

Student Government Resolution 081.003
Resolution to Revise the Process to Receive a Refund of the Student Governance Fee

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 mission; and
- In Arête, Senate affirmed that “...fee funded organizations need to become increasingly efficient and accountable with student fees”; and
- Truman State University is committed to “develop and maintain...public accountability for the quality of its programs and the utilization of its resources”; and
- The Standing Rules, Article 7, Section 9, Clauses 1 – 3, of the Student Government elucidate the refund of the Student Governance Fee; and
- The refund of the Student Governance Fee is an important avenue for students to hold the Student Government accountable for its actions; and
- The Student Association reserves the right to a refund of the Student Governance Fee; and
- The current process for requesting a refund of the Student Governance Fee does not effectively hold the Student Government accountable; and
- The Student Government continues its commitment to strengthen its relationship with the Student Association; and
- To encourage thoughtful communication between the Student Association and Student Senate; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,

- It be required that any member of the Student Association wishing a refund of the Student Governance Fee shall be contacted by a voting Senator prior to the refund being applied to his or her student account to discuss his or her grounds for requesting a refund of the Student Governance Fee; and

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY DIRECTS THAT,

- Article 7, Section 9, Clauses 1-3¹ of the Standing Rules be changed to the following:

¹ **Section 9:** Refund of the Student Governance Fee

Clause 1

Any student wishing a refund of the student governance fee shall complete a satisfaction survey during the semester of the requested refund.

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Students must complete the refund process each semester they request a refund.

Clause 2

Completed surveys will be made readily available to the general public upon request.

Clause 3

A member of the Student Senate may not request his Student Governance fee be refunded unless he first resigns his position.

Section 9: Refund of the Student Governance Fee

Clause 1

Any student wishing a refund of the Student Governance Fee shall complete a satisfaction survey and after its completion, be contacted by the Communications Director during the semester of the requested refund prior to the refund being applied to his or her student account to set up a meeting to discuss his or her grounds for requesting a refund of the Student Governance Fee. If the student who has requested their refund of the Student Governance Fee is not contacted within two weeks, the refund shall automatically be applied to their student account.

Clause 2

Students must complete the refund process each semester they request a refund.

Clause 3

Completed Surveys will be made readily available to the general public upon request.

Clause 4

Any student who requests his or her Student Governance Fee be refunded shall surrender his or her opportunity to serve on the Student Government. A member of the Student Government may not request his or her Student Governance Fee be refunded unless he or she first resigns his or her position.

- This resolution be delivered to the Truman Media Network; and
- That a list of those members who receive refunds of the Student Governance Fee be distributed to Committee Chairs and the Executive Committee of the Student Government by the Treasurer of the Student Government.

Passed February 17, 2008

By a Vote of 11 – 1 – 0

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