

**Truman State University Student Government
Third Session of the 2021-2022 Executive Committee
September 15, 2021**

Convened: 8:01 p.m.

1) Preliminary Items

a) Roll call

2) Auxiliary Reports

a) Speaker of the Student Senate

i) Ethan Kershaw (on behalf of O. Smith)

(1) 10 people so far have declared: 1 senior, 5 incoming, and 5 voting.

(2) Social media posts are going up.

(3) Owen needs help with election yard signs at 1:00 p.m. tomorrow, so if you're available then please help him out!

(4) Elections will open Monday at 8:00 a.m. and resignations have resulted in more spots on the ballot.

b) Academic Affairs Committee Co-Chairs

i) Purinton:

(1) I met with Dr. Alberts yesterday and will give a fuller update on Sunday.

c) Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chair

i) Cooper:

(1) Still trying to put together the money motion for National Coming Out Day.

(2) Struggling to come up with a sticker design.

(3) Wren: If you work with U&I they will usually help you, and then we'll know it's approved.

d) Environmental Affairs Committee Chair

i) Sprehe: Stickers are in for sus week!

e) External Affairs Committee Chair

i) Owsley:

(1) Today was the first day of extraordinary session.

(2) I've been trying to get in touch with Janna, but I haven't heard back from her yet.

(3) The more important thing now is the voter registration drive, which I want to include in Truman Week next year.

(4) Shania: If you need to make an appointment with Janna, it would be easier to go through the general Student Affairs email.

f) Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee Co-chairs

i) Kershaw (on behalf of Grandstaff):

(1) The Wellness committee is meeting again and Josh will attend.

(2) HWS is splitting the cost of a volleyball net with Student Affairs (less than \$100).

ii) Woods: No report.

g) Purple Friday Committee Chair

i) Bono:

(1) I called U&I about reserving tables and I'm waiting for a confirmation email.

(2) Shania: Are you planning on doing it for one week?

(a) Bono: No, the next three weeks are reserved for outside the SUB.

h) Student Affairs Committee Chair:

i) Barge: No report.

i) Legislative Director

i) King:

(1) The COVID bill we were talking about died in committee.

j) IT Director

i) Myers:

3) Executive Reports

a) Treasurer

i) Wren:

(1) No report.

b) Secretary

i) Reynolds:

(1) We (eboard) were under the impression that I was supposed to send out every resolution when we passed them, but we had forgotten about a previously-passed resolution that dictates that Shania and Ethan send them out on a monthly basis.

(2) Montúfar: That is a little concerning to me because I don't know if students will engage as much with our resolutions if we're sending them out this way.

c) President and Vice President

i) Montúfar:

(1) Some of the problems of appropriations are that it is a bit unclear in its purpose, as the language is vague and it's difficult to distinguish it from FAC because they overlap. We also struggle to get applications in.

(2) Jesse: Last year we had two applications, one was an international student who wanted money for a research project, and it was a huge deal that we could not do it. We can't be as vague as we are because it creates a cyclical issue.

(3) Bono: I think as an organization that's supposed to represent the students, appropriations is one of the most primary ways that we can do that.

(4) Montúfar: What are some ways to disperse funding? Ethan and I talked about grants. For example, can we provide micro grants to students who are going to business conferences? We would have to define our boundaries.

(5) Wren: There are things that FAC doesn't cover, like business clothes or travel, but we would really have to be strict with our vocabulary.

(6) Montúfar: Another idea was to still keep the programmatic elements that we've been doing, but is there a need for social justice-based programming?

(7) Wren: Laura will tell you that giving money to students is sticky and it's almost nice to have vague language for legal reasons. One way we could work around this a bit more is to create a very specific grant, and then students are not applying for money, they're applying for a grant.

(8) Montúfar: Right now there is a decline in programmatic events, but who knows, in five years that might be all there is, so we don't want to create issues for the future.

- (9) Wren: We used to fund so many different and cool events, but because of COVID they're not happening anymore.
- (10) Cooper: How does FAC work?
- (a) Wren: Basically, it's appropriations except club sports and other organizations can go to them and their budget is much bigger than appropriations.
- (b) Montúfar: It's a good question because we do overlap so much with FAC; people would apply there, be denied, and then come to us.
- (11) Kershaw: I am of the opinion that we don't need to do appropriations anymore. I don't think it's something we need to focus on without an explicit mission. We could put the money towards something else that helps the student population, but I don't know if the current setup is best.
- (12) Montúfar: Abby will be graduating soon, so we need to find a new Board of Governors Representative.
- (13) Smeltzer: The interview process involves filling out the forms on the website and then there is an in-person bit as well. The top 3 applicants are brought to Student Government... Then Student Government gets to vote to approve the entire slate or none at all. It takes a really long time. I talked to the past two representatives and it took months for them to be placed.
- (14) Cooper: When does this start?
- (a) Montúfar: Probably as soon as humanly possible, but we need to push for applications so we can get every spot filled.
When would be a good time to open the application?
- (i) Smeltzer: As soon as possible I think, since the application process includes multiple short essays... I think before fall break might be too soon.
- (15) Wren: So if we opened applications on the first of October, would that be enough time?
- (a) Montúfar: possibly, but I don't know if we'll get 3 applicants. I think the goal should be to have it done sometime in December.

- (16) Smetlzer: Last time they had promotional posters, so if you want to do that again then it's something to keep in mind.
- (17) Kershaw: What do you need from us?
- (a) Smeltzer: Technically you both lead the search committee and then I support you along the way.
- (b) Montúfar: Okay, we will find a time to meet with you to discuss it further.
- ii) Kershaw:
- (1) For any Chairs that are here, you should message Laura and Dr. Edwards to meet with them this month if you have time.
- (2) Shania: We also still have the calendly open if you haven't made a meeting with me yet.
- (3) I made some folders for everyone in the shared Student Government drive, so please use it so people know what's going on and also so future members can look back at what you did and use those resources.
- (4) Montúfar: We have only had one associate senator application.
- (5) Bono: I think we should message Alex about putting something out so we can get more.
- (6) Montúfar: There is a graphic that will be going out eventually, but we might wait until after elections.
- (7) Kershaw: For the next ExComm meeting, be thinking of ideas for retreat because that's what we'll talk about next time.

Adjourned: 8:40 p.m.