

**Truman State University Student Government
Eighth Session of the 2021-2022 General Body
October 3rd, 2021**

Convened: 5:00 p.m.

1) Preliminary Items

- a) Roll Call
- b) Approval of Previous Minutes
 - i) Approved.
- c) Changes to the Agenda
- d) Gallery Introductions & Business
 - i) Em Smith: I'm here to hopefully be appointed to rules revision.
- e) Executive Order
 - i) [An Executive Order Establishing a Governing Documents Review Board for the Fall 2021 Semester](#) (Montúfar)
 - (1) Montúfar: One of my jobs as President is to put together committees, so this is the Governing Documents Review Committee. We have a few things we want to take a look at, such as our attendance policy and our appropriations committee.
 - (2) Smith: As a point of information, the senate can object to any Executive Order and prevent it from taking effect with a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote.
- f) Membership Appointment & Resignation
 - i) Minor Appointments
 - (1) Gov Docs Slate: Mike Owsley, Warren Barge, Kennedy Cooper, Owen Hamill, Maddie Meyer, Joshua Grandstaff, members on & Em Smith as an Associate Senator on the Governing Documents Review Board
 - (a) Smith: There is an application and everyone who filled out the application is on the slate so far. The application is rolling and it's in the Important Links channel of our Slack. I think these members will bring valuable information and opinions to this committee.
 - (b) Appointed.
 - (2) Grace Rowley as a member on the Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee
 - (a) Montúfar: Grace is already a member of the body as a Voting Senator. Grace has interest in working with sexual assault prevention on campus. We decided to put her in Health, Wellness, and Safety because she is specifically interested in working with sexual assault prevention in Greek Life.
 - (b) Rowley: Sexual assault prevention is very important to me, along with general safety on campus.
 - ii) Major Appointments

(1) Esther Fox as Sexual Assault Prevention Designee

- (a) Montúfar: We interviewed Esther a long time ago and Esther had some interesting experience that she could bring to the position. She has been a part of a lot of organizations that work with women. She would like to raise awareness for reporting systems and has already done some work with our Title IX reporting system.
- (b) Fox: A lot of times we speak very generally about sexual assault, so I want to focus specifically on bystander intervention, relational violence, and consent, which ties into some of the “gray areas” of sexual assault. Title IX is a very ominous system, which I think deters people from reporting. So, by changing the language on how we teach students about Title IX and by creating safe spaces for sexual assault survivors, I think we could increase reporting and overall safety on campus.
- (c) Appointed.

g) Oath of Office

2) Auxiliary Reports

a) Speaker

- i) Smith: Now we have a full Gov. Docs committee! I have created a shared folder in our Drive for the new members. We’ll be meeting on Sundays at noon. I’m looking forward to considering all of these changes.

b) Faculty Advisor

c) Staff Advisor

- i) Bates: Portal will be up tomorrow and TruView will begin being phased out. I would ask that you start to play around with that platform if you haven’t already.
- ii) Bates: Fall Break is quickly approaching, so please make sure that you are caring for yourselves.
- iii) Bates: A few of you emailed me about setting up times to connect and I responded to you all with my availability. If you have not reached out to me, I will be putting my appointment schedule in the Slack right now. Don’t wait until November 12th to talk to me! I do use the appointment scheduling for other students, so disregard any auto-reply messages.

d) Board of Governors Representative

e) FAC Representative

f) RHA Representative

g) SAB Representative

h) Organizational Representatives

i) Athletic Fee Accountability Committee

j) Environmental Fee Accountability Committee

k) Academic Affairs Committee

- i) Purinton: I'm meeting with Dr. Berke on Monday the 11th to talk to her about moving more course materials online. A reminder to all of my voting members: our meeting will be tomorrow night (10/4/2021) at 6:00 p.m.
 - l) Diversity and Inclusion Committee
 - i) Cooper: Hopefully the stuff for National Coming Out Day arrives on time, because it's on Monday. And Rainbow Friday is this Friday, October 8th.
 - ii) Wren: Monday as in tomorrow?
 - (1) Cooper, no next Monday, the 11th.
 - m) Environmental Affairs Committee
 - i) Sprehe: Sustainability Week starts tomorrow! Bring all your friends to VH 1000 at 6:00 p.m. tomorrow where we will be showing a movie. I will send stuff in the Slack so that you can share it with your other communities, and the stickers came in!
 - n) External Affairs Committee
 - i) No report.
 - o) Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee
 - i) Grandstaff: We're excited to have Grace and Esther working with us!
 - p) Student Affairs Committee
 - i) Barge: We met yesterday and started talking about what we want the President's Roundtable to look like. We thought we could use it as an opportunity for other committees to reach out to organizations on campus. If you have any projects that you're working on right now, please reach out to me to let me know so that we can get that information out there. We want to be as approachable to other organizations as we can.
 - q) Purple Friday Committee
 - i) Bono: I have a money motion and I'm excited to have some discussions on it. This is probably the last chance to join Purple Friday, so send me a message on Slack if you would like to join.
 - r) Parking Appeals Committee
 - i) No report.
 - s) Legislative Director
 - t) IT Director
 - i) No report.
 - ii) Smith: Have you gotten access to the website yet?
 - iii) Bates: No but he will as soon as I submit this form.
 - u) PR Director
- 3) **Executive Board Reports**
 - a) Secretary
 - i) Reynolds: Office hours will again be recorded on a piece of paper. To all the new members, if you've already signed up for a time, feel free to start going this week! If you have not yet filled in your availability, please do so as soon as possible.
 - ii) Bates: Has IT not come in to look at the computer yet?
 - iii) Reynolds: No they have not.
 - iv) Bates: I put a ticket in for it, so they should do that soon.

b) Treasurer

- i) Wren: If you haven't already, I would encourage you to look at the appropriations applications that we'll be bringing up in a bit.

c) Vice President

d) President

- i) Montúfar: We wrapped up our chair meetings this week, and we have five or six associate meetings this week.
- ii) Montúfar: Now that elections are over, we're working on filling in OAF, ESFAC, and AFAC, so expect messages about that if you've marked that you're interested.
- iii) Montúfar: We had a conversation with the President about the LGBTQ+ resource center and we will also be meeting with Dr. Gooch and Kennedy about this.
- iv) Montúfar: We are talking right now about cancelling our meeting on the 17th, which is the Sunday of mid term break, so let us know if you have any business for that meeting.
- v) Sprehe: Are voting members allowed to be chairs on the committees?
- vi) Smith: I'm not sure, but I know one of them has to be a varsity athlete so that's a pretty limiting factor.

4) Old Business

- a) N/A

5) New Business

a) Appropriations Slates

- i) [Blue Key](#) (Meyer)

- (1) Meyer: Like Jesse said, he is a member of this organization so I am bringing it to the table. He did not write the application and while we were discussing this, Jesse was not involved and he did not influence the decisions in any way.
- (2) Meyer: Blue Key requested \$650 to go to Kansas City for a Leadership Conference, which would cover the registration fee. The committee decided to approve this because it would be a good look for Truman and because several members were invited to the conference to receive awards.
- (3) Montúfar: Have they generally requested funding for this?
 - (a) Meyer: I don't think they have in the past because the conferences are usually farther away and thus something that they've never considered.
 - (b) Bates: I don't remember ever funding Blue Key in the past.
- (4) Approved.

- ii) [Film Club](#) (Wren)

- (1) Wren: The film club also requested \$650 to be able to host larger events. We have decided to not recommend any money to them at this time; we want them to come back with another application that gives us more specific information on what they want to do.

- (2) Hamill: I was talking to Robbie about this and he was frustrated that he couldn't plan an event without knowing his budget.
- (3) Meyer: Point of clarification, the point of appropriations is to fund specific events, so the organization needs to come to us with a plan.
- (4) Montúfar: If they plan to resubmit an application, do they work with you or do they just keep trying?
 - (a) Wren: I would be happy to work with them, but they can submit as many applications as they want.
- (5) Rascher: I would suggest changing the language of what you're sending back to the film club... instead of saying "we would like to see...", say that "we *need* to see..."
- (6) Bates: The point is not to send people to a bunch of places, but to increase activity on campus.
- (7) Denied.

iii) Namaste Nepal (Wren)

- (1) Wren: Namaste Nepal has asked for \$650 to fund an event in November. We have decided to recommend the full \$650 at this time. We think it's a great opportunity to share Nepal's culture and food with our Truman Community.
- (2) PJ: What exactly is the celebration?
 - (a) Chebolu: It is a major celebration from back home.
 - (b) Karki: It is one of the biggest festivals of the Hindu religion. It's also where we are celebrating our culture by making it a public event so that we can share our food and culture with the campus.
- (3) Carey: What is the significance of \$650?
 - (a) Smith: That is the maximum that organizations can request.
- (4) Myers: I think their math might be wrong; it adds up to \$700.
 - (a) Wren: I did not add up the numbers so I apologize for that, but they will not be getting more than \$650 because that is all we can give them.
- (5) Approved.

b) Purple Friday Wristband Money Motion (Bono)

- i)** Bono: This was a big thing that I wanted to accomplish for Purple Friday. I wanted to get a new item that we could give out since we've been giving out the same stuff all semester. Feel free to come to my committee meeting where we will be discussing the design before I purchase these.
- ii)** Montúfar: So there is a set-up charge on the website, did you include that?
 - (1) Bono: Yes.
- iii)** Wren: There will be no tax, so that will save you money.
- iv)** Sprehe: I would suggest removing the graphics on the side because they don't have anything to do with Truman.
- v)** Approved.

6) Announcements

- a) Sprehe: The North Star Music Festival is this weekend so come support.
- b) PJ: The Catholic Newman Center is hosting an interfaith event tonight, it will be in the parking lot of the Newman Center.
- c) Wren: I encourage Student Government to submit a parade float for homecoming.

Adjourned: 5:45 p.m.