

An Executive Order Authorizing the COVID-19 Response Team Ad-Hoc Committee

WHEREAS,

- The Student Government is the official governing body of the Student Association and exists to represent the present and long term best interest of the Student Association in the formulation of the University policy and in the fulfillment of the University's mission; and
- The United States is in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic with rapidly evolving conditions for maintaining public health; and
- Truman State University has transitioned all courses online for the Spring 2020 semester and suspended all in-person activities; and
- The University has committed to an entirely online summer term; and
- The University has made no decision on the status of the Fall 2020 semester; and
- The Student Government expects that University administration will release plans for the Fall 2020 semester over the summer; and
- Major changes to the Fall 2020 semester, such as the continued restriction of in-person courses or other social distancing measures, will have dramatic effects on the student body; and
- The Student Government must be able to respond to any major changes in the interest of the Student Association; and
- The Student Government will have limited capabilities in the summer term to organize and communicate as a whole or within the structure of Standing Committees;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,

- I, Katie Alexander, President of the Student Association, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Standing Rules of the Student Government, do hereby issue this executive order to establish the COVID-19 Response Team Ad Hoc Committee of the Student Government for 2020-2021; and
- Charge the purpose of the committee as follows:
 - This committee shall collaborate as a leadership team in the formulation of policy, the writing of legislation, and the planning of information and advocacy campaigns for the student body. Committee action shall pertain to any ongoing student concerns from the Spring 2020 semester and the decisions of the University for the Fall 2020 semester; and
 - This committee shall particularly focus on academic policy, concerns for marginalized communities on campus, and issues related to the health and wellness of students; and
 - This committee will allow the Student Government to address imperative student concerns over the summer and will empower the Student Government for active leadership in the Fall; and
- Charge committee members with the following expectations:
 - General availability to meet over Zoom every other week at a regular time; and
 - General availability for emergency meetings as determined by the President; and
 - Broad availability for communication over the summer via Slack, email, or text messaging; and

- o Ability to participate actively in discussion and assist in the writing of legislation;
 - o Willingness to collaborate as a member of a positive, solutions-oriented team for policy development and advocacy in the interest of the student body; and
- Will not penalize members for absences from committee meetings, understanding that schedules in the summer are subject to change; and
- Direct that this executive order be disseminated to President Sue Thomas, Vice President of Student Affairs Janna Stoskopf, and Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost Dr. Janet Gooch; and
- The COVID-19 Response Team Ad-Hoc Committee shall be authorized until the Spring Transitional meeting and subject, commensurate with Article I, Section 3, Clause 5 in the Constitution of the Truman State University Student Government, to renewal by the 2021-2022 administration of the Student Government.

Respectfully submitted on this, the 3rd day of May 2020,

Katie Alexander
President of the Student Association