



Student Government Resolution 120.021

A Resolution Amending the Organizational Representative Petitioning Process in the Standing Rules of the Student Government

Sponsored by the Governing Documents Review Board: Emily Smith, 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 for the Spring 2021 Semester*, 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 “The procedures for appointing Organization Representatives”; and
- The current process for appointing Organizational Representatives allows for subjective measures in what should be an objective process; and
- The board found it appropriate and necessary to remove all subjective measures from the Organizational Representative appointment process; and
- There is a distinctly different relationship between general Organizational Representatives and the body and the Organizational Representatives of FAC, SAB, and Res Life, therefore their process will remain the same; and
- Section 7 of the standing rules is listed in the appendix with suggested changes¹; and
- The suggested petition for Organizational Representatives is attached.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT,

¹ See Appendix

- Supports the efforts of the Governing Document Review Board 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;
- Shall implement, upon approval by the Student Senate, 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; Office of Special Collections and the Truman Media Network

Passed by unanimous consent, April 5, 2021.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Katelyn Alexander". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the text "Passed by unanimous consent, April 5, 2021.".

Katie Alexander, President of the Student Association

Section 7: Organization Representatives

Clause 1

Any organization that is chartered by and in good standing with the University may petition the Student Senate to send a representative to the Student Senate. Within two meetings of receiving a request, **the representative shall automatically be allotted a report within the Auxiliary Reports section of every meeting thereafter until the end of their term.** **the President must submit the nominee to the body. The nominee shall be approved by a majority vote.**

Clause 2

The term for this position shall last until the next transitional meeting, at which time the organization may reapply to send a representative if it so chooses.

Clause 3

The Funds Allotment Council, the Student Activities Board, and Residential Hall Association are not required to petition the Student Senate in order to send a representative, but their representative must be approved by the Senate **through a minor appointment and take the oath of office. The representatives of these 3 groups shall be called on prior to voting members to register their organization's opinion of 'support' or 'do not support' during roll call votes and may serve as nonvoting, ex officio, members of any primary committee.**

Clause 4

The organization may designate an alternate representative to the Student Senate in the event that its representative is unable to attend a meeting. The organization may also replace its permanent representative at any time, **subject to a majority vote confirmation of the Senate.**

Clause 5

Organization representatives shall be called on prior to voting members to register their organization's opinion during roll call votes.

Clause 6

Organization representatives may serve as nonvoting, ex officio members of any primary committee.

Clause 75

Executive committee members and voting senators may not serve as organization representatives.

Clause 86

Organization representatives may be removed from Student Senate by a two-thirds vote.

Article VI: Appointments

Section 1: Categories of Appointments

Clause 1

Major appointments shall consist of appointments to Vice President, Speaker, voting positions on Student Senate, Secretary, Treasurer, committee and subcommittee chairs, the Student Representative to the Board of Governors slate, Ethics Justice, Sexual Assault Prevention Designee, university search/selection committees, and all other Executive Committee positions.

Clause 2

Minor appointments shall consist of appointments to University advisory committees, Associate Senator appointments, **Organization Representatives,** faculty governing boards, the Educator of the Year Committee, and all other appointments not specified as major.

Organization Representative Petition

1. What is the name of your organization?
2. Is your organization chartered and in good standing with the Office of Union and Involvement Services (U&I)?
3. What is the name of the representative you would like to send to the Student Government? (This can be changed at any time, subject to confirmation by the Student Senate.)
4. What is the Truman email of your proposed representative?
5. Why would your organization like to have an organization representative to the Student Senate? What goals/purpose would you like to accomplish in your relationship with Student Government?

Thank you for your desire to work with Student Government! Our President will be in touch with your organization and its proposed representative soon.

Your representative will be asked to be present at a General Body Meeting (held Sundays, at 5pm in the SUB Activities Room on the 3rd floor) within the next two weeks to be included into the auxiliary reports.

*By submitting a petition for an organizational representative, you are agreeing to uphold the Student Government's Ethical Code of Conduct and **acknowledge** the discretion of the speaker to maintain order in meetings.*