

Student Government Resolution 092.014
A Resolution Endorsing Changes to the Perimeter Access System Policy

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
- Truman State University has invested in a Perimeter Access System and that will become active in the Spring 2010; and
- This system was prioritized for activation after the Dobson Hall incident in the Spring of 2008; and
- Proper implementation can increase both the security and convenience for on-campus residents; and
- The system allows for the rapid and convenient securing of all entrances in case of a catastrophic event; and
- Complete implementation of the system was not possible due to budgetary constraints; and
- No students were consulted in the decisions concerning the present implementation of the system; and
- In the plan there are three different types of doors: red doors, yellow doors, and green doors:
 - The red doors are locked from the outside 24 hours a day. They are “exit only” doors and have an alarm that will sound if they are held open for more than one minute during the day and more than thirty seconds after 10:30 pm
 - Yellow doors can be used as exits and entrances by everyone between 6:00 am and 10:30 pm. After 10:30 pm the yellow doors are locked and can only be used as exits
 - Green doors can be used as exits and entrances by everyone between 6:00 am and 10:30 pm. At 10:30 pm the green doors are locked and can be used as an exit by anyone, but students must flash their ID in front of the card reader to gain access to the residence hall
 - After students gain access through the green door then they must also check in at the front desk by swiping their ID card and checking in guests; and
- ResLife states that individuals must check in at the hall desk to ensure their safety in the event they are visibly intoxicated or otherwise disruptive to the residence hall; and
- Of incidents known to the Office of Student Affairs, it was rare (2 instances) that hall monitors were involved in reporting episodes occurring before 12 am.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT,

- The Student Government believes that convenience need not be sacrificed to accrue additional security.
- The Student Government supports the following modifications to the Perimeter Access System Policy:

- The use of yellow doors as card access entrances between 10:30 pm and 12 am.
- That green doors in Dobson Hall and the West Campus Suites be unlocked and accessible to any students, in coordination with C-store hours
- Additional funds be sought for the completion of the system.
- Implementation of the current perimeter access system be evaluated based on students' opinions and experiences.
- Students be involved in future decisions regarding perimeter access by meeting regularly with Student Affairs to evaluate the effectiveness of the system.

- Occupants of a residence hall have input in the process of choosing which entrances are upgraded when funding becomes available, as recently occurred when Student Affairs solicited votes from the residence halls.

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY DIRECTS THAT,

- Additional copies of this resolution are disseminated to President Darrell Kruger, Dean of Student Affairs Lou Ann Gilchrist, Interim Director of Residence Life John Gardner, Interim Assistant Director of Residence Life Emily Haupt, and Director of Department of Public Safety Thomas Johnson, all Residence Hall Directors, and the standing facilities auxiliary committee.

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By A Vote of 16 – 4 – 0

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