

Student Government Resolution 082.007
Resolution Endorsing the Creation of Student-Initiated Courses (SIC)

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
- The Office of the Provost has recently drafted a proposal entitled “Supporting Significant Learning Experiences: Grants for Student-Initiated Courses (SIC)”; and
- The proposal outlines clear and reasonable guidelines for the establishment of student-initiated courses; and
- The Student Senate vision document states “Students should be allowed more freedom of choice within course selection;” (Arete, 2006) and
- Student-initiated courses would provide a powerful educational experience for both the students enrolled in the courses and those teaching them; and
- Student-led courses such as “BIOL 444: Grassroots Environmentalism” have been implemented successfully for several semesters; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,

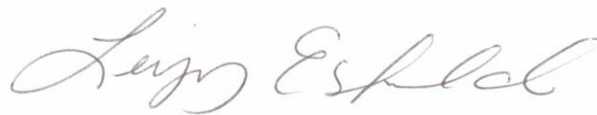
- The Student Government endorses the proposal for student-initiated courses from the Office of the Provost, and commends the office for their support of innovative curricular experiences; and
- The Student Government offers a portion of its budgeted “Student Initiatives” funds¹ to support the development of student-initiated courses; and

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY DIRECTS THAT,

- This resolution be delivered to President Dixon, Provost Paino, Dr. Michael Kelrick, the members of the Undergraduate Council, the members of Faculty Senate, and the Truman Media Network.

Passed September 7, 2008

By a Vote of 12 – 0 – 0



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¹ Currently, there are \$7,000 slated for “Student Initiatives” in the 2008-2009 Student Senate Budget. These funds are used to support a broad range of student initiatives that have difficulty finding monetary support in other established funds-allotting student and institutional groups.