

**Truman State University Student Government
Eighth Session of the 2021-2022 Executive Committee
October 27, 2021**

Convened: 5:03 p.m.

1) Preliminary Items

a) Roll call

2) Auxiliary Reports

a) Speaker of the Student Senate

b) Academic Affairs Committee Co-Chairs

i) Purinton:

(1) I have a plea. Commencement speaker interviews are going on, but I cannot attend either one tomorrow, and the only people who can attend tomorrow are not on my committee. Is anyone free at noon tomorrow to work with Dr. Doman on that?

(2) Reynolds: I can!

(3) Purinton: Thank you, I will send you the information.

c) Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chair

i) Cooper:

(1) I have a resolution for this weekend, it's a resolution establishing continued support for the LGBTQ+ resource center. We have 280 signatures so far.

(2) We met with Ryan Nely yesterday and we had a really good discussion with him about future things that our committee can work on. He's working on a ton of policy revision right now, but we're going to continue working on the pronoun policy and helping him with that.

(3) I have a meeting with Dr. Saint Rice tomorrow and my committee is planning on meeting with him on Tuesday.

d) Environmental Affairs Committee Chair

i) Sprehe:

(1) We'll probably have a Money Motion. The lady has not responded to me yet about the rights of the movie.

(2) Trevor is starting a project with these things called Campus Cups, and it's where we get as many people as we can to sign up to get menstrual cups in a two-week period and then an organization sends them to us. It would probably happen next semester or the very end of this semester. We don't have to pay anything for it, but it will be shipped here.

- ii) Kershaw: You will need a shipping address, so that's probably a Laura question. Also, what movie are you wanting to show?
 - (1) We were thinking about *Changing Ice*. We're trying to figure out if there is an overall environmental message so I'm going to be watching it on my own. We want to collaborate with SAB or even smaller organizations on that.
- e) External Affairs Committee Chair
 - i) Owsley:
 - (1) On November 12th, we're going to do Registration Friday, and it's going to be a Purple Friday where we encourage people to register to vote. I plan on bringing a Money Motion quickly, because I want to get posters and stickers. We want to include QR codes on the poster, which will link to the website, but the key thing is registering people to vote on campus.
 - ii) Kershaw:
 - (1) Have you looked at the many stickers we have in the office that deal with voting?
 - (a) Owsley: Yes, I am planning on using them as templates because I want them to specifically reference that they register on a college campus. This will also bring new traffic to Purple Friday.
- f) Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee Co-chairs
 - i) Grandstaff:
 - (1) Our resolution that I talked about last week will be brought up next Sunday, and we're also going to have a resolution opposing the ABA Master's Program. That's something that Lizzie has been working on for a long time. Tino has talked about this as well, but it's applied behavioral analysis. It's a pretty big deal, and we'll have to work through a lot of different things.
 - ii) Woods:
 - (1) I had a really good meeting with Andrew and Dr. Palmer and they said the waitlist for UCS was only one person. I'll go into more depth at Gen. Body.
- g) Student Affairs Committee Chair
 - i) Bishop:
 - (1) As far as I'm aware, things are still going smoothly for the Roundtable event and invitations have been sent out to clubs. We're still doing the 11th of November.
- h) Purple Friday Committee Chair

- i) Bono: No report.
- i) Parking Appeals Committee Chair
- j) Legislative Director
 - i) King:
 - (1) Mike and I went to meet with President Thomas to talk about lobbying and the President's agenda with that kind of stuff. We talked a lot about budgetary items, such as how they get their money, how they get more money, and stuff like that. She is meeting with lobbyists soon and they'll be setting the agenda soon as well.
 - ii) Owsley:
 - (1) Prescient Thomas is going to give Dan access to Truman's opinion and process to legislation.
 - iii) King:
 - (1) There is a man, a Truman Alum, who knows a lot about what we do here. He compiles a list of a bunch of bills. President Thomas is going to share those with me.
 - iv) Owsley:
 - (1) I talked to her about Truman at the Capitol. We're going to sit down as a committee to talk about what issues we would want to pursue for Truman at the Capitol Day, and then we would want to plan for a training day, because we would want to lobby for a very specific issue to help Truman. That will be next semester.
 - (a) King: This also feeds back into one of my goals about helping legislative literacy.
 - (b) Kershaw: Mike, you might want to talk to Laura about lobbying about specific things or Truman in general, at least before you start working on everything.
 - (i) Owsley: Yes, lobbying laws have changed in the past few years so it would be good to not break any laws. President Thomas was very for it.
 - v) King:
 - (1) I feel that student lobbying has a great impact because it shows that students know what is going on and that they have the drive to take a stance and affect change.
 - (a) Owsley: It is important that I am on the same page as everyone, I don't want to take people to the Capitol and then mess something up.
- k) IT Director

i) Myers:

- (1) I still do not have access to the website. I'm going to talk to Laura in the next meeting because there is a solid chance that she has forgotten to turn in the form because she's so busy.

1) PR Director

3) Executive Reports**a) Treasurer**

i) Wren:

- (1) We've had 8 Appropriations applications, we're going to be bringing one slate of 7 applications and then another application. Owen wants me to attend the Gov. Docs review board meeting, but I'm not sure if I'll be able to due to health concerns. I will need everyone's help on that, because we're back to almost normal and we're almost out of funding. Be on the lookout for feedback and if you have any suggestions for Appropriations then let me know.

b) Secretary

- i) Reynolds: No report.

c) Vice President

i) Kershaw:

- (1) We met with president Thomas today and we talked about the mask mandate that we be reviewed again by next week. She would like to get your perspective on it, so I'll bring it up in gen body as well. In the last 2 weeks, we have had 0 cases. And other Missouri schools have either terminated mask mandates or adopted a hybrid model, for example only requiring masks in academic settings.

- (a) Reynolds: Were dining halls mentioned?

- (i) Kershaw: Dining halls were not specifically discussed, but I can imagine that they would not require masks.

- ii) Bishop: I don't think there's much of a point in having a mask mandate anymore, and I don't think it's well-followed. Nobody wears them anymore in the dorms.
- iii) Sprehe: I'm not opposed to getting rid of it in other settings, but I'm worried about changing something right before break when other people go back to different communities that could expose them to COVID.
- iv) Owsley: I was going to say that I was in support of a hybrid, but Morgan brings up a pretty good point. I'm from Springfield and it's the epicenter of the Delta Variant. I think some kind of two weeks of a mask mandate and then follow that up with a hybrid model, kind of like easing into it.

- v) Myers: I'm in agreement with what Mike said. We could do a trial period before break, to see what the numbers look like before break, to see if it's working or not. It's pretty hard to switch legislation back and forth, but I think that's a good compromise.
 - (1) Kershaw: We only have three weeks after Thanksgiving Break, so that might be difficult.
- vi) Bishop: I don't think we saw an increase in cases during Fall Break.
 - (1) Grandstaff: More people are going home for Thanksgiving than people who went home for Fall Break.
- vii) Owsley: Is this set for the school year?
 - (1) Kershaw: I don't think anything will be set in stone since everything is changing.
- viii) Owsley: I still think the two or three weeks we have is still enough time to stress-test the model.
- ix) Myers: They're looking to get FDA approval for 5-12 year olds, and they're thinking it will happen in early November, so hopefully everyone will be eligible by the time we reconsider the mandate.
- x) Woods: We know that masks work. While we're not having a lot of COVID cases, I think it would be silly of us to get rid of our mask mandate for the rest of the year. I think a spike in cases would occur. I would recommend that the school continue through the end of the year and reassess in January. I'm in the library and I can count like 4 or 5 tables near me where people don't have their masks on, even though they're supposed to. Outside and being spread out is no problem. I just think we should keep them in academic buildings and the residence halls.
 - (1) Sprehe: I agree with Tori.
- xi) Grandstaff: I'm going to agree with what Mike said about stress-testing the model. And I'm going to extend it further like Tori said. Once you reverse the mandate, it's reversed, so I think it would be really hard to stress-test it during finals week and it should be done in January.
- xii) Myers: If we do a mixed model, please try and get masks off at the rec.
 - (1) Woods: The rec is the last place that you would want to have a mask off. If you're running and spitting then you're spreading germs. Run outside.

Adjourned: 8:38 p.m.