

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
April 22, 2021**

Called to order: 8:07 p.m.

1) Preliminary Items

a) Roll Call

2) Auxiliary Reports -- Roses, Buds, and Thorns!

a) Speaker of the Student Senate

i) E. Smith:

- (1) I really enjoyed being speaker, and I felt like it was a needed change in tone for the body especially coming out of covid
- (2) I feel like this year's body hasn't really seen what proper discussion looks like; it's going to be hard for me to give up the speakership knowing that this issue hasn't been solved
- (3) Kennedy has a lot of good ideas and I'm excited to see what she does in the future

b) Academic Affairs Committee Chair

i) Purinton:

- (1) "Just keep swimming" throughout the year with our committee, and glad I was with people who really treated it like a team; enjoyed getting to know folks through the Academic Accolades interviews and having good conversations with faculty across campus
- (2) Learning what to prioritize is important; didn't do a lot of resolutions, and would like to see the committee do more of that in the future
- (3) I found Student Government to be a challenge and it has helped me grow, mainly because I have been surrounded by people who have bettered me -- I really admire you all; Caroline has been flexible and is an authentic person; Jesse always has my back and I appreciate his support; Alec always has been a big help and does such a great job turning ideas into reality; Ethan has been incredibly inclusive and welcoming, and goes out of his way to make everyone feel welcome on the body

c) Diversity Committee Chair

i) Cooper:

- (1) Really glad that I made some friends on the body, and glad we got some stuff accomplished with the Interfaith Center
- (2) Try to plan Black History Month further in advance
- (3) I'm very excited for Josh and his job at Thousand Hills this summer!

d) Environmental Affairs Committee Chair

i) Kershaw:

- (1) Earth Week was probably my favorite event of the year, really great to get to plan different events and work with different people
- (2) The Labyrinth continues to be a bit of a thorn, as we are still waiting to break ground; Emily Smith hit me with a Chick-Fil-A sauce packet
- (3) Very excited for Caroline to no longer need to take minutes to give her wrists a break; Sam did a great job at SRC and I'm excited to see what else he does in the future

e) External Affairs Committee Chair

i) MacLeod:

- (1) Some of my collaborative meetings with my committee members were really fun, and we were able to work as a unit; kind of sad that we had our last meeting today
- (2) Learning moment: Contact the U&I (or any organization) sooner than you think you need to
- (3) Super excited for Shania and Ethan

f) Health, Wellness, and Safety Co-Chairs

i) Woods:

- (1) Excited because I got the brochure done! This has also been a bit of a thorn since it has taken so long
- (2) Excited about the new transition for Student Government, looking forward to seeing where we go

ii) Barker:

- (1) I really enjoyed running the election process for faculty wellness honoree; this has been one of my favorite things I have done on Student Government, and has been such a good source of ideas
- (2) I think the size of our committee made things a bit more difficult at certain points, something to think about for next year
- (3) Tori has a really bright future in Health Science; Sutton did a great job with Academic Accolades and Academic Affairs, even from a distance; Shout-out to Emily Smith for doing an awesome job at being speaker

g) Purple Friday Committee Chair

i) Myers:

- (1) Working around the bureaucracy has been a learning experience; sometimes things that seem simple are difficult, and other things are easier than expected
- (2) It has been good to speak with people on Student Government who have different views than I have, and to make connections even if we don't necessarily agree
- (3) Shout-outs to Caroline for taking minutes; to Alec for doing a great job with posters and all the other PR Director stuff

h) Student Affairs Committee Chair

i) Barge:

- (1) Really appreciated meeting people on the Student Government; I really liked being committee chair, it was a great learning experience
- (2) Buying the t-shirts first semester was stressful; it was also a learning experience though
- (3) Kennedy has been super helpful this year, and Kiren offered a lot of advice about Student Government; very excited to see everyone's futures!

i) PR Director:

i) Knight:

- (1) I appreciated working with Sutton, Tori, and Adam; you had great ideas and made my job easy; I really enjoyed weekly giveaways and interacting with students
- (2) Printing services definitely lost track of a few projects, so I learned to work more quickly with them

- (3) Special thanks to Jesse Wren for helping with any PR trouble that came up

3) Executive Reports

a) Treasurer

i) Wren:

- (1) Building the relationship with SAB was a great experience, and I am excited to see what comes of that
- (2) My semester was odd, but I was supported by lots of people on the body in different ways
- (3) Graduating seniors, continue to be you and follow your light. Take your experiences from Truman and take them wherever you go. Don't forget where home is! For everyone else, I am excited to see you all grow in different ways and to build deeper connections! I also wish Laura Bates all the happiness in the world as she navigates her new position.

b) Secretary

i) Lesch:

- (1) I am glad that I was able to step outside of my comfort zone and take up a leadership position; getting to know everyone and working on the body has been an amazing experience
- (2) I think I've learned a lot of flexibility this year, both with others and myself; this year has been difficult for everyone, and I tried to balance attendance rules with communication and understanding
- (3) Jesse is always such a light and I enjoy all of our pre-meeting chats; Sutton has done a wonderful job supporting our students and professors and I'm looking forward to seeing what she does in the future; Katie and Josh have been constantly supportive and I wish them all the best on their after-graduation endeavors

c) The President and Vice President of the Student Association

i) German:

- (1) I really enjoyed being in my position and getting to know all the members personally; excited for all our new members
- (2) Had to learn how to manage my mental health with my work, which was a good learning experience
- (3) Excited for all the work Kennedy will do in the future; I hope Sutton is able to get to the Truman campus, she is very passionate about Student Government and I'm very excited; I'm glad I was able to recruit Caroline for graphic design skills and minutes

ii) Alexander:

- (1) This group of people and the work we have been able to do this semester has been my favorite part of being president; I have loved seeing how much everyone in this room cares about each other and wants everyone to succeed
- (2) I think one of my thorns is that I didn't take time to reflect during this year; everything happened very fast during the summer; I'm finally getting a chance to reflect on these things writing my end of the year report
- (3) I want to give a shoutout to our executive board, the five of us have always had each others backs and care about each other

Adjourned: 9:04 p.m.