

Student Government Resolution 081.005  
A Resolution to Improve Campus Safety

WHEREAS,

- The Student Government is the official governing body of the Student Association and exists to represent the present and long term best interest of the Student Association in the formulation of the University policy and in the fulfillment of the University mission; and
- According to Arête, the Student Senate Vision Document, the University needs to “ensure that Truman’s campus is safe and accessible for all students and visitors.” and “students need to be reassured of their safety;” and
- The recent unfortunate events on college campuses, both nationally and locally, have served as a reminder about the importance of campus safety; and
- Governor Blunt mandated a Missouri Campus Security Task Force whose guiding principles required comprehensive planning and preparation for campus security concerns; and
- The Task Force recommends that the entire campus community, including student-based organizations, should be included in the process of making campuses safe; and
- According to the University Strategic Plan, “Truman has a strong record for initiating and digesting significant intentional change, but one of our collective challenges will be to discern how to build on past successes while moving the institution forward in a volatile, highly competitive environment where once useful solutions may no longer be as distinctive or as effective;” and
- Truman has a dormant committee, with a student representative, who was responsible for reviewing and implementing campus safety policy; and
- This committee has not met for at least two years; and
- As part of achieving its mission, Truman State University recognizes its duty to “provide a physical environment and support services that will help members of the University achieve their educational goals and enhance their social and physical development;” and
- According to the University Strategic Plan, Truman shall “review, and adjust where appropriate, Truman’s administrative structures and processes to respond to a changing environment while assuring alignment with its ...collaborative culture;” and
- Communication between the Student Association, faculty, and the administration about such policy changes and the implementation thereof are of great importance and necessary to make such actions affective; and
- It is in the best interest of the University to pursue campus safety in way which promotes communication and collaboration between students, faculty, and administrative departments.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,

- The Student Government of Truman State University hereby:
  - Urges the expedited formation of a committee responsible for the review, revision, and implementation of campus safety policies; and
  - Urges that a student representative, appointed from this body, serve as a member of said committee and be permitted to actively participate in the formation and resolution of the committee's mission; and

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT DIRECTS THAT,

- This body will petition the President of the University and the Board of Governors for the quick development of such a committee and present its overall concern for campus safety issues; and
- This committee meet no later than March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008; and
- This resolution be delivered to President Dixon, DPS Director Tom Johnson, Dean Gilchrist, Assistant Dean Hoffman, and the Truman Media Network.

**Passed February 17, 2008**  
**By a Vote of 12 – 0 – 0**

**Matthew Szewczyk**  
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