

**Truman State University Student Government**  
**Fourteenth Session of the 2021-2022 Executive Committee**  
**January 26, 2022**

**Convened: 7:02 p.m.**

**1) Preliminary Items**

a) Roll call

**2) Auxiliary Reports**

a) Speaker of the Student Senate

b) Academic Affairs Committee Chair

i) Purinton: We are doing Academic Accolades! We got the email this week, so that's good.

ii) Kershaw: Will we be able to pass on this email address to future Chairs?

(1) Purinton: Yes, I made sure of it.

iii) Purinton: We want to use candy to create puns! I've gotten some criticism on the budget for wanting to spend money on Swedish Fish. I wanted to do "it's o-fish-ally time for Academic Accolades", then I wanted to do professors "out of this world" with Milky Ways. I wanted to leave them around campus.

iv) Kershaw: Are the fish and the Milky Ways part of a poster, or are they separate? Are they all advertising to students?

(1) Purinton: They're going to students.

v) Purinton: For Swedish Fish, I was going to get 5 packs of 50. Then, I was going to get gushers (gush about your favorite professor). Paydays, "does your professor deserve a pay day?" I was going to get Extra gum for a giveaway. The Milky Way idea and the Starburst idea were for professors, and also 100 grand and Reese's Pieces. I'll also be doing promotional posters and cupcakes.

(1) Owsley: I have an idea: You're an important "piece" of our community.

(2) O'Reilly: Or, "we'd fall to pieces without you".

vi) Purinton: We're also working on a Diversity project and Spring commencement, and I need to talk to Sheri in Admissions.

(1) Cooper: Okay, could you send me a Slack?

(a) Purinton: Yes.

vii) O'Reilly: What are accolades?

(1) Purinton: We elicit student nominations for professors who stand out! This year we are using the theme of champions and advocates.

c) Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chair

- i) Cooper: My goals are to hold a good Diversity Week, and a good *Power to Heal* showing and to continue working to grow the Resource Center.
- ii) Owsley: Can you remind me when we're going to do the movie?  
(1) Cooper: The 31st of March.
- iii) O'Reilly: Are we allowed to bring people to the Resource Center now?  
(1) Cooper: Yes!

**d) Environmental Affairs Committee Chair**

- i) Sprehe: Right now we're working on the coalition. Trevor has a group chat started for that, so we want to find a meeting time for Earth Week. We also have the potential resolution that we're going to be doing, which is pushing the environmental sciences major forward. We want to meet with professors on that committee and then bring it to the body. Then Earth Week is my biggest priority, and also ESFAC. Blaine and I are working on that.
- ii) Kershaw: Do you have any ideas for an event that Student Government can do?  
(1) Sprehe: We wanted to play Wall-E during the Student Research Conference on Thursday. We also wanted to bring in people to talk about the politics of environmentalism. Our theme will probably be "generation earth" about childhood memories but you're being told to fight for your planet.
- iii) Purinton: How do you feel about a shredding event? I've been doing some spring cleaning, and I've realized that there are a lot of confidential documents with my student ID on them. Maybe other people feel the same way and we could rent massive shredders to encourage people to shred their documents!  
(1) Sprehe: That sounds super cool! I would have to talk to Laura first because I wouldn't be surprised if there were some safety risks.

**e) External Affairs Committee Chair**

- i) Owsley: I mentioned this at our last meeting, but Missouri has redrawn their state house districts, and when redrawing those, they put Kirksville into one big district, instead of 2, which means that Kirksville will have one representative, which is good for democracy and good for the competitiveness of the seat of the representative. It has never been more crucial than now that we register voters on Truman's campus. I'm sorry I haven't been able to make an itemized list, but I will get that in soon.
- ii) Owsley: My big goal is working with Tino to have more Registration Fridays, and working with Kennedy to have the movie. Morgan suggested that we do paper, and I'm still looking into that. If we just shove a relatively

complex piece of paper in someone's hands, it might concern them. But also I have no way of ensuring that people follow through with the QR code.

- iii) Owsley: I also want to get voter registration put into Truman Days, so I need to talk to Janna about that. My other big goal for this semester is Truman at the Capital. Since Dan's resignation, I am taking responsibility for this. I want to talk to the lobbyist at the next BOG meeting, and I think it would be easier to do lobbying training on Zoom. After that, I want us to move quickly to lobby on these education bills, especially because Governor Parson wants to increase spending in Missouri, and one of those things is education. I imagine that a key part of what we'll be doing is talking to representatives about why it's good that we're spending money on these things. I have other stuff that I'm working on, such as business office stuff with Warren, and I think we made some stickers for Truman alums to display in their businesses. I also want to see about working with the county clerk to make sure that anyone can vote at the SUB.
- iv) Kershaw: In regards to voter registration tabling with papers, you could always do a mixture of offering online options and paper options. Also, walking them through it could help.
- v) Sprehe: What if we have a Voter Registration party in the SUB down under? We could give out a bunch of free stuff and make them register in front of us!

(1) Owsley: I like this idea!

- vi) Sprehe: We could also create a Voter Registration Week.

**f)** Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee Co-chairs

**g)** Purple Friday Committee Chair

**h)** Student Affairs Committee Representative:

- i) Barge: The main goal is the organization outreach program, which is something we want to do along with another President's Roundtable. I talked with Shania, and we were thinking that maybe the President would not come, but maybe the Vice President or other Executive members. The big thing to realize is that this is going to be a much more fun event, and much more open. We really want people to make friendships and bring that back to their organizations. The big change is that we will be having the U&I send out emails because some of mine were blocked last semester.
- ii) Barge: Another main goal is reaching students with Student Appreciation week. We want to send out emails to different parts of Truman to get some donations. I'm also waiting on Shania's list of people who have already donated in the past. The additional budget I have also makes that more

exciting, and I am totally open to your guys' advice on what it should look like.

iii) Kennedy: Student Appreciation Week slinkies

(1) Barge: That's a fun idea! I think the gift cards and the t-shirts were the most successful, so I think that doing those things again could be exciting.

iv) Barge: I was thinking about doing this April 6th-8th. The nice thing is that we can push it back if we need to, but I think trying to collect donations around February 4th is good. I like to have some wiggle-room, because it takes a long time for things to get approved. The biggest problem is with the t-shirts, those take the most time. I'm hoping that once the t-shirts have been ordered, we will at least have a month. I really dislike the supply chain situation right now, but I think this is a relatively okay timeframe.

v) Purinton: Going back to the email situation, I think that's very smart to go through U&I, because I've struggled with that before. So anything you can do to make future Chairs' jobs easier is good. For Student Appreciation Week I can keep thinking. I also think your timeline is good, and taking into account the supply chain issues is smart. Also, ending it before transition is good because people are more likely to participate.

vi) Kershaw: When are Academic Accolades?

(1) Purinton: April 7th

(a) Kershaw: I'm not sure when Health, Wellness, & Safety is going to do their event.

vii) Barge: The last thing is gaining a greater understanding of Truman's policies on wages. We want students to be able to have that information.

i) Legislative Director

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j) PR Director

i) O'Reilly: I want to put more faces on our social media, because a lot of posts are just graphics. I also want to show off what committees are doing, and focus our StuGuv Buzz articles on what actions are instead of what meetings are about.

ii) O'Reilly: I noticed that I have \$500 to spend, so what do I spend that on?  
(1) Kershaw: We've done various things, I think Jesse did a Snapchat filter one time.

iii) Purinton: I think you're doing a great job and we're all excited to have you in this position.

iv) Kershaw: If we could have the Chairs to do a bit of stuff during their events, that would be great!

**3) Executive Reports**

a) Treasurer

b) Secretary

i) Reynolds: My only goal right now is updating the committee attendance sheet.

c) President and Vice President

i) Kershaw: If anyone has anything to add, please add it to this physical calendar.

**4) Discussion Items:**

**Adjourned: 7:53 p.m.**