



**Student Government Resolution 091.016  
A Resolution to Recognize Project Oskar**

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
- The members of Project Oskar are working to bring The Oskar, an international music star who rose to become a #1 music star in Russia, performing concerts for 30,000 fans at a time, and who “embodies a rich, cross-cultural and international fusion, incorporating into his musical performances influences from his native Russia to musical beats he now absorbs living and working in New York”<sup>1</sup> for two events:
  - A colloquium in which he will discuss his music and his life journey that took him from the mountains of Russia to the streets of Manhattan, as well as his struggles against racism and homophobia.
  - A dance Workshop which will give Truman students the opportunity to work directly with him; and
- This event includes a variety of academic departments, including Theater, Russian, Sociology/Anthropology, English & Linguistics, and Philosophy & Religion; and
- Project Oskar includes a number of campus organizations’ involvement and commitment, including dance troupes, theater students, international students, and members of the GLBT community; and
- The Women’s and Gender Studies Committee passed a motion to support the bringing of Oskar<sup>2</sup>; and
- Project Oskar demonstrates interdisciplinary thinking and cross departmental cooperation; and
- Project Oskar engages the Truman community via exposure to international music and culture; and
- The student members of Project Oskar are participating in student development and event planning, providing an out of class experiential learning opportunity; and
- The Mission of Student Affairs is “through collaboration with our faculty and staff colleagues, we create with our students an educationally purposeful, ....caring and celebrative community where students are involved in cultural exploration and community engagement...and are mastering the skills of effect leadership...”
- Project Oskar fulfills Quadrants 1, 2, and 4 of the Cocurricular Planning Map (Quadrant 1: Cultural Exploration & Community Engagement, Quadrant 2: Intellectual Competence & Reflective Judgment, Quadrant 4: Effective Leadership & Responsible Citizenship); and
- The events also fulfill some of the “Characteristics of Truman Graduates”, SPAC, 2007:
  - Ask questions and passionately seek knowledge
  - Demonstrate courageous, visionary, and service-oriented leadership

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<sup>1</sup> Dr. Marilyn Yaquinto, Advisor to Project Oskar

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid*

- Welcome and value new and diverse perspectives
- Give generously of their time, talents, and financial resources to causes in which they believe<sup>3</sup>; and
- The Student Government encourages cross-campus collaborative events that promote the mission of Truman State University and Arete; and
- Arete, the Student Senate Vision Document, states “The University.....should be a place where diverse students interact with motivated faculty to create a community of learners. A feeling of community should pervade the University in order to create a sense of understanding and shared purpose within the University. The resources of the University should be directed toward .....the opportunity to develop their ability to think, to discover the interrelation and interdependence that exists between seemingly unrelated items and ideas...”<sup>4</sup>; and
- As part of University Mission, the University seeks to cultivate “intellectual integrity, celebration of difference and diversity, informed ethical values, and courageous aspiration toward the best for oneself, one’s family, one’s society, and the world.....and the willingness and ability to exercise personal and intellectual leadership in his or her chosen field of endeavor”; and
- Many aspects of The University’s Mission are fulfilled through this event:
  - “maintain a student-centered and student learning-centered living and learning environment that will attract, nurture, and challenge diverse, outstanding students;
  - 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
  - ...strive to ensure that the University serves as a cultural resource for the broader community of which it is an integral part”; and
- “It is the policy of the Board of Governors that the Student Senate should feel free to approach the President of the University with its suggestions and recommendations relating to the formulation of University policy and the achievement of the Mission of the University.”<sup>5</sup>

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,

- The Student Government recognizes the efforts of the members of Project Oskar Team and encourages them in their endeavors to bring The Oskar to Truman State University.

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY DIRECTS THAT,

- Additional copies of the resolution be disseminated to the members of the Board of Governors, University President Darrell W. Krueger, VPAA/Provost Troy Paino, Dean of Student Affairs Lou Ann Gilchrist, members of Project Oskar, and the Truman Media Network.

**Passed March 1, 2009**

**By a Vote of 8 – 0 – 2**

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<sup>3</sup> SPAC, 2007, Characteristics of Truman Graduates

<sup>4</sup> Arete, The Vision, pg 3

<sup>5</sup> Section 7.040 Student Senate, Code of Policies, Truman State University, from Arete, page 53