction kits, coffee vouchers, etc.
- iii)** Discussion:
  - (1) Barker: The wellness component will be a great use of the rest of our money and will be good stress relief for finals week
- iv)** Adopted by unanimous consent
- b)** [Brochures Money Motion \(Woods\)](#)
  - i)** Woods: No more than \$600 on brochures; this has been my big project for at least a year; I would like to get this done and we are in the ending stages; would like to have these all set by June 1st and to have money budgeted so I can continue working and get these done; more of a booklet than a brochure, all useful information
  - ii)** Adopted by unanimous consent
- c)** [OAF Ballot Initiative \(Holt\)](#)
  - i)** Holt: We need to second read this tonight, so plan to suspend the standing rules to get this passed; not doing anything moneywise, simply voting on if the money will go to this subscription from the New York Times; will provide any articles from past years and can be catered to your interests; report is done, this is just for the ballot measure
  - ii)** Questions:
    - (1) Bates: It is not uncommon for OAF things to come the day before to give the committee the maximum amount of time
      - (a) Holt: The survey itself was mid-March and we have been on a crunched timeline
  - iii)** Discussion:
    - (1) Barker: I am so happy this is finally happening and that other people will get to enjoy this
    - (2) Alexander: I am also really excited about this; this resolution isn't taking a stance on whether we support/do not support the ballot measure, just us saying that this should be on the ballot; this did not have to be on the ballot, but we are putting it on for accountability sake since we had ending the CRP on the ballot in the Spring
    - (3) O. Smith: I think having a newspaper is good/ important
    - (4) German: Nice!
    - (5) Wuennenberg: I also support this resolution, and I am glad to be able to have access to the newspapers again
    - (6) Edwards: Currently written as students, can anyone with a Truman account gain access?
      - (a) Bates: This is only for students, not faculty and staff
  - iv)** Holt: Move to suspend the standing rules to second read and pass resolution
    - (1) Approved
  - v)** Adopted by unanimous consent
- d)** [ASEAC Slate \(Hall\)](#)
  - i)** Hall: All purpose backstop for soccer; artificial turf for baseball infield; game goals for soccer; small soccer goals for practice; 24-ft bench shelter; replace soccer fencing; overall maintenance and repairs (Pershing wood floors, soccer

and softball fields, hoops and curtains); softball inflatable turtle; Spring 2021 charters (accounts for increased charters due to covid); weight room barbells

**ii) Questions:**

(1) Wren: What is “White Knight”?

(a) Hall: Charter company

(2) Myers: Dirt on the infield in my experience; is the turf short?

(a) Hall: Rubber pellets and sand like on the football field; maintenance free; a big number because we didn’t want to make it a long-term item, total balance with savings from last year will allow for this expense

**iii) Discussion:**

(1) O. Smith: I umpire baseball and I can confirm that the turf fields are a good long-term investment

(2) Wollmering: Budget for athletics is of concern down the road with university budget cuts; the fee passed in 2008 has done a great job, would like to open up a discussion about maintaining the programs we have in addition to the athletic fee applying for new equipment/projects/etc.; cost for transport for competitions/games

**iv) First read**

**6) Announcements**

**a)** Myers: SRC this Thursday, classes are suspended; presenting at 9:15 so feel free to stop by!

**b)** Tillman: Congratulations to Adam on a great recital! I also have a recital next Sunday, will also be available online

**c)** O. Smith: VOTE!

**d)** Edwards: Thursday at 5:00, hosting a Fullbright application workshop

**e)** Cochran: Selling stickers for prairie restoration fundraising

**f)** Bates: If you are in need of a job, check out TruPositions

**g)** Meyer: Will be meeting with the administration to talk about lowering GPA requirements, so Slack with any questions

**h)** Alexander: Retreat starts at 1:00, with optional lunch on the Quad at noon

**Adjourned: 6:32 p.m.**