

**Truman State University Student Government
Fourteenth Session of the 2021-2022 General Body
November 28th, 2021**

Convened: 7:01 p.m.

1) Preliminary Items

- a) Roll Call
- b) Gallery Business
- c) Changes to the Agenda
- d) Approval of Previous Minutes
 - i) Approved.
- e) Membership Appointment & Resignation
 - i) Resignation
 - (1) Joshna Karki as Senior Senator
 - (a) Montúfar: We just thought that this would be a better fit for her with all of her commitments.
 - (b) Resigned.
 - ii) Minor Appointments
 - (1) Joshna Karki as Associate Senator on the Academic Affairs Committee
 - iii) Major Appointments
- f) Oath of Office

2) Executive Reports

- a) Legislative Director
 - i) No report.
- b) IT Director
 - i) No report.
- c) PR Director
- d) Secretary
 - i) No report.
- e) Treasurer
 - i) Wren: If you are planning on spending any money, hopefully you have told me that already. Also, make sure you fill out the Holiday Party survey they Tori sent out. If you want to spend any money in January, please let me know now because I will be out of the country until January 8th.
- f) Vice President
 - i) Kershaw: We have finally been getting some AFAC applications. If you know anyone who is interested in OAF, please let me know.
- g) President
 - i) Montúfar: Just as a reminder, if you have anything to talk to us about, please make an appointment with Ethan and me. I am having a surprise wisdom teeth surgery this week, but I will be able to meet with you all next week.
 - ii) O. Smith: Are there any updates on apparel?
 - (1) Montúfar: The same option still won.

3) Committee Reports

- a) Athletic Fee Accountability Committee
- b) Environmental Fee Accountability Committee
- c) Purple Friday Committee
- d) Parking Appeals Committee
 - i) No report.
- e) Academic Affairs Committee
 - i) Purinton: The conversation about academic accolades went really well at ExComm and I'm excited to share those with my committee. I have a meeting with Jonathan Vieker Tuesday afternoon and we're going to talk about advising changes and what my committee has done this semester.. I also have my last meeting with Dr. Gooch on Friday, so let me know if you want me to bring anything up to her.
- f) Diversity and Inclusion Committee
 - i) Cooper: Shania and I met with Dr. Saint Rice about the Resource Center. It went really well and we just made sure that we were on the same page. We also talked about what kind of stuff we want to do together.
 - ii) O. Smith: What kind of stuff?
 - (1) Cooper: We talked about goals that Student Government has for the Resource Center, and what goals he has, and we also confirmed a space!
- g) Environmental Affairs Committee
 - i) Sprehe: The Campus Cups campaign has started! I will be posting something tonight on Instagram, so please tell your friends.
- h) External Affairs Committee
 - i) No report.
- i) Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee
 - i) Grandstaff: Esther has a resolution coming up. I will be meeting with Andrew and Dr. Palmer before the semester ends.
 - ii) O. Smith: Do you have an update on the security cameras?
 - (1) Grandstaff: No, but I can reach out to Sara.
 - iii) Sexual Assault Prevention Designee
 - (1) No report.
- j) Student Affairs Committee
 - i) Barge: This week we're creating a game plan for Student Appreciation Week.
 - ii) O. Smith: Do you have an idea of when that might be?
 - (1) Barge: As of right now I do not.

4) Auxiliary Reports

- a) Speaker
 - i) O. Smith: We have the appropriations second read today, and next week I'm meeting with Laura about the Senior Senator Resolution and the Voting resolution. After Winter Break, Gov. Docs is going to be working on revising the rules for AFAC, ESFAC, and OAF, as Ethan has pointed out there are a lot of things that are hard to understand. If you have any

suggestions of rules that we should look at, please let me know. Our committee would be more than willing to look at that.

- ii)** Montúfar: Did we decide when our last meeting will be?
 - (1) O. Smith: I believe that the last meeting will be on the 12th, which is the Sunday right before final's week. Eboard will talk about when we want our first meeting of the semester to be. Unless we have really pressing business, I'm thinking we'll have our first meeting on January 23rd.
- b)** Faculty Advisor
- c)** Staff Advisor
 - i)** Bates: I hope everyone had a good break. With the holiday party approaching, let's remember that not everyone celebrates Christmas, so I hope you celebrate your holidays however you like. Jesse, Morgan and I found some party supplies, so please look for those before you consider buying them.
- d)** Board of Governors Representative
 - i)** Smeltzer: The Board will be meeting this Saturday at 1:00 p.m. in the Board meeting room. There will be public comments made by two students at the beginning of the meeting. We will also be appointing new officers to the Board.
 - ii)** Smeltzer: Our action items are:
 - (1) Revising the academic calendar... there was an incorrect date for the year 2023, we are just fixing that date.
 - (2) The Ophelia Parrish Project: we are allotting \$402,000 to replace the mechanical chillers in the building.
 - (3) Housing and meal plan changes: Apartment living will increase by 5.5% on average, single room rates will increase by 6% on average, and double room rates will also increase by 5.5% on average. These numbers are set by Residence Life and take into account local apartment rates and other institutions, but we are still remaining competitive against other Missouri institutions, both public and private. The meal plans will increase by 5.3% which is necessary to cover the rising cost of food.
 - (4) Salary changes
 - (a) The faculty compensation committee gave us recommendations to make Truman's compensation more competitive and gave us steps to move us toward the national medium. All full-time faculty will receive a \$1,000 raise and all other faculty will receive prorated raises and some individual faculty will be receiving up to \$5,500 to move salaries towards the Colleges and Universities Professional Association.
 - (b) Full-time exempt and salaried staff will receive an annual increase of %1,760 effective January 1st, unless otherwise

stated, and existing, non-exempt staff will receive a \$0.85 increase.

(5) Amending the Board Code of Policy (regarding vacation leave)

(a) We are adding in 24 allotted vacation days for those that have served for over 20 years at Truman.

iii) Wren: What are the student topics?

(1) Smeltzer: A professor of communication has two students that want to speak on some issues that they felt were important.

iv) Montúfar: Could you talk about the timeline?

(1) Smeltzer: Right now we're just waiting to hear back about the schedules from our candidates... We want to do the interview process this weekend. Both of the candidates look really good.

v) O. Smith: You said that the board was voting on an 85 cent wage raise on non-salaried staff?

(1) Smeltzer: Yes.

vi) Cook: About the student topics: one student is talking about advocating for a vaccine mandate on campus and the other one is about fair wages on campus.

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e) Organizational Representatives

i) FAC Representative

ii) RHA Representative

iii) SAB Representative

5) Old Business

a) Resolution 121.008 - [A Resolution Recommending Truman Raise the Institutional Wage](#) (Owsley)

i) Owsley: I wasn't able to get in contact with Dave Rector, so I want to postpone this resolution until December 12th so we can talk with Dave, make good edits, and see how students feel.

(1) Postponed.

b) Resolution 121.006 - [A Resolution Amending the Procedure of the Appropriations Committee in the Standing Rules of the Student Government](#) (O. Smith)

c) O. Smith: Thank you to the people who made comments. I still believe that this Resolution is in the best spot that it could be to pass, and I'm very happy with the language. If anyone has any questions, comments, or concerns, you are certainly welcome to do so.

d) Bates: In Clause 8, Item B, it specifies the \$650... I know that procedurally that number has changed from year to year, so does it make sense to specify that here. If that amount changes based on what you choose to allot to it, then it would need to come back every year for standing rules adjustment.

- i) Wren: I didn't adjust that last year, and I thought that \$650 was standard. The committee was very much in favor of keeping the amount in the language.
 - ii) Bates: I'm not advocating that you not have a cap amount, I'm just questioning if it makes sense to put the number in there if the number will be changing.
- e) O. Smith: I personally do not have that much experience with this, but I don't think this has been a problem. We've funded five groups this year, so I do see your point that our budget tends to fluctuate. I personally don't have strong feelings one way or the other about adjusting that cap. If anyone has suggestions for a different one, I would like to hear it.
- f) Montúfar: Given that that cap has changed and will continue to change, I think that the language should be changed to say that the amount is designated by the appropriations committee.
 - i) O. Smith: I personally don't agree with the suggestion to put an amount designated by the appropriations committee. I think having a number that we award would be easier.
- g) Kershaw: I think that I actually agree with Owen on this one. I think it's good to have a number that stays consistent from year to year, just so a baseline is established. It could get confusing for people applying.
- h) Grandstaff: I'm going to agree with Ethan and Owen; I think a set number is good because when students apply they have an accurate number of what funds are available to them. I also think that the whole point of revising appropriations was to figure out what they actually are, so I'm hoping that with the changes to the standing rules, and keeping the cap, we don't vary that number so much procedurally.
- i) Wren: I actually agree with Shania. We talked about a rubric to bring to appropriations next year, and I don't see why the total amount couldn't be a part of that rubric. Maybe for safety we could have the Body approve the amount. I think if the committee works with the rubric, it would be fine and also prevent the standing rules from being changed.
- j) Sprehe: I agree with Owen, Ethan, and Joshua. I think having a cap in general is a good thing, I think we could put some sort of clause about the appropriations committee having the right to raise the cap as long as the majority of the Body agrees on it.
- k) O. Smith: As it relates to Jesse's mention of the rubric, I'm not in favor of the Body having to approve a rubric.
 - i) Wren: Point of clarification, the rubric would not be approved by the Body, but the number/amount would.

- ii) O. Smith: Sorry for the miscommunication, I don't think that I want the Body to have to approve stuff for appropriations.
 - l) Bates: Whenever we specify things, it always makes me nervous that we're going to forget to edit it. If you choose to specify, I think you could put that the maximum amount needs to be assessed on an annual basis or a semester basis.
 - m) Montúfar: Was the \$650 already written into our rules? My thought process is the same as Laura's, I just think that this could be a mess year by year and I think appropriations should be able to look at the budget.
 - n) O. Smith: My final comment is that to Laura's point, I believe that \$650 is a good maximum. As I believe it is within the Treasurer's power to work with you to designate a minimum number of organizations. If they would like to fund more organizations, they can give less money to organizations, or they could allot more money to appropriations. If people would like to amend it, I would be fine with that.
 - o) Wren: I move to make an amendment to change the language of Clause 8, Item B to add Shania's language "Individual students and student groups can apply for appropriations, not to exceed a total amount designated by review of the appropriations committee each year based on the budgetary restrictions."
 - p) Bates: Are you proposing your amendment as a hostile amendment?
 - i) Wren: Yes, I hate that language, but I put in the chat what I want it to say.
 - q) Grandstaff D): I am not necessarily in favor of this amendment, but I think Jesse did make a good argument. I think they should have a time limit and I would like to see that so that students have time to gather all the information.
 - i) Wren: I think Joshua makes a great point. I would accept what Laura said about it being done by the time your budget is approved. We want to make sure that we don't run into an issue with the Treasurer appropriating less than the individual cap.
 - r) O. Smith: My thought would be how many times in the past has the budget been approved after the committee was formed? It's just the decision of the Treasurer. The committee could just not fund organizations up to that maximum. If we only have \$500 for appropriations, we could still give \$100 to 5 organizations. I wouldn't advocate for anything over \$650.
 - s) Kershaw: I would reiterate what Owen said about committees. They can be difficult to form and it would be difficult to form appropriations before the budget was approved. I think raising and lowering the cap is a bit arbitrary. A change in the maximum amount would probably be more about what we're choosing to fund.
 - t) Amendment failed, 6-6-6.
 - u) Resolution passed, 19-0-0.
- 6) **New Business**

- a) Resolution 121.007 - [A Resolution Supporting Survivors, Protests, and Action List of University of Missouri](#) (Grandstaff)
- i) Grandstaff: Health, Wellness, & Safety and Esther have been working on this resolution. It starts off with statistics about sexual violence on campus and the issue with underreporting. Then we went into some mention of protests that have been going around in Missouri. Then we have a list of demands from Mizzou in which we generally support their demand for more support.
 - ii) Fox: We both made some edits and added some points, talking more specifically about what we support. I plan on meeting with Ryan Nely soon to have him go over it because a lot of what is on there is what he mentioned. I know there was discussion at ExComm about tacking on the Title IX office. Ryan wants to be as anonymous as possible with this because the demands conflict with his position legally as a Title IX officer.
 - iii) Grandstaff: This resolution is not meant to be super specific on what Truman should do, but more about our support. In the coming weeks, we will have a more Truman-centered resolution. That's just why we don't have a very specific language.
 - iv) Kershaw: I was a bit confused by the wording about universities bringing awareness to other universities, could you explain that a bit.
 - (1) Fox: I think more or less the whole entire thing is to show that we want to see action and other universities bringing awareness to what is going on on their campuses.
 - (2) Grandstaff: It was an attempt to generally advocate for other universities having other resolutions or acts of support, but it seems to be a wording issue.
 - v) Wuennenberg: I think it would be good to provide an explanation of what RAINN stands for.
 - (1) O. Smith: I would second that.
 - (2) Grandstaff: We will change that, that's a really good point PJ, thank you.
 - vi) Bates: Looking back to Ethan's point, I think that the way other universities do that is by the annual crime report. It seems like a lot of stuff here is related to compliance, but Clery will involve DPS.
 - vii) Wuennenberg : Looking at the list of demands, my biggest issue is that a lot of these demands are very vague. It directly quotes a point about instructors providing more academic support to sexual assault survivors.
 - (1) Rowley: I think the demands are vague because they could look different for different administrations... There are a lot of different

ways to interpret it. I think that that demand is just asking for a more basic level of academic support in the way that each university decides.

7) Announcements

Adjourned: 8:20 p.m.