

Student Government Resolution 092.013
A Resolution to Increase School Spirit on Truman State University's Campus

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 Office of Citizenship and Community Standards strives to make Truman State University: “A Celebrative Community... one in which the heritage and spirit of the institution is an ongoing celebration, where traditions, innovations, and accomplishments are affirmed, and where faculty, staff, and students seek out and create opportunities to enrich and define Truman; and
- The mission of the Student Affairs committee states: “The Student Affairs committee strives to assure the fulfillment of the University’s mission in the non-academic aspects of the University community from the perspective of the Student Association. This committee actively works to: improve the quality of student life; guarantee the rights and promote the desires of the Student Association; further the enhancement of an all-encompassing living and learning environment; and assure that University policies and programs are commensurate with the best interests of the Student Association.”; and
- Student Athlete Advisory Committee is an organization made up of student-athletes assembled to provide insight on the student-athlete experience. SAAC also offers input on the rules, regulations, and policies that affect student-athletes lives’ on National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) member institution campuses. The mission of SAAC is to enhance the total student-athlete experience by promoting opportunities for all student-athletes, protecting student-athlete welfare, and fostering a positive student-athlete image while maintaining the tenets of the NCAA philosophy; and
- The Student Affairs committee seeks to improve the relationship between students, student-athletes and members of the Athletics department; and
- The Truman State Athletics Department sponsors 21 sports and involves about 500 student-athletes.
- The Campus Life, Spirit and Fun committee disbanded; and
- The Greek Challenge for Excellence exists among Greek letter organizations to increase friendly competition and high standards in various elements of Greek foundational concepts. One factor included in the challenge is participation in spirit events; and
- The College Cup Challenge exists among Residential facilities during ‘Truman Week’ to increase friendly competition and increase cohesive school spirit and pride; and
- Students have previously expressed common sentiments in the desire to increase school spirit; and
- No school spirit days currently exist; and
- The color purple is not utilized to its full capability in student daily attire and around campus; and
- Several companies and business have established Casual Fridays in their office, in which the attire on Fridays is more relaxed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT,

- Supports in conjunction with Student Athlete Advisory Committee “Purple Fridays”- a day in which students, faculty and staff are encouraged to wear purple and visibly show support and pride for Truman State University; and

- Encourages all students, faculty, staff, student organizations, Student Affairs departments, the Athletics department, and all other departments to participate in the “Purple Fridays” event beginning on December 11, 2009; and
- Supports programs designed to increase school spirit and respect for the quality institution in which they attend.

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY DIRECTS THAT,

- Additional copies of this resolution are disseminated to President Darrell Krueger, Dean of Student Affairs Dr. Lou Ann Gilchrist, VPAA/Provost Dr. Troy Paino, the Board of Governors, Residence Life, Faculty Senate, and Staff Council, the Truman Media Network, and the Director of Athletics Jerry W. Wollmering.

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By A Vote of 18 – 0 – 0

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