

**Motion to Amend Article II of the Constitution of the Truman State University Student
Government
November 7th, 2021**

Proposed by: Speaker Owen Smith

General information:

- In the Spring 2021 Student Government Election, the student body passed an amendment to the Student Government Constitution relating to the definition of the Organization Representative position.
- This amendment failed to adequately address all of the relevant parts of the Constitution relating to the Organization Representative position.
- Clarifying the role of Organization Representatives will reduce confusion and increase all organizations' understanding of how they and their representatives can interact with Student Government.
- While usually done in Resolution form, Constitutional Amendments are not required to be made via a Resolution. Considering this issue was voted on and passed by the student body last year and this was mostly clerical oversight, the Speaker does not feel it necessary to bring this Amendment in the form of a Resolution.
- The proposed amendment to the Constitution is in the Appendix below.

Passing this motion means the body:

- Approves the proposed changes to the Constitution of the Truman State University Student Government and gives its consent to place them on the Spring 2022 general election ballot for a vote by the Student Association; and
- Approves ballot language for the proposed constitutional amendments to read: “A vote “yes” on this measure shall be considered an approval of the changes proposed to the Constitution of the Truman State University Student Government; and a vote “no” shall be considered a disapproval of the changes proposed to the Constitution of the Truman State University Student Government. Attached below are copies of both the current and proposed amended version of the Constitution of the Truman State University Student Government”; and
- Shall implement, upon approval by the Student Senate and contingent upon the approval by the Student Association, the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the Truman State University Student Government;

Vote ($\frac{2}{3}$ Majority Required): Unanimous Consent

Appendix A: Proposed Constitutional Amendment
(the red text is being deleted, the green text is being added)

Article I: The Legislative Branch

Section 2: Membership

The membership of the Student Senate shall consist of voting and non-voting members:

- A. Voting members of the Student Senate shall include five (5) Senior Senators, fifteen (15) Voting Senators, four (4) Incoming Senators, and one (1) graduate senator. When called to vote, voting members shall respond with a binding vote of affirmation, opposition, or abstention.
- B. Non-voting membership of the Student Senate shall include the Speaker of the Student Senate, Student Representative to the Board of Governors, **organization representatives**, and Associate Senators. When called to vote, all non-voting members, excluding the Speaker of the Student Senate, may respond with a nonbinding vote in support, not in support, or in abstention.

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Section 5: Organization Representatives

Clause 1

Any organization that is chartered by and in good standing with the University may petition the Student Senate to send a representative to the Student Senate. The Student Senate shall approve Organization Representatives in accordance with the Standing Rules.

Clause 2

The Funds Allotment Council, Student Activities Board, and Residential Hall Association are not required to petition the Student Senate in order to send a representative, but their representative must still be approved by the Student Senate.

Section **5**~~6~~: Associate Members

Clause 1

Associate Senators shall be appointed by the President of the Student Association and shall serve until the next transitional meeting. Associate Senators shall serve on at least one committee and, should they fail to uphold their responsibilities, are subject to removal.

Clause 2

While attending meetings of the Student Senate, associates shall have all of the rights and obligations of voting members of the Student Senate except for the right to vote.

Section 6: Organization Representatives

Clause 1

Any organization that is chartered by and in good standing with the University may petition the Student Senate to send a non-member representative to the Student Senate. The Student Senate shall admit Organization Representatives in accordance with the Standing Rules.

Clause 2

The Funds Allotment Council, Student Activities Board, and Residential Hall Association are not required to petition the Student Senate in order to send a representative, but their representative must be approved by the Student Senate.