

**Student Government Resolution 072.001**  
**Creation of Budget Review Committee**

**WHEREAS**

- The Student Government is the official governing body of the Student Association and exists to represent the present and long term interests of the Student Association in the formulation of University policy and in the fulfillment of the University mission; and
- The students at Truman State University are charged an activity fee of \$36 per semester, and \$2 of this fee is appropriated for use by the Student Government; and
- The Student Government uses these funds for its programs and projects, but has also begun to fund student groups requesting funding for their own projects and programs; and
- There is some concern over whether or not this use of funding is appropriate to the mission of the Student Government; and
- Numerous students have requested refunds from the Student Government in the 06-07 Academic Year; and
- The Organizational Activity Fund (OAF) Committee will be convening in the Spring of 2008 to determine the allocation of the Student Activities Fee; and
- *Truman Tomorrow: Arête*, the Student Government Vision Document, states “fee-funded organizations need to become increasingly efficient and accountable with student fees” (36).

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**

- The Student Government recognizes the need to investigate its current use of the \$2 per semester fee as well as prepare for the convocation of the OAF Committee.

**THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT DIRECTS THAT**

- An ad-hoc committee be created, entitled the Budget Review Committee, according to the following guidelines:
  - The mission of the budget review committee will be to review the current usage of the Student Government’s funds, determine if said usage is within the scope of the Student Government Mission statement, discuss ideas for change concerning funding for outside student groups, prepare the Student Government for the OAF Convocation in Spring 2008, and other areas of concern as determined by the committee or the Senate.
  - The OAF Review Committee, appointed during the Crawford administration, be dissolved and its responsibilities of preparation for the OAF convocation be absorbed by the Budget Review committee.
  - The members of this committee will consist, minimally, of the Treasurer of the Student Government, the Secretary of the Student Government, 1 Senior Senator, 3 Senators-at-large, and 2 Students-at-large. Associate members, organizational representatives, and additional students-at-large, senators, and senior senators will be strongly encouraged to participate.

- The Chair of the committee must have served at least one term on the Student Government, will be an ex-officio member of the executive committee for the duration of the committee's existence, and will be sworn in following a major appointment by the President of the Student Association,.
- Members of the committee will be sworn in following a minor appointment by the President of the Student Association.
- The committee will meet, minimally, on a weekly basis and the chair will present an executive report back to the Government as a whole at the weekly open business meeting.
- The committee, in conjunction with the Student Affairs Office, will conduct a series of focus groups open for any member of the student body to provide feedback on current usage of funds and suggestions for the future.
- The committee will present a comprehensive report including an analysis of the Government's usage of funding, a list of recommendations for change with rationales, and summary of preparation measures taken for the OAF convocation no later than the open business meeting two weeks before the end of the Fall 2007 semester.
- The committee will be dissolved at the end of the Fall 2007 semester unless extended by majority vote of the Senate.

**Passed August 26, 2007  
By a Vote of 11 – 0 – 0**

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