

Student Government Resolution 092.008
Resolution Endorsing a Thousand Hills-Kirksville Trail

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
- “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.” (Section 7.040 Student Senate, Code of Policies, Truman State University, from Arete, page 53)
- The members of the Trail Steering Committee are working to create a 3.5 mile paved Multi Use Trail between Kirksville and Thousand Hills State Park; and
- A trail would promote economic development, improve community health and wellness, increase overall quality of life; and
- Studies show that trails are successful in rural areas and college towns; and
- A successful trail would build public support for non-motorized transportation and catalyze other green initiatives; and
- The Truman State University Sustainability Initiative’s Principles states to:
 1. Invest in collaborative community-based project.
 - Enhance our sense of place by building social capital.
 2. Promote multi-modal transportation.
 - Foster community health by freeing ourselves from dependence on cars through embracing public transportation, biking, and walking.
 3. Over 80% of students agreed with the signing of a sustainability commitment for TSU according to the 2009 Environmental Affairs committee survey
 - By incorporating the voices of both of the University community and Northeast Missouri residents, Truman State University will inspire an ethic of local and global stewardship and awareness through the scope of our practices.”; 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...”
- The Trail fulfills Quadrants 1, 3, and 4 of the Cocurricular Planning Map (Quadrant 1: Cultural Exploration & Community Engagement, Quadrant 3: Healthy Habits & Balanced Living, Quadrant 4: Effective Leadership & Responsible Citizenship); and
- The Trail Steering Committee is a collaborative effort comprised of Kirksville and Truman community members; and
- The Student Government encourages collaboration with the Kirksville Community; and
- According to SPAC:

“Finally, Truman must also continue to maintain and even strengthen its ties with Kirksville and the surrounding areas of northeastern Missouri. The continuing vitality of Kirksville will be an essential component in the University’s ability to recruit and retain excellent students, faculty, and staff; in addition, Truman needs to continue to foster strong relationships with citizens in surrounding areas to help increase its support at the state level” and “As a public institution vital to the future of this area, Truman must continue to seek creative ways to help meet the educational and economic development needs of northeastern Missouri. A significant option that can be expanded would be increased Truman involvement in local internships and service learning opportunities that

benefit the local population and businesses. The future vitality of Kirksville and northeastern Missouri will have a direct impact on the future of Truman. They must continue to work together effectively to achieve their mutual goals” and “Truman continues to be interested in working with the City of Kirksville and others to foster improvements...”; 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.
- 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 University’s duties included:
 1. “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 that will further serve as a source of pride to the University, the alumni, the community, and the state;
 2. offer services to the community, the region, and the state in the areas of research and public service that are natural outgrowths of the academic mission of the University, and strive to ensure that the University serves as a cultural resource for the broader community of which it is an integral part;
 3. develop and maintain sources of public and private support, and merit such continued support through public accountability for the quality of its programs and the utilization of its resources; and
 4. provide appropriate encouragement and recognition of each member of the University community who contributes to the fulfillment of the University's goals.”

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,

- The Student Government recognizes the efforts of the members of Trail Steering Committee and encourages them in their endeavors to create a Thousand Hills-Kirksville Trail.
- The community of Truman State University would benefit from this project by allowing easy access to Thousand Hills Park and improve university-community relations.

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY DIRECTS THAT,

- Additional copies of the resolution are 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, Associate Professor Royce Kallerud, members of Trail Steering Committee, and the Truman Media Network.

Passed October 4, 2009

By a Vote of 17 – 0 – 0

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