



Student Government Resolution 121.006

A Resolution Amending the Procedure of the Appropriations Committee in the Standing Rules of the Student Government

Sponsored by: Owen Smith, Governing Documents Review Board Chair; Warren Barge, Student Affairs Committee Chair; Joshua Grandstaff, Health, Wellness, and Safety Co-Chair; Kennedy Cooper, Diversity & Inclusion Committee Chair; Mike Owsley, External Affairs Committee Chair; Maddie Meyer, Parking Appeals Committee Chair; Owen Hamill, Incoming Senator; Em Smith, Associate Senator

WHEREAS,

- The Student Government is the official governing body of the Student Association and exists to represent the present and long term best interests of the Student Association in the formulation of the University policy and in the fulfillment of the University's mission; and
- The Truman State University Student Government is bound by the rules detailed in its governing documents; and
- On October 3rd, 2021, President Shania Montúfar issued an executive order authorizing the creation of a Governing Documents Review Board¹; and
- Said executive order authorizes the Review Board to identify and make changes to necessary sections, clauses, and articles of the Student Government's governing documents to "Review the nature, purpose, and procedures of the Appropriations Committee"; and
- Procedures outlined in the Standing Rules are inconsistent with those used in the normal and best practices of the Appropriations Committee; and
- Current guidelines are unclear as to whether individual students and their projects are eligible to be funded by the Committee; and
- Current guidelines are also unclear as to whether Student Government members can assist organizations they are a part of in applying for Appropriations funding; and
- Limiting the use of Appropriations funding to the same academic semester as the funding was requested does not allow applicants sufficient time to secure or utilize their funding; and

¹<https://senate.truman.edu/files/2021/10/An-Executive-Order-Establishing-a-Governing-Documents-Review-Board-for-the-Fall-2021-Semester.pdf>

- Amendments to the relevant section of the Standing Rules are available in the Appendix below;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT,

- Approves the proposed changes to the Standing Rules of the Truman State University Student Government; and
- Shall immediately implement, upon approval by the Student Senate, the proposed amendments to the Standing Rules; and
- Shall make, upon approval and immediate effect of the amendments to the governing documents, any corrections to section title or numbering in the table of contents of the governing documents;

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF TRUMAN STATE DIRECTS THAT,

Additional copies of this resolution be disseminated to: President Sue Thomas; Janna Stoskopf, Dean of Student Life; Office of Special Collections and the Truman Media Network.

Passed 19-0-0, November 28th, 2021

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shania Montúfar". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Shania Montúfar, President of the Student Association

Appendix A: Standing Rules Amendment

Section 20: Appropriations Committee

Clause 1

The Appropriations Committee shall consist of **at least four** **and up to six** members: two appointed voting senators, one student at large unaffiliated with the fee-based organizations, and **one to three a fourth** appointed members from the Student Association at large or from voting members of the Student Senate.

Clause 2

The appointed chair shall be the Treasurer.

Clause 3

The Treasurer shall **be unbiased and** only vote within the committee in the case of a tie between the committee members in deciding whether **an application shall be approved and** **student organization is deemed ineligible to** receive appropriations.

Clause 4

The committee may deem a student organization ineligible for up to four semesters, with a four-fifths vote within the committee, which may be overridden by a two-thirds majority vote from the Student Senate.

Clause 5

The Appropriations Committee shall meet as needed, at the discretion of the chair, to review applications, but the committee shall not allow any application to go unreviewed for more than 10 school days.

Clause 6

The body shall **have the ability to** reserve appropriations for **individual students and** groups or organizations, if so designated, in the fall and **or** spring budget.

Clause 7

The chair shall report all decisions rendered at the next meeting of the Student Government for approval before funding has been awarded or denied.

Clause 8

The specifications for appropriations are as follows:

- A. Student Government sponsorships are available to fulltime Truman students and U&I chartered campus organizations in good standing. The purpose of these sponsorships is to aid in the implementation of programs or projects that embody the mission and/or values of Truman State University based on the rubric **designed by the appropriations committee.**
- B. Individual students and student groups can apply for appropriations, not to exceed a total amount of \$650 for the academic year.
- C. Recipients may make use of the funding awarded to them in an unlimited number of payments of any amount, provided that the total amount used does not exceed the amount awarded by the Committee.
- D. The Appropriations Committee has the authority to determine the amount of funding awarded prior to review and approval by the Student Senate.
- E. The Appropriations Committee reserves the right to deny funding for any reason.
- F. Applicants must submit a request a minimum of three weeks when the University is in session prior to the date the funds will be needed by.
- G. Applicants will be notified whether or not the application has been approved by no more than three weeks, when the University is in session, after funding has

been requested. Requests must be for projects or programming to be implemented in the same academic **yearsemester** in which funding is awarded.

- H. Students or student groups that do not implement the project or program, which funding is provided for, in the same academic **yearsemester** that funding is awarded must forfeit the awarded amount.
- I. All publications for projects or programs receiving funding from the Committee must contain the Student Government logo.
- J. Students currently serving on Student Government are not eligible to receive funding **as individuals**.
- K. **Student Government members affiliated with an organization applying for funding may assist in the preparation of the application, but cannot advocate for the organization during discussion within the Appropriations Committee or during a General Body meeting, and cannot provide information beyond that provided in the organization's funding application. Additionally,** Any student serving on the Student Government who is affiliated with a group that applies for **funding a Student Government sponsorship** must fully disclose the nature of the relationship **in the application and whether or not they assisted in the application's preparation at the first possible public meeting of the full body of the Student Government.**
- L. If a guideline is violated or the project or program does not occur, the student or student group must return all funding to the Student Government within 10 days of written notification from the Student Government.

Clause 9

Applications shall be submitted via **email to** the Student Government **treasurerwebsite**.

Clause 10

No applications will be accepted after **April 1st of each academic yearthe first day of spring election campaigning of any academic year.**

Clause 11

Receipts must be **sent to the treasurer of Student Government collected and reported with the Business Office** within 60 days of the timestamp on the receipt **and/or the event**.