

**Truman State University Student Government
Twentieth Session of the 2021-2022 General Body
February 6th, 2022**

Convened: 5:02 p.m.

1) Preliminary Items

- a) Roll Call
- b) Gallery Business
 - i) Holst: I'm Hallie and I'm here to be appointed.
- c) Changes to the Agenda
 - i) Kershaw: I move to have the minor appointment of Hallie Holst moved to be after preliminary items.
 - ii) Approved.
- d) Approval of Previous Minutes
 - i) Approved.

2) Executive Reports

- a) President
 - i) Montúfar:
 - (1) We are trying to start a book club, so please join the Slack channel if you are interested!
 - (2) Kennedy and I have talked about doing a smaller opening for the Resource Center, and then when it's warmer we want to do a walk-by opening in Baldwin.
- b) Vice President
 - i) Kershaw:
 - (1) Shania and I got to report to the Board of Governors, and we talked a lot about accessibility and engagement with students. If you have any more questions, Abby Smeltzer is a good resource for that.
 - (2) We are doing co-ed IM volleyball and floor hockey with SAB.
 - ii) O. Smith: How is the Board of Governors selection process going?
 - (1) Smeltzer: We don't hear anything until they make their final selection; it's a very long process. For example, I was interviewed in January 2020 and didn't hear back until June 2020.
- c) Treasurer
- d) Secretary
 - i) No report.
- e) PR Director
 - i) O'Reilly: I sent a member spotlight form out in the Slack so please fill that out. We'll also be putting out Academic Accolade stuff this week.
- f) IT Director
- g) Legislative Director

3) Advisor Reports

- a) Staff Advisor
 - i) Bates: Message if you need something.

- b) Faculty Advisor
- 4) **Old Business**
- 5) **Discussion Items**

- a) Mental Health Fee Increase? (Montúfar)

- i) Montúfar: This conversation is going to be broadly about University Counseling Services and our related health fees to open up a general dialogue. Last year, in 2021, our health services merged with Complete Family Medicine. As you've probably heard, there were some transitional hiccups with staff and insurance. After the merge, there are now six counselors and no waiting list. We recently met with Dr. Palmer and Dr. Thomas and learned that there is still an issue with staff recruitment. We aren't able to competitively pay anyone because our funding is low. Before, we got our counseling services at a heavy discount because the University was footing the bill, but that was unsustainable. This was beneficial for students who struggled to pay for counseling services. A lot of students have concerns with specialty areas in counseling. I still have a lot of questions about this, but our current fee is \$37 per semester. For a point of comparison, at Mizzou it's \$120, at UMKC it is \$66 for full-time students, at Missouri S&T it is \$130, and at K-State it's a combined fee of \$465. As you can see, there is a pretty big difference there, which opens up a conversation about an increase being beneficial. I want to hear your initial thoughts or concerns and relay those to University Counseling Services and the Administration. If it turns out that we are interested in a fee increase, we could write a resolution and potentially add it to our elections ballot. I'm still in early conversations with Complete Family Medicine, but I want to hear initial thoughts.

(1) O. Smith: These are student-enacted fees, so students have voted on them in the past.

- ii) Woods: Health, Wellness, & Safety has been working closely with Shania on this. This is not something new; we have talked about this last year and in our committee meetings. In previous conversations with Andrew, we have noted student concerns and the fact that our health fee is small compared to public schools in Missouri. Our counselors don't specialize in issues that our students need help with, so an increase in this fee would provide more resources to our students. Since we don't have many outside resources in Kirksville, this is especially important. We also need to consider if we want to call this a "wellness fee" or a "health fee", because those names have different implications.

- iii) R. Myers: I am interested in what these fees pay for.

- iv) Bishop: I would also be very interested in what these fees are going towards. I would like to see a detailed breakdown of what an increase would do. I could see people voting this down if people already think that they're paying a lot.

- v) O. Smith: Can you provide clarity on the title of the fee? Could you speak to what is funded by it?

(1) Bates: On your bill it is listed as the Health Fee. That went into effect in 2004 and it wasn't raised until last time. That money was supposed to go towards mental health support. Based on previous budget discussions, about 90% of the budget was payroll. After the last time it was increased, two extra counselors were hired even though we went a long time without raising it.

(a) O. Smith: On my bill it says "Student Health Center Fee".

Also, you might think it would make sense that Mizzou's fee is higher, but Missouri S&T also has a small population and a similar fee to Mizzou.

- vi)** Montúfar: If we look at what the fee is being used for now, does that decide that we should raise it? I think we have some flexibility on what we want the fee to go towards. Obviously we can't be super specific, but if you have ideas on what that fee should be used for, we could pitch that.
- vii)** R. Myers: I think we need transparency since a third party is involved, but as far as ideas go, you can be refused service until you pay, so that is an issue that needs to be resolved. I think the fee could go towards an emergency fund so there would never be service refusals.

(1) Carey: I don't know how it works, but would that work with people who have different insurances?

(a) R. Myers: The idea is that the school wouldn't have to be involved if you were paying with insurance.

(b) Carey: I also think the students should be better informed about these things.

(c) O. Smith: One of the fees that OAF reviews is this fee. However, OAF hasn't done a full report since about 2016, and I can't remember them ever seriously looking into the Health Fee.

(i) Bates: OAF was set up originally to only look at the Activities Fee. The other fees were lumped into that.

6) New Business

a) [Open Mic Event Money Motion](#) (Fox)

i) Fox: I just put a couple things down, like posters, which I plan to have done this week. We're thinking \$100 for the posters, \$25 for food, \$7 for drinks, and \$8 for "just in case money". The event is on February 20th from 6 pm-8 pm in the SUB Down Under.

ii) Approved.

b) [Webster Appropriations Application](#) (Wren)

i) Sprehe: An ROTC student applied for money for their ROTC ball. They stated it would help with their morale, which is good for campus. We decided not to fund it because they have government funding that comes directly from the state, so that's a different situation than our organizational applicants who have to apply to FAC.

ii) Meyer: It was also going to be a closed event; it was not open to the campus.

- iii) R. Myers: They are part of the educational branch of the military industrial complex. All of the students are required to attend and pay for it, but that's not the responsibility of Truman, so it has nothing to do with us.
 - iv) Carey: The ROTC itself originally requested the funds, so they tried to have one person re-submit, so that's kind of suspicious.
 - v) Bates: ROTC is a departmental group, not an organizational group. As a result, departmental groups are not eligible for funding. They are not eligible as a student group, so that's why the student applied individually. The committee did not recommend this for funding.
 - vi) R. Myers: I am still on the ROTC email list because they haven't removed me. They aren't out of money for the event, it's that students are obligated to go to the event.
 - vii) Sprehe: We denied this funding because it also sounded like they were trying to get a nicer venue. The amount of money they were spending already was in the thousands, so we were skeptical as to why they were applying for our funding.
 - viii) Application denied.
- c) [Spring 2022 Election Handbook](#) (O. Smith)
- i) O. Smith: Everyone who is here has run in an election, I think, except for Robert, so everyone should have seen something like this. The dates for this election are the biggest thing that has changed. Now it's the beginning of April, but last spring it was the end of April. We changed this because it helps executives figure things out before the end of the semester, and it helps new members to get adjusted to resolutions and meetings. I have been informed that that week is Greek Week, so if that is an issue to you and that we should have elections at another time, now is your chance to be heard. It is also during Student Appreciation Week. I would love to hear your thoughts on that.
 - ii) Carey: Does anyone know what happens during Greek Week?
 - (1) Knabe: We have lip sync battles and other events on the Quad. I think it would be fine to have elections during the week.
 - (2) Bates: Greek Week only affects a certain portion of the student body, so I don't think it would be a barrier.
 - iii) Bates: FAC uses the term "chair" and not "president". That might need to be verified with John.
 - iv) O. Smith: The only requirement is the declaration form and then we check their grades.
 - v) Bishop: Are any of the rules different from last year?
 - (1) O. Smith: There still is no petition, that is something we are talking about writing out of the rules. The dates are the only thing that has changed.
 - vi) Carey: For the contacting organizations part, are you able to mention at a meeting if you're already in the organization?
 - (1) O. Smith: You can talk about it during the first week of declaration, but you can't ask people to vote for you until March 28th. Some clubs

in the past have officially endorsed candidates. You can go out and get those official endorsements.

- vii)** First read.
- viii)** O. Smith: I motion to suspend the Standing Rules to second read and pass the Election Handbook.
- ix)** Kershaw: Did we change the number of positions for senior senators?
 - (1) O. Smith: We didn't amend the constitution, so it says we have to elect three senior senators in the spring and two in the fall. Only next spring will the changes we made take place.
- x)** Kershaw: Will the normal voting website work for this new voting procedure?
 - (1) O. Smith: I'm going to set it up so that everyone is on the same ticket, and everyone gets to vote for as many people as there are positions open, which is 15 people. People who are eligible to be senior senators will have an "S" next to their name. I will talk to Dr. Edwards and see if we can cast some sample ballots to make sure it works smoothly.
- xi)** Bates: Are all your dates good?
 - (1) O. Smith: We have the room reservation for the debate and I have talked to Anas with TMN. We should talk about getting a transitional meeting booked for April 10th, but that's the only thing that has not been done related to dates.
- xii)** Bates: I would make a note that says "this is subject to change at any time" because we don't know what the campus policies will be during the election time.
 - (1) O. Smith: I will add something in the greeting to let people know that it's subject to change and that they should stay tuned for updates.
- xiii)** Approved.

7) Committee Reports

- a)** Academic Affairs Committee
- b)** Diversity and Inclusion Committee
 - i)** Cooper:
 - (1) I have been un-ghosted by IT! The pronouns on Portal will be happening sometime this semester.
 - (2) The Resource Center is still going well, and like Shania said, we will be doing an event in February celebrating its' opening.
 - (3) Diversity Week details have been finalized. On March 28th at 5:30pm, we will host a Faith and the LGBTQ+ Community Panel. On March 29th at 4 pm, we will host an Equity Recap Discussion. On March 31st, we will be showing the film *Rigged*. On April 1st, we will conclude with Diversity Week Purple Friday.
 - (4) The *Power to Heal* will be shown in the Planetarium on February 24th at 7 pm. The posters for the event are hung up around campus.

- (5) Ryan Nely let me know that gender identity is not protected under our non-discrimination policy, so I want to talk to him about that and get it changed.
- c) Environmental Affairs Committee
 - i) No report.
 - d) External Affairs Committee
 - i) No report.
 - e) Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee
 - i) Woods:
 - (1) Wellness Week is coming up! It looks like I won't be there. It will be at the end of March. We want to have a poster that lists the events for the week. On Tuesday we are going to have nutrition tabling, and I might be reaching out to do Sodexo for fruits and veggies. We will most likely have the meditation session that night. On Wednesday it will be the same as Monday; overview and basic handouts. On Thursday I want to do a University Counseling Services event, and Andrew already has some ideas about what he wants to do. There might be a mental health capstone event, but I haven't finalized that yet. The last thing is Friday: I want to do puppies and kittens on the Quad, and/or see if the University Farm can bring any animals to campus. I need to talk to organizations who have done this before, but that is the overview. Since I will most likely not be up there, I'm going to need a lot of help on those actual days, so I will most likely send out a lot of sign up sheets.
 - (2) Please apply for Co-Chair!
 - (3) Dental dams are ordered, I'm waiting to hear if they'll be coming in soon. We are doing Valentine's Day tabling this Friday with Santino, and he will be putting up a sign-up sheet. I want to make goodie bags with dental dams, condoms, and candy.
 - ii) Sexual Assault Prevention Designee
 - (1) Fox: My Title IX event "Know Your IX" will be hosted with the Diversity and Inclusion Committee and Ryan Nely on February 10th from 6 pm-7 pm in the SUB Georgian Room A 2106.
 - f) Student Affairs Committee
 - i) Barge: Our organizational meet-and-greet is this week, and if I could have a few people put their names down in case I need some extra help. Going back to Student Appreciation Week, we sent out a lot of emails asking organizations to help with that event, and it looks like we'll be getting \$1,000 from different organizations which means we can likely double or triple the number of shirts we get. SAB is wanting to have a big event during that week, and that would allow us to pass out t-shirts. I am already communicating with Jesse to make sure all of the financial stuff is squared away.
 - g) Purple Friday Committee
 - i) Bono: Purple Friday plans to spend no more than \$100 on paper bags.

- h) Parking Appeals Committee**
 - i) No report.**
- i) Athletic Fee Accountability Committee**
- j) Environmental Fee Accountability Committee**
 - i) Arends:** We will be having our first meeting later this week, and will be meeting regularly soon thereafter. Be on the lookout for a google form to be available to fill out for any project/proposal submissions... very soon!
 - ii) O. Smith:** Encourage people to apply for Environmental and Sustainability Fee Accountability Council if you know of any people who are working on student projects.
 - iii) Sprehe:** Drew asked me to be the other StuGov representative for the committee, so we'll probably have a slate put forward eventually, but this first meeting will probably be more informal since we haven't approved anyone yet.

8) Auxiliary Reports

- a) Speaker**
 - i) O. Smith:**
 - (1) Our office chair finally broke earlier, so I will touch base with Jesse if the chair has been ordered yet.
 - (2) For Gov. docs, we have a resolution coming next week for OAF. I've talked with John Marx and Nora with SAB about presidents being able to choose an OAF Chair. We've also decided that the Student Government Representative should be a required position of a member of Student Affairs.
 - (3) Information about the election will be going up on the website soon, and you can expect a money motion about election posters coming in the next couple of weeks.
 - (4) If you have any suggestions for poster ideas, please let me know. I might be asking Colleen about that.
 - (a) O'Reilly: Is there a requirement for what needs to be on the posters? Dates?
 - (i) O. Smith: Yes, we will talk about that.
 - (5) Bates: The chair was requisitioned.
- b) Board of Governors Representative**
 - i) Smeltzer:**
 - (1) The Board met yesterday, so I have a lot of information. There were quite a few resolutions and presentations at the meeting.
 - (2) There was a public comment made by the Truman College Republicans concerning the mask mandate on campus.
 - (3) Student Government made a report for the Board of Governors and they were very impressed with the work that you all have accomplished this past year.
 - (4) We also listened to a report from Truman's lobbyists in Jefferson City where they talked about the excess of government funds.

- (5) We have a few proposals that we're working on, including work to be done at the Kirk Building and Greenwood Center.
- (6) The Board approved three new major programs. Starting in Fall 2022, we will have a Bachelor of Science in Music Business program, a Bachelor of Arts in Linguistics, and a Bachelor of Arts in Applied Linguistics program. The Applied Linguistics program will include a certificate to teach English as a Second Language.
- (7) The Pershing Building project is falling a little behind schedule due to a supply chain issue, but it should be done by Spring.
- (8) One of our resolutions was to approve our Union Agreement with the Truman Physical Plant workers.
- (9) Another resolution was to approve a Faculty Early Retirement Incentive Program for 2023.
- (10) We also approved \$250,000 to fix the flooring in Ophelia Parish, Magruder Hall, and Violette Hall.
- (11) Our final resolution was to renew our service agreement with our remote mental services (mySSP).
- (12) The Board's next meeting will be April 9th, 2022 at 1:00 pm.
- (13) In concerns with my replacement, our slate of Ella and John has been sent to the Governor's Office. If I get any information, I will let you all know.

ii) O. Smith: How many more meetings does the Board have?

(1) Smeltzer: Just one more in April.

c) Organizational Representatives

i) FAC Representative

ii) RHA Representative

iii) SAB Representative

9) Conclusionary Items

a) Resignations

i) Joshua Grandstaff as Voting Senator

ii) Alexis Cook as Voting Senator

iii) Abby Reynolds as Secretary

(1) Resigned.

b) Major Appointments

i) Alexis Cook as Secretary (Montúfar)

(1) Montúfar: Alexis very graciously volunteered to be our new Secretary. Alexis, as you know, has experience on the Body. Having known Alexis personally, I think she would be great in this position.

(2) Cook: When I first joined Student Government, I was eyeing up Abby's position. I was the Vice President of my sorority, so I am familiar with taking minutes, hosting meetings, and administrative tasks in general. I have been somewhat anxious because I feel like Abby writes down every single sentence, but we've talked about it and I feel more at ease.

(3) O. Smith: How do you feel about absences?

(a) Cook: We also talked about this. I want to continue what Abby has going on so there is no change for you guys, but generally, I will adhere to the 48-hour policy.

(4) Appointed.

c) Minor Appointments

i) Hallie Holst as an Associate Senator on Academic Affairs (Kershaw)

(1) Kershaw: Hallie already serves as an associate on our Appropriations Committee. We've talked about Academic Affairs already and we think she would make a great addition to the group.

(2) Holst: I want to be appointed because I want to learn more about Student Government and the way it functions. I want to be a positive advocate for the students on campus.

(3) O. Smith: Is there anything specific you want to see done on campus?

(a) Holst: My sister is a transfer student and she had kind of a rough transition, so I would like to see that transition improve a bit and make sure our transfer students have a good first impression here.

(4) Appointed.

ii) Sara Klamm as a member of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee (Montúfar)

(1) Montúfar: As you know Sara is an existing member of the body and she has contributed a lot to the body. We want to appoint more people to this committee because they only have two members right now.

(2) Klamm: I have always been interested in Diversity and Inclusion, so I want to work on promoting that on campus.

(3) Sprehe: Is Sara going to be working on both committees now?

(a) Montúfar: Yes.

(b) Sprehe: If it's too much for you Sara, that's okay, just let me know.

(4) Appointed.

d) Oath of Office

e) Announcements

i) Bates: Black History Month has started this week. If you have a spare moment, there are some events in the BSU.

ii) Bates: National Pizza Day is celebrated on February 9th from 2 pm.-4 pm. in the SUB Alumni Room.

iii) Bates: We are currently looking for building assistance in our building's operation area so please spread the word.

iv) O. Smith: I will talk to Colleen and Laura afterwards.

Adjourned: 6:21 PM