

**Truman State University Student Government  
Eighteenth Session of the 2021-2022 General Body  
January 23rd, 2022**

**Convened: 5:00 p.m.**

**1) Preliminary Items**

- a) Roll Call
- b) Gallery Business
- c) Changes to the Agenda
- d) Approval of Previous Minutes
  - i) Approved.
- e) Membership Appointment & Resignation
  - i) Resignation
    - (1) Dan King as Legislative Director
      - (a) Resigned.
  - ii) Minor Appointments
  - iii) Major Appointments
- f) Oath of Office

**2) Executive Reports**

- a) Legislative Director
- b) IT Director
  - i) S. Myers: We updated the website so now it has an “apply here” spot for the Legislative Director position.
- c) PR Director
  - i) No report.
- d) Secretary
  - i) Reynolds: Office hours start this week! And the absence form is pinned in the important links channel.
- e) Treasurer
  - i) Wren: I’m bringing the budget today, so make sure you take a look at that before discussion. We have two appropriations applications that I will be bringing next Sunday, and Tori will be spending less than \$100 on dental dams.
- f) Vice President
  - i) Kershaw:
    - (1) We’ve started up IM sports again and we have another 5 on 5 men’s basketball game on Monday.
    - (2) Fill out the whentomeet for StuGov dinner if you’re interested! We might try to reserve a classroom for that.
- g) President
  - i) Montúfar:
    - (1) Ethan and I still have our calendly open and I will put it in important links. Anyone can sign up to meet with us for 15 or 30 minutes.

- (2) We meet with the President on Tuesday and I plan to ask about COVID policies because the numbers have been higher in the last week or two. If anyone has anything else for us to bring up, you can let us know because we meet with her weekly.

### 3) Committee Reports

- a) Athletic Fee Accountability Committee
- b) Environmental Fee Accountability Committee
- c) Purple Friday Committee
  - i) Bono:
    - (1) We had a really successful Sweatpants Friday, it was kind of last minute but it went really well.
    - (2) I spoke with Tori about doing a Valentine's Day Friday, and I think the dental dams would be used there.
    - (3) I have also talked to Mike about another Registration Friday.
- d) Parking Appeals Committee
  - i) No report.
- e) Academic Affairs Committee
  - i) Purinton:
    - (1) I have created an Academic Affairs timeline that aligns with the transition deadline.
    - (2) For the Academic Accolades budget, I will be bringing that next week. It's a little bit tentative, but I need to get things moving.
    - (3) Owen Hamill got 150 survey responses on the Symposium survey he did last semester, so we will be going over those in our meeting.
  - ii) Bates: There is a Symposium class in the Spring for transfer students, so it's possible to do a follow up.
  - iii) O. Smith: Are you planning to bring the results to the Symposium committee?
    - (1) Purinton: It depends on what they are.
  - iv) O. Smith: What changes are you looking for?
    - (1) Purinton: I will have big issues if the same problems are popping up, and I will also be looking out for any new problems. Jonathan Vieker would also be interested in the results for retention.
- f) Diversity and Inclusion Committee
  - i) Cooper:
    - (1) I've been working on putting stuff together for Diversity Week, i.e. getting rooms reserved.
    - (2) I'm still working on getting pronouns in TruView/Portal, and also getting deadnames out of usernames.
    - (3) The Resource Center is kind of open in Baldwin 101 so you guys should go check it out!
- g) Environmental Affairs Committee
  - i) Sprehe:

- (1) We just started handing out campus cups this week and it's been successful, and good job to Trevor for accomplishing this during their first semester in Student Government.
- (2) We changed the movie from 6:00-8:00 instead, and also on a different day, but it's still in the Baldwin Little Theater.
- (3) O. Smith: Could we get an update on Earth Week?
  - (a) Sprehe: Yes! We have had lots of new people working in the sustainability office and we're having a meeting this week to solidify our ideas. We're considering collaborations, but nothing is concrete yet.

**h) External Affairs Committee**

- i)** Owsley: I'm focusing on voter registration again because of the new Kirksville house district being all one district.
- ii)** O. Smith: I know Dan was working with you on Truman at the Capital, so is that still going to happen?
  - (1) Owsley: Yes, we still plan to go. I tentatively have the training scheduled for the 19th of February.

**i) Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee**

- i)** Woods:
  - (1) Co-chair applications are open, so please apply and encourage people to apply.
  - (2) I hope to meet with my committee sometime this week.
  - (3) I think Jesse mentioned this, but I'll be spending less than \$100 on dental dams, and I'll be reaching out to the WRC to get dental dams.
  - (4) We want to work with Purple Friday to hand out condoms and dental dams to send a healthy message about having a safe Valentine's Day.

**ii) Sexual Assault Prevention Designee**

- (1) Fox:
  - (a) I met with Ryan Nely and we want to have our Title IX event on February 10th.
  - (b) I will also be collaborating with TruWriters for my slam poetry event, and the tentative title is "Every Truth, Every Voice".

**j) Student Affairs Committee**

- i)** Barge:
  - (1) We went to put on a fun, quasi-President's Roundtable event, and I talked to Em and we might even be able to have a Wii. We want people to be able to talk to each other with activities all across the room. We don't need this to be a set thing, we want it to be more flexible, where people can come as they please.
  - (2) We were also talking about a sticky note wall where people can respond to open-ended questions, which might provide people more time to consider their responses. We really just want to get organization heads in a space where they can meet new people.

(3) We will be focusing on this during this week. I need to plan the right date for this, so that organizations don't get tired of meeting with us if we have a President's Roundtable.

**ii)** O. Smith: Do you think that your committee will be able to handle the preparation for this event, on top of working with Student Appreciation Week?

(1) Barge: I think we can handle it, but I am aware that it might be a lot of work. We will have outside support as well.

#### **4) Auxiliary Reports**

##### **a) Speaker**

**i)** O. Smith:

(1) We're having a discussion about election dates today, and after that I will put together the election handbook so we can be ahead of the curve and ready to make posters and advertise. We are trying to figure out when and where we could do a presidential debate.

(2) Gov docs met today, and one of the main topics was OAF. OAF is supposed to audit and recommend changes to all of the fees that students pay, but it's very dysfunctional. There may be a resolution coming about the rules as they relate to OAF.

(3) Our meetings are 12:00 in the office on Sundays if you are ever interested.

**ii)** Bates: You are aware that there are operating procedures for those committees, right?

(1) O. Smith: Yes.

**iii)** Bates: It used to be that they only met every 3 years, and then in 2019-2020 they wanted to do it annually, but then that became a struggle when everyone had to go home in the spring of 2020. There is a rule in the operating procedures that I want to talk to you about afterwards.

**iv)** Sprehe: We are looking into making the relationship between ResLife and the Environmental Affairs Committee more permanent, so we want to revise our definition in the rules. If you want to meet after I meet with Dan, that would be great.

##### **b) Faculty Advisor**

##### **c) Staff Advisor**

**i)** Bates:

(1) I will be out of the office starting February 3rd, so please don't do anything weird during that time and I might not be responding.

(2) On the UCS website there is crisis information, so if you need to speak with a counselor after hours you can do that, but it seems like that information might not be completely correct.

(3) If you work on campus, you'll be needing your tax forms soon, and they should be on Portal.

(4) The door to the SUB is slamming downstairs. It has a part broken and it has been ordered. The doors are difficult to open anyways

because of kitchen stuff, but please be careful. If people ask, know that is being attended to.

- d) Board of Governors Representative
  - e) Organizational Representatives
    - i) FAC Representative
    - ii) RHA Representative
    - iii) SAB Representative
      - (1) Bates: SAB just did their elections, so they'll be transitioning their leadership roles in the next couple of weeks.
- 5) **Old Business**
- a)
- 6) **Discussion Items**
- a) Spring Election Timeline (Smith)
    - i) O. Smith: As you know, the election last year was held at the very end of the year, and that's kind of a hectic time. After talking with Shania and Ethan, we want to move elections up by two weeks. They would be April 4th-8th. I want to get your feedback on that because it does affect a number of things, such as Earth Week.
    - ii) Sprehe: I'm fine with it being then, Student Government isn't the only entity that is working on Earth Week, so I don't think that will pose a problem for us.
    - iii) Meyer: In terms of Parking Appeals, we have to gather a secret person on the body and a secret student at large, so I'm wondering if people have suggestions on how Parking Appeals would work.
    - iv) O. Smith: What did you do for that month and a half where you didn't have a committee?
      - (1) Meyer: I had one committee member right away, but it took a long time to get the student at large. We like to do the appeals pretty quickly, and theoretically a Chair could run it by themselves, but it would really be up to them and the President and Vice President.
    - v) Cook: Is there a reason why we elect people sooner in the fall than we do in the spring?
      - (1) O. Smith: What do you mean?
        - (a) Cook: I remember being elected in the fall and it was in September, so April seems later.
          - (i) O. Smith: The rules say so, but the larger reason is that we have so many events in the spring, so if we elected people earlier, we would have to plan more events in the fall instead. Also, the newly elected people would be thrown into stuff that they didn't plan. I also think it's hard to elect people in the spring and throw them into a position where they don't know what's going on.
    - vi) Montúfar: If the new President and Vice President want to do interviews, it's much easier to do them not during finals week.

- vii)** Bates: The only holiday in April is Easter, it's a term break.
- viii)** Montúfar: I think the gap happens no matter what we do as far as the transition dates, and that's just part of it.
- ix)** Sprehe: If we did do this timeline where the transition is April 10th, what would the presidential debate times and campaigning look like?
  - (1) O. Smith: March 21st would be the debate, and the 28th would be the opening of campaigning.
- x)** Bates: Something to keep in mind is that any Chair positions that are not filled default to the Vice President until people are appointed.
- xi)** Bates: Sutton and I found an alternative date for Academic Accolades, but it would be during elections.
- xii)** O. Smith: It's very hard to move our programming to the fall because there are new people who don't have any idea what's going on.
- xiii)** Woods: If there's an event that is going to be happening after elections, how would that work for people who are still there and who are coming back?
  - (1) O. Smith: We did discuss this. The hope would be that if you're on a committee right now, you would be nice enough to come back and see the project through to its conclusion. We don't have a way of stopping people from leaving, but we also don't have a way of stopping people from leaving right now. Does that make sense?
    - (a) Woods: Yes, I just know that some Health, Wellness, and Safety events are in April.
- xiv)** Sprehe: My suggestion would be that if you know you have an event happening after the election, create a document with all the information about the event just in case.
- xv)** Bates: You should already have your planning finished for all of these things before April, so a calendar to have awareness is important. You don't usually do much past mid-April anyway.
  - (1) O. Smith: That relates to report writing and good record keeping.
- xvi)** Owsley: Could we spend an extra week before swearing people in to finish projects?
  - (1) O. Smith: I've heard from Em that SAB does something similar, where they have a transition time.
    - (a) Bates: Yes, that's correct.
      - (i) O. Smith: Is that effective for them?
        - 1. Bates: Yes I think so. I think you could do a transition week if that's what you wanted to do.
      - (2) O. Smith: So the answer to your question, Mike, is yes, but I don't know if it would be possible this year. But it's something we could talk about next year.

## 7) New Business

### a) [Spring 2022 Budget](#) (Wren)

- i)** Wren: I'm only going to point out a few things. I will note that in the fall we spend a little over \$7,500. I spoke with Shania and Ethan and we don't think

the alumni conference will happen. We've really shifted our focus to the Resource Center, so the money we've set aside for that big project could go toward programming for the Center. The second thing is Appropriations: we went through that process last semester and we had a successful semester. I raised the budget to \$4000 this semester, one because students submitted applications over break, and two because we historically get more requests in the spring. We had the money, so I thought it would be beneficial to use in those ways.

**ii)** Sprehe: Shania, Ethan, and I talked a lot about using Environmental money to fund greenery around the labyrinth.

(1) Bates: There isn't any money allocated to the labyrinth.

(2) Wren: I've allotted \$26,000 for the spring, and we're not going to spend that. We might spend \$10,000, so I am not concerned with the numbers. If there are useful ways to utilize that money then I encourage you to do so.

**b)** [Office Chair Money Motion](#) (Montúfar)

**i)** Montúfar: Our chair in the office is broken, and we want to get it fixed/replaced so that we can use it to make direct contact with students in the window.

**ii)** Cooper: I'm really glad that we're getting a new chair because I fell out of the old chair.

**iii)** Bates: We haven't bought a chair in a hot while.

**iv)** Monied.

## **8) Announcements**

**a)** Bates: Mark your calendars for February 9th because it is National Pizza Day.

Different vendors will be coming in from around town, and there will be pizza prizes. It will be 2:00-4:00. We are attempting to have gluten-free options.

**b)** Kershaw: The Activities Fair is this week, and we are tabling on Tuesday! We still have a slot open from 7:30-8:30 so sign up if you can.

**c)** Bono: College Dems has a meeting this week, and Ian Mackey is speaking! Please attend if you can, it will be tomorrow night!

**d)** Sprehe: For the next month I will be going home and doing everything virtually, so if you need anything I will still be available. Just a reminder: If you are willing to use your office hours to hand out campus cups, let me know after the meeting.

**Adjourned: 6:03 p.m.**