

**Truman State University Student Government  
Seventeenth Session of the 2021-2022 Executive Committee  
February 16, 2022**

**Convened: 7:03 p.m.**

**1) Preliminary Items**

a) Roll call

**2) Auxiliary Reports**

a) Speaker of the Student Senate

b) Academic Affairs Committee Chair

c) Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chair

i) Cooper: We first-read the resolution about including a designated Student Government representative to the LGBTQ+ Resource Center Advisory Committee. We'll try to get that passed at the next meeting.

ii) Cooper: We have a few resolutions we will propose this week. Also, we're going to make a motion this week about Diversity Week

(1) Montúfar: What resolutions?

(2) Cooper: Well, we are going to pass the designated StuGov representative resolution. Then we're going to first-read the resolution about including gender identity in Truman's nondiscrimination policy. Then, next week, we'll do a resolution about the resource center and commemorate the official opening of it.

(3) Montúfar: I know we allocated some money to the resource center, but we could maybe talk about the rooms on the other side of Baldwin such as the Interfaith Center, etc. in the event we buy everything we need for the resource center.

d) Environmental Affairs Committee Chair

e) External Affairs Committee

i) Owsley: I got an email from Paul Wagner and we have a talk event planned for this weekend, but we don't have a time set up yet. We might be closing in on our lobby date in late March/early April because I think legislative spring break is the same as ours so it will work out.

ii) Owsley: We are compiling ideas for voter registration on campus. I think I'm going to talk to Santino tonight about incorporating voter registration with Purple Friday.

(1) Montúfar: I know Janna Stoskopf has been the main person for voter registration at Truman. We've been talking about this topic for a few years now so maybe now is a good time to write an official

resolution about Student Government officially supporting voter registration efforts on campus.

**f) Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee Chair**

- i) Fox: I'm having a good transition! For one of our days on Wellness Week, I reached out to someone at the University Farm and there's a possibility we can bring rabbits and goats to the Quad. If not, we are planning on going through the Humane Society.
- ii) Fox: Dental dams came in today so we will make Wednesday Sexual Awareness day, handing out condoms and dental dams.
- iii) Fox: There's a possibility we could have counselors there on Thursday.
- iv) Fox: We're starting to go over other events for the month aside from Wellness Week.

(1) Mike: I'm excited for Open Mic Night.

(a) Fox: I'm actually thinking of pushing it back to early April so it doesn't crowd Wellness Week.

**g) Purple Friday Committee Chair**

**h) Student Affairs Committee Representative:**

- i) Barge: I have almost all of the sponsorship money. I talked to Laura Bates' contact from the Union and Involvement Office and they should have a design by the end of the week. In total, with my amount and sponsorships, I think we will have \$2,500 on t-shirts, for context: we spent around \$1,200 last year. There's a lot more organizations this year than last year. After I finish this, we will start working on Student Appreciation Week.

**i) IT Director**

- i) S. Myers: I've been updating the website on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

**j) PR Director**

- i) O'Reilly: I'm working on the posters for elections.

**3) Executive Reports**

**a) Treasurer**

**b) Secretary**

- i) Cook: No report.

**c) President and Vice President**

- i) Kershaw: President Sue Thomas has asked Shania and I for the students' opinions on the mask mandate. What should our discussion prompts be? What would be the most useful information to have?

(1) Cook: The number of cases in Adair County and at Truman would be beneficial to bring to the conversation. I know the numbers aren't accurate because people may have at-home tests where they test positive and aren't calling the Adair County Health Department to

report their positive case, but the numbers still might be good to bring up.

- (a) Montúfar: The issue is that the health department and other health departments across the state aren't really reporting the numbers to colleges, and they aren't updating them as often as they used to.
- (2) Montúfar: What are your opinions on the mask mandate? If and when we start lifting restrictions on masks, should we keep the mandate in certain spaces such as certain buildings?
- (3) Kershaw: What do you all think?
  - (a) Myers: I just want to not wear one in the Student Recreation Center. I don't think the students want to wear masks in the Student Recreation Center, either.
- ii) Kershaw: Kennedy's resolutions will be coming up and I want to give us the chance to talk through them.
  - (1) Cooper: The general idea of the resolution is that gender identity is not included in our nondiscrimination policy. Most public Missouri schools have this in their nondiscrimination policy, especially most of the COPLAC schools, so it's not like we are doing something unprecedented. I met with the faculty senate president and they have this on their agenda for their upcoming meeting. I sent an email to President Sue Thomas and I'm waiting to hear back about a possible meeting. I briefly met with Ryan Nely about this and he seems supportive of it.
    - (a) Montúfar: Is this under Title IX?
    - (b) Coop: I think it is based on Title IX.
    - (c) Montúfar: Is sexual orietnraiton covered in the nondiscrimination policy?
      - (i) Coop: Yes, that's what inspired me to do this resolution.
- iii) Montúfar: I don't believe we will have a meeting on March 13th. If you are going to bring resolutions, please try not to schedule them around Spring Break.
- iv) Montúfar: At our next meeting, we are going to have a conversation about the mask mandate so please be prepared for a lengthy discussion.

#### 4) Discussion Items:

**Adjourned: 7:39 p.m.**