

**Truman State University Student Government
Second Session of the 2021-2022 Executive Committee
September 8, 2021**

Convened: 8:00 p.m.

1) Preliminary Items

a) Roll call

2) Auxiliary Reports

a) Speaker of the Student Senate

i) Kershaw (speaking on behalf of Owen Smith):

- (1) Four people have declared to run in elections.
- (2) Thank you to everyone who hung up posters!
- (3) We are going to review the AFAC rules.
- (4) The first election info meeting went really well.

b) Academic Affairs Committee Co-Chairs

i) E. Smith:

- (1) No report.

ii) Purinton:

- (1) For September, it all has to do with the undecided student event. It will be a lot of me trying to figure out technology, but I plan to talk to Jonathan Vieker about it.
- (2) We will start meeting with Dr. Gooch soon as well.
- (3) I also want to start working on extending the add/drop week into the second week of classes. I would like everyone to start thinking about this.
- (4) Next we will start meeting with Health, Wellness, and Safety to talk about academic accolades.

(a) Wren: I think it would be cool to go around campus and take snack carts and stop at classrooms to give out random treats.

(b) Purinton: Last year they did a breakfast of sorts for the faculty and staff. I like the food and snack idea, and I like the idea of putting together smaller tokens of appreciation, but I will also say that it's extremely costly to include everyone. I will take the food under advisement and I will talk to Laura about it.

(c) Grandstaff: Truman recently changed their add/drop policy, and it still could use some work, but I was on that committee last year so I can look for data that supported those changes.

(d) Purinton: That would be great.

- c) Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chair
 - i) Cooper:
 - (1) Get stuff for National Coming Out Day put together.
 - (2) Get the rights to show a film in October.
 - (3) Thinking about partnering with different organizations.
- d) Environmental Affairs Committee Chair
 - i) Kershaw (speaking on behalf of Morgan Sprehe):
 - (1) Working on stuff for sus week right now... buying stickers.
 - (2) Working with ResLife to fill out sustainability initiatives.
 - (3) Pushing the University to be more transparent about their investments.
 - (4) Working on getting the sustainability rating system back up and running for Truman.
- e) External Affairs Committee Chair
 - i) Owsley:
 - (1) I'm meeting with Jana to work on voter registration and I will be staying informed to see the Student Government's position on state resolutions.
 - (2) I would also like to work with Dan to improve student awareness of Jefferson City.
- f) Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee Co-chairs
 - i) Grandstaff:
 - (1) Start meeting with various groups, such as Dr. Daley Moore and Jamie from ResLife.
 - (2) Meet with Sodexo to talk about dessert nutrition labels.
 - (3) Looking to explore the attendance policy of the University.
 - (4) Planning to look into the medical marijuana issue later on.
 - (a) Montúfar: Attendance is through the Faculty Senate, so if you wanted to come along to one of those meetings you could.
 - (b) I would love to, just send me the information.
 - ii) Woods:
 - (1) I just wanted to say thank you to everyone for being understanding about everything that's going on and I'm still in recovery mode and dealing with a lot of stuff. I hope to be back in the next few weeks but right now I'm in a weird area of not really knowing when I can do that.
- g) Purple Friday Committee Chair
 - i) Bono:

- (1) Get as much done in September as possible– a lot of Purple Friday is buying and designing stuff, so I would like to get a lot done early on.
- (2) I have some holidays picked out, but if anyone would like me to add some then let me know.
- (3) Once I have a more established committee, I would like to set up monthly meetings.
 - (a) Kershaw: Do you feel confident in the table-reserving process?
 - (i) Bono: No.
 - (ii) Montúfar: The easiest thing to do is just to call during the Union’s hours, or email them if they don’t pick up.
 - (b) Kershaw: When is Rainbow Friday?
 - (i) Montúfar: It’s in April. Tino and Kennedy can colab on that since Kennedy is already working on National Coming Out Day.
 - (c) Grandstaff: Are we still giving out the same stuff during Friday tabling?
 - (i) Bono: Yes.

h) Student Affairs Committee Chair:

- i) Kershaw (speaking on behalf of Warren Barge):
 - (1) Warren’s big September goals are to connect with different groups and to begin raising funds for Student Appreciation Week.
 - (2) Student Affairs will be working with SAB for Oktoberfest.

i) Legislative Director

- i) King:
 - (1) I want to rewrite the bill tracker. Nothing was wrong with it, it just needed to be updated.
 - (2) I also want to write and pass a resolution with our views on a piece of legislation.
 - (3) A member of the body approached me with concerns about Texas coming to Missouri. I said I would bring it up here (ExComm). I don’t see abortion bills being passed, but I do see Planned Parenthood being defunded.
 - (4) Also, there is something that makes it illegal for people to be forced to quarantine before a positive test. This is something I wanted to bring up to you all even though it’s outside the realm of education because women’s health and COVID affects our campus.

- (5) Kershaw: President Thomas mentioned instances of people dodging COVID tests.
- (6) There is also a bill that says that trans women cannot participate in women's sports. Reading the language of the bill, I noticed it was actually a Title IX violation.
- (7) Montúfar: We can talk about all of this in our meeting in more depth, but I think a great first step would be to talk and connect with other Missouri universities, because I don't know how much bargaining power Truman has on its own. It would be great to form a coalition to talk about these things.
 - (a) Grandstaff: In terms of the discussion aspect, I don't know what positive things could come from that, but I think the coalition idea is a great idea.
- (8) Purinton: For the COVID bill, so they can't be quarantined unless they have a positive result? The school can't mandate a quarantine?
 - (a) King: I will send it to the ExComm channel.

j) IT Director

i) Myers:

- (1) I want to take a legitimate look at designing/re-designing the Student Government website. I know there were some issues last year with new members not having pictures, but I think we can get them done more efficiently than last year. Also, I want to present why the website needs to be redesigned before I actually do it.
- (2) A lot of people are in support of getting new machines for the rec center, so I think talking to Laura about that would be a good idea. I don't know if it would be a Student Government project, but I want to work towards that goal.

3) Executive Reports

a) Treasurer

i) Wren:

- (1) I want to ensure that all the chairs feel confident in submitting the fund request forms.
- (2) I also want to review appropriations and encourage people to submit more applications because we have a working budget and a committee, so I think that this should be a priority this year. I would like to have a working session in ExComm before bringing it to the general body.
- (3) Grandstaff: What is your planned timeline for these ExComm discussions

(a) Wren: I think they need to happen this year, but I also think we need to wait until after elections. I'm looking at November and December... before we create our budget for next semester. Rules will have to be involved.

b) Secretary

i) Reynolds:

(1) I am working on creating more attendance spreadsheets for office hours and committee meetings, and I also want to get HomeBase set up for next week.

c) President and Vice President

i) Montúfar:

(1) Please sign up to meet with us sometime on the calendly!

ii) Kershaw:

(1) Again, sign up to meet with us some time this month!

(2) Reynolds: Do we use the 15 minute slot or the 30 minute slot?

(a) Kershaw: 30.

(3) If you are available this Friday, we could really use some help filling tabling spots so sign up if you can.

(4) Shania and I are going to be responsible for filling a lot of empty positions, so start thinking about people you know who could fill those, or even just people who would be interested in becoming members.

(5) The last thing we wanted to talk about is elections and promoting elections. Talk to people you're in clubs with, tell them that they are no signatures. Also, let us know if you have more ideas for spreading the word. Feel free to contact us later if those come to you.

Adjourned: 8:47 p.m.