

**Student Government Resolution 112.016**  
**A Resolution Amending the Student Government Standing Rules to Clarify the Procedure**  
**for Major and Minor Appointments**  
**Sponsored by Aaron Malin and Ryan Gordon**

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 Constitution of the Student Government of Truman State University gives the Student Senate the ability to amend the Standing Rules at any time “by a three-fourths majority vote of the current voting membership present and voting, not counting abstentions”; and
- The Standing Rules exist as the active rules governing over Student Government meetings; and
- The current Standing Rules, in sections 2 and 3 of “Article V: Appointments,” does not specify what proportion of voting senators must vote to confirm a major appointment; and
- The Constitution also provides no guidance on this issue; and
- This oversight has caused notable confusion at recent Student Senate meetings.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT:

- Student Senate supports changing the standing rules to clarify the procedure for major and minor appointments.

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY DIRECTS THAT:

- Its Standing Rules be amended in the following ways:
  1. Clause 11 shall be added to Article V: Appointments, Section 2: Procedure for Major Appointments, and shall read “A major appointment shall require a simple majority vote of those members of the Student Senate present and voting, not counting abstentions.”
  2. Clause 9 shall be added to Article V: Appointments, Section 3: Procedure for Minor Appointments, and shall read “A minor appointment shall require a simple majority vote of those members of the Student Senate present and voting, not counting abstentions.”
- These amendments go into effect immediately upon the passage of this resolution by the Student Senate; and
- Additional copies of this resolution are disseminated to Dean of Student Affairs Lou Ann Gilchrist and the Truman Media Network.

**Passed December 4, 2011  
By a Vote of 14-0-0**

**Ryan Nely  
President of the Student Association**