

**Truman State University Student Government
Eleventh Session of the 2021-2022 Executive Committee
November 17, 2021**

Convened: 8:01 p.m.

1) Preliminary Items

a) Roll call

2) Auxiliary Reports

a) Speaker of the Student Senate

i) O. Smith: No report.

b) Academic Affairs Committee Chair

i) Purinton: No report.

c) Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chair

i) Cooper: Still trying to get the bookmarks ordered.

(1) Montúfar: Try sharing the editing link with them! I've done that before.

d) Environmental Affairs Committee Chair

i) Sprehe: No report.

e) External Affairs Committee Chair

i) Owsley: No report.

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

i) Grandstaff: No report.

ii) Woods: Come by Purple Friday this week! I'll have my poster about Epilepsy Awareness.

iii) Kershaw: Is the tabling in the office again?

(1) Woods: I'm not sure, but Tino should be sending out the form soon.

g) Purple Friday Committee Chair

h) Student Affairs Committee Representative:

i) Bishop: Warren is still working on compiling all the notes from the President's Roundtable.

i) Legislative Director

i) King: No report.

j) IT Director

i) Myers: No report.

3) Executive Reports

a) Treasurer

i) Wren: I will be spending no more than \$100 on catering, prizes, and decorations for the Holiday Party. It's on December 3rd at 5:00 p.m.

b) Secretary

- i) Reynolds: Please remember to fill in your committee attendance!
- c) President and Vice President
 - i) Montúfar: Kennedy and myself will be meeting with Dr. Rice on Friday about the Resource Center. We're excited because we know that it will be made, the question now is just where to put it. We've thought about a book donation to get things started, so let us know if you have any ideas. We also might ask for help with specific projects, so just stay tuned there.
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 - iii) Kershaw: Remember to sign up to meet with Shania and me either before winter break or at the beginning of next semester.

4) Discussion Items

a) Academic accolades

- i) Purinton: I'm here to discuss the updates to academic accolades. Last year, I noticed that these awards were not as objective as they could be. I think having a set group of people to go to each interview for all three awards would help streamline the process and make sure that everyone is on the same page. Laura Bates suggested that I reach out to Dr. Cianciola, who then suggested that I reach out to McNair. I think the McNair scholar bit off more than she could chew last year, so I think making sure people understand how big of a responsibility it is. One of the questions I will pose to you is do you think that this should be an actual committee? I don't know.
- ii) Kershaw: How big should the committee be, and also is it something that Academic Affairs would oversee?
 - (1) Purinton: Yes, but I also see Health, Wellness, & Safety making sure that they're attending the interviews.
- iii) Wren: I served on the committee last year, and I think a committee of five students would be sufficient because you can't have an even number. I also envision this position on Student Government to just do this; it would take a lot of pressure off of Academic Affairs. Both Chairs can still oversee everything, but I think that would be really helpful. I think that the organizations you have are great, but the problem you might run into is that it's hard to find people who haven't had these professors.
 - (1) Purinton: I just don't want them currently in class with them.
 - (a) Wren: I see, I misunderstood.
- iv) Montúfar: I think that the new committee should still be pretty attached to your committees. I don't even know if it needs to come to a vote, but you would have to do interviews with us and you would have to find a time at Gen. body to appoint them, and this might slow down the work in a way that I don't think is helpful. If you wanted to do something like Jesse said, I'm

not opposed to that, but I would see that as a designee on one of your committees.

(1) Purinton: I am still thinking of those ideas because some of them take work away from the Chairs. My main concern is having scheduling issues and having everyone take part. That, and the anonymous student feedback form.

(a) Montúfar: I think setting the expectation that those groups will reach out to you is good. For example, with ESFAC and AFAC we really struggle to fill those positions in the way that they're meant to because the criteria are so specific.

v) Kershaw: If we're looking at it how Jesse was, it could be like a conference chair.

vi) Purinton: The next point is that Student Government members will only have one nomination for each award. I was going to do zero, but I didn't want to take away representation from the student body. I still want to keep it as one though, because in the past over half of the nominations have been from Student Government.

(1) Wren: I remember as a freshman they wanted us to submit as many professors as we could, so I think changing the culture of it could be good.

(a) Purinton: Yes, I'm hoping that all of you continue to show your support in other ways, such as encouraging your classmates to submit.

vii) Purinton: I also made an Academic Accolades email because last semester I had a lot of professors emailing me specifically, and it helps to have everything coming from one entity.

viii) Purinton: Does anyone have any feedback on the anonymous student survey?

ix) Kershaw: I wanted to add to advertising. It can be a real struggle to get students to submit things, so I was wondering if you had thought about if this will be sufficient to generate enough applications.

(1) Purinton: So a lot of these ideas come from Laura. I think not having as many questions or shortening the length could be good. Last year it was quite extensive, so I'm hoping that will help.

(2) Montúfar: I think shifting the burden of Student Government to advertise to some of the departments would be good, but I'm not sure how to formalize that. It might be asking all of their faculty to take five minutes in the next month to allow their students to submit one.

- x) Grandstaff: This is for Jesse because I think your comment brings up an important question about advertising, but how did the department that got so many advertise?
 - (1) Wren: I think Exercise science and the education department did the most, and I think it was because they sent it out to their students. I think it could be possible to send the student body an email with the finalists and ask for them to evaluate them.
- xi) Kershaw: It says that the room lottery might be on April 28th, does that mean that you might be doing it on the 28th?
 - (1) Purinton: Yes.
 - (a) Kershaw: I think that's after the transition date, which can be fine, so do you think you'll need a lot of help from your members?
 - (i) Montúfar: Maybe look and see if there is any way that it can be moved up because it would make your life easier if it was before.

b) Health, Wellness, and Safety Resolution

- i) Fox: So basically this is a resolution that supports what happened at Mizzou. We introduced some universal statistics and then refined it back down to what's going on at Mizzou specifically. Then we brought it back down to Truman and what we want them to do for sexual assault prevention. We weren't sure if we should put that, but Ryan Nely wanted us to include it. I think our biggest concern was with underreporting.
- ii) Kershaw: Could one of you add some more context on the Mizzou petition?
 - (1) Fox: The demands of action list is what students want to see on campus, which makes it obvious that they don't have what they need. Their president does not support the students. There were some things in their points that were not feasible for change, mostly in terms of legality. We haven't decided which specific points we wanted to support.
 - (2) Grandstaff: If you look at the demands list, you can see that they break it down a bit. We weren't focusing as much on the national demands, but more on the Missouri and Mizzou demands because those are obviously more applicable to us.
- iii) Kershaw: Why did you end up including the protest numbers for different Missouri universities? I wasn't sure if it was necessary to include them.
 - (1) Fox: I just put them in there in case I needed to be that specific, but I could see just leaving it vaguer and taking the numbers out of it.

- iv) Montúfar: For the section with the stats, I think there is a way to condense that, probably with bullet points. Also, you say that there is a list of demands published by Mizzou about rape, and I would want you to pull from those demands. I also think that you need to highlight the demands that we want to see applied at Truman as well. For example, underreporting: that's an issue for us too.
- v) Montúfar: One other thing that our resolutions are good for is getting resources and information to people, so I think putting information about the Title IX office could be good. We could have links to the reporting processes.
- vi) Woods: I know that there could be someone on the body that could be like "there are only six cases compared to other universities". It sounds awful, but I'm worried that some people might try to trivialize our numbers. Some people will take this as a numbers comparison and not as a human issue. We're not trying to say that ours are lower, we're saying that it is an issue with so much underreporting going on.
- vii) Bishop: I think drawing more attention back to Truman would be good, like what are we doing to resolve these issues. I totally agree with everything that has been said, but I don't think there's enough said about what should be done.
- viii) Kershaw: One other thing that could be worth considering is that we're looking at sharing this with other universities as well, so do you think this would be a good thing to share with them? We don't want it to come off as stepping on their toes.
- ix) Woods: In my opinion, I think it would be a good idea to share if it was worded in a specific way. Esther and Joshua are doing this to bring more attention and awareness to Mizzou's issue.
- x) Montúfar: The only place I think you could make a revision would be in the third bullet point about encouraging other universities to pass similar resolutions. I think it's better to ask them to engage with it.
- xi) Sprehe: To go off of Adam's point about what we're doing at Truman specifically, I think it would be a good idea to go over the process of reporting with Ryan and compare them with other universities to see if we're missing anything or what specifically we can improve on. Outside of WRC, there isn't usually a lot of information coming out about sexual assault prevention, so that could be one good suggestion.

Adjourned: 8:43 p.m.

