

**Truman State University Student Government
Seventh Session of the 2021-2022 General Body
September 26th, 2021**

Convened: 5:06 p.m.

1) Preliminary Items

- a) Roll Call
- b) Approval of Previous Minutes
 - i) Approved.
- c) Changes to the Agenda
 - i) Grandstaff: I move to move the Health, Wellness, and Safety Auxiliary report to the space below the Speaker.
 - (1) Passed.
- d) Gallery Introductions & Business
 - i) Bates: I have other commitments tonight, but I wanted to go ahead and introduce myself. I am the staff advisor for Student Government and my office is located in the main U&I office and I also work out of the Rec Center. I'm excited to see how Dr. Edwards and I can support you this year!
 - ii) Adam Woo: I'm here to be appointed as an Associate Senator for the Student Affairs Committee.
 - iii) Jessica Venvertloh: I'm here to be appointed as an Associate Senator for Academic Affairs.
 - iv) Oscar: I'm here to be appointed as an Associate Senator for the Health, Wellness, and Safety committee.
- e) Membership Appointment & Resignation
 - i) Minor Appointments
 - (1) Jessica Venvertloh as an Associate Senator on the Academic Affairs Committee
 - (a) Montúfar: We interviewed Jessica last week and she is already very familiar with the processes that go along with Academic Affairs. She also did this last year, so we're excited to again consider her for this position.
 - (b) Appointed.
 - (2) Adam Woo as an Associate Senator on the Student Affairs Committee
 - (a) Montúfar: We interviewed Adam last week and we think that Student Affairs would be a good fit for him because it has a wide reach so it's a good way to get involved in Student Government in a lot of different ways.
 - (b) Appointed.
 - (3) Oscar Marten as an Associate Senator on the Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee
 - (a) Montúfar: Oscar is a health science major, so being on the Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee was pretty intuitive

for him. He's also already involved with SPHA on campus so we think he would be a good fit for this committee.

(b) Appointed.

ii) Major Appointments

iii) Elected Members

(1) P.J. Wuennenberg as Senior Senator

(2) Sara Klamm, Alexis Cook, Blaine Smallwood, Luke Rascher, and Adam Bishop as Voting Senators

(3) Colleen O'Reilly, Abigail Knabe, Trevor Carey, and Owen Hamill as Incoming Senators

(4) Smith: We look forward to all of the ideas that you're going to contribute and we're very excited to start working with you all this year. We have to work together to make the university a better place.

(5) Montúfar: Are all the positions filled?

(a) Smith: There are two senior senator spots still.

f) Oath of Office

2) Auxiliary Reports

a) Speaker

i) Smith: Elections just ended. They went alright... participation was down so hopefully we can get more participation in the spring semester. One thing we discussed before elections was the presence of a signature requirement, but I don't think that that had much of an effect on the results. I would like to again experiment not having signature requirements in the spring, but we will be discussing that as the semester progresses.

ii) Smith: Thank you to Kennedy for taking down all the election yard signs!

iii) Smith: We are going to be forming a governing documents review board soon- It's a committee that is chaired by me that works with the standing rules and the constitution. If you would like to be on this committee, the link is in the Important Links channel in our Slack.

b) Staff Advisor

c) Board of Governors Representative

i) Smeltzer: We are still in the process of finding my replacement, so hopefully I'll have more updates in the next couple weeks. Send me a message on Slack so I don't have to keep bothering you!

d) FAC Representative

e) RHA Representative

f) SAB Representative

i) Little: I will be in here at the end of each month to give you all updates on our events.

ii) We have a suggestion box because we want to put on events that students are excited about. We're trying to represent the school in a good way and we always have events coming up.

iii) Smith: Has anyone checked our suggestion box recently?

(1) Barge: It was empty.

- iv) Little: I think we're going to start taking the box to our events so they get more visibility.
- g) Organizational Representatives
- h) Athletic Fee Accountability Committee
- i) Environmental Fee Accountability Committee
- j) Academic Affairs Committee
 - i) Purinton: I met with Jonathan Vieker and he suggested that we look at similar schools to Truman as far as changing the add/drop week. He mentioned that when Truman did this before, Truman changed the withdrawal date from ten weeks to twelve weeks.
 - ii) Purinton: He does not think that it will take 3 years to implement and he also does not think that I'll have to rework the entire academic calendar. He thinks an extension of the drop deadline is good, but he thought that extending the add deadline would create stress for students joining classes so late. So, instead, he suggested a focus on second block classes, but to do that we would need to increase the classes that fulfill the Liberal Arts requirements that Truman has.
 - iii) Purinton: As far as the book accessibility issue goes, Jonathan said that I would need to make sure it falls under fair use laws.
 - iv) Purinton: Also, the new retention numbers should be coming out soon and I'll share those when I can. If you remember, we retained 88.3% of the 2019 freshman class.
 - v) Purinton: I will be meeting with Dr. Gooch on Friday, October 1st, so if you have something that needs to be addressed then please send me a message on Slack.
- k) Diversity and Inclusion Committee
 - i) Cooper: My email quit working on Tuesday, but I got it fixed and I sent the posters and stickers off to be approved.
- l) Environmental Affairs Committee
 - i) Sprehe: Sustainability Week is coming up in two weeks! We're going to be having a movie night on Monday that week at 6:00 p.m. in the Baldwin Little Theater.
 - ii) Sprehe: I would also like to get the Student Government involved in tabling for a program led by College Dems and ABC. On Thursday from 1:00-4:00 p.m. we'll be calling our representatives to ask them to take action against Pipeline 3.
- m) External Affairs Committee
 - i) No report.
- n) Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee
 - i) Woods: Hello new members! I just wanted to say hello and that we're excited to work with you all. Also, we had a really good meeting with Dr. Daley Moore about vaccination on campus and the attendance policy.
 - ii) Grandstaff: Apart from the Dr. Daley Moore meeting, I met with Ryan Nely about sexual assault prevention on campus. I also met with Dr. Bird about JEDD and we're looking into getting data from a wellness screening. Other

than that, I've been in contact with John Stewart from Sodexo to get nutrition labels on the desserts and he was very receptive to the idea. Lastly, I've talked with Sara Seifert about the crosswalk issue on campus and the bike theft. She is working with the Kirksville police department to resolve the crosswalk issue.

o) Student Affairs Committee

i) Barge: We're going to start working on taking more of a role in the President's roundtable because I just learned that we will be helping to run the event. We want to leave a good impression with different organizations on campus and we also want to use it as a new program to reach out to other organizations so that we get a better idea of what is going on around campus.

ii) Barge: Adam is going to be attending ExComm in my place, so I have a lot of high hopes for him there.

iii) Smith: How hard are you going to promote the President's roundtable or do you have any ideas on how to do so?

(1) Barge: I don't have any ideas yet since I just found out that we would be working on it.

p) Purple Friday Committee

i) Bono: A sign-up for tabling for Purple Friday will be in the Important Links Slack. I encourage you all to sign up if you're free so you can get to know the other members!

q) Parking Appeals Committee

i) Meyer: Since parking appeals are typically underutilized, I'm going to just tell everyone here: If you or someone you know gets a parking ticket, appeal it! You have fourteen days to do so and the worst thing that happens is that you still have to pay the ticket.

ii) Montúfar: How should people who are interested in being a secret member go about getting the position?

(1) Meyer: Talk to Shania and/or Ethan if you are interested in serving on the secret committee! Only us three should know the members.

iii) Smith: Does parking appeals have a budget? And are you going to do anything with it?

(1) Meyer: We have \$100 and we've talked about doing posters but I don't think they've been very effective in the past. I want to try social media posts this year, so please let me know if you have any ideas about design and content that you would like me to include.

r) Legislative Director

i) King: The bill tracker is live in the Shared Drive, check it out!

s) IT Director

i) Myers: I need Laura's signature to get into the website so I'm working on getting that. Other than that the new pictures will go up as soon as I get them.

t) PR Director

- i) Crawford: I went ahead and submitted an article for the Buzz Column of The Index. I made a Google Form if you're interested in writing a segment because it would be great to hear different perspectives. I will be re-sending the Google Form for social media posts as well for the new members.
- ii) Smith: I would be willing to write a segment.

3) Executive Board Reports

- a) Secretary
 - i) Reynolds: We are still doing paper sign-in sheets for office hours this week because the office computer is still broken.
- b) Treasurer
 - i) Wren: We have three applications for appropriations so next Sunday we will have some decisions that we will either approve or deny.
- c) Vice President
 - i) Kershaw: Committee chairs, please find a time for your committee to meet.
 - ii) Kershaw: IM sports are still happening! We have football and volleyball behind Chall this week, and mixed soccer is coming up so let me know if you're interested.
- d) President
 - i) Montúfar: We are still interviewing associates, so we should be welcoming some new members next week. I will send the link to the application so you all can share it with anyone who is interested.
 - ii) Montúfar: Our Calendly is open to everyone, so feel free to meet with me if you have anything to talk about. It's calendly.com/shaniamontufar.

4) Old Business

5) New Business

6) Announcements

- a) Bono: The Red Barn festival is October 2nd and the a-cappella groups will be performing.
- b) Meyer: The first theater department show is this weekend, so bring your parents if you want something to do!
- c) Sprehe: The Northstar music festival is in a couple weeks.
- d) Smallwood: The first orchestra concert is next week.
- e) Crawford: The marching band is performing on the quad this weekend and also at the football game!
- f) Smith: This meeting was short, and the ones before this have been short, but our meetings can last up to two hours if we have a lot of business, so please keep that in mind.
- g) Montúfar: With that in mind, if you have legislation to work on, try to plan ahead so we can spread out our resolutions throughout the semester instead of having them all at the end of the year.

Adjourned: 5:37 p.m.