

**Truman State University Student Government
Fifteenth Session of the 2021-2022 Executive Committee
February 2, 2022**

Convened: 5:02 p.m.

1) Preliminary Items

a) Roll call

2) Auxiliary Reports

a) Speaker of the Student Senate

b) Academic Affairs Committee Chair

i) Purinton:

(1) I have been asking for an update about the admissions criteria from Sheri. She is very helpful and very kind. I was asking her about the current GPA requirements and the current essay questions.

(2) Nominations are going live on Friday, and I have a meeting after this so we will make sure everything is ready for that.

(3) I have emailed Jesse about the money to get candy for Valentine's Day.

ii) Woods: What Valentine's Day date are you referencing?

(1) Purinton: I think there are two days, but the candy might be used for both. The SUB is sponsoring an event and then you guys are doing one. I'll let you know, but as of right now it's just the SUB's "heart celebration."

c) Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chair

i) Cooper:

(1) Today in my meeting we finalized what was happening with Diversity Week. We decided not to do the discussion about mental health and diversity; I did not feel qualified to run it and Saint did not have any suggestions on who could, so we think it would be better to not do it.

(2) We looked back at old events that could replace it on Monday, and one of them that didn't happen was about faith in the LGBTQ community, and Saint thinks this is a good idea.

(3) The movie will be shown on the 31st.

ii) Montúfar: Do you have any of my emails in the folder I gave you?

(1) Cooper: No I do not.

(a) Montúfar: I will try to get you some of those emails because I think we just reached out to different religious groups on campus. We have a funny directory of people who signed the

petition, so I've used that list to update people about the center, so it would make sense to email people in there to see if they wanted to be a part of the panel.

- iii) Kershaw: Barnett and Violette still need some of Kennedy's posters, so put those up during your office hour if you can!

d) Environmental Affairs Committee Chair

- i) Sprehe:

- (1) My movie still has not shown up, and the movie showing is next week, so I'm thinking that we're going to have to move it back again.

- (2) I can't get a hold of the Physical Plant, nobody on my team can, so if anyone has advice that would be great.

- (a) Kershaw: Dan with the Physical Plant is sometimes hard to get a hold of. What are you trying to do with them?

- (i) Sprehe: We have some ESFAC ideas to run by them, and we also want to talk about the labyrinth greenery. We wanted to collaborate with the greenhouse, but he didn't respond to me either, so I'm just trying to figure out how to get plants.

- (b) Kershaw: I would also advise that you talk to Dona Liss or Laura Shook.

- (c) Montúfar: When the University wanted to survey staff, they totally changed their delivery to the Physical Plant and I think they just do paper stuff. If there is ever something disastrously wrong on campus, submit a work order online.

- (3) We haven't finished handing out Campus Cups, so I'm going to talk to Tino about handing those out on Purple Friday.

- (a) Kershaw: We can also contact people directly.

- (4) I had my meeting with Dan and Krishna about what ResLife and StuGov can do together, so there might be a resolution coming out of that.

e) Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee Chair

- i) Woods:

- (1) I'm doing alright, it's just been a bit of a mess re-arranging things.

- (2) Please apply for Co-Chair, I don't think we've gotten any applications.

- (3) We're going to talk about the wellness fee tonight, and I have some information to share about that. As Sutton mentioned, there will be Valentine's Day tabling on the Friday before. Mike, could you please ask Tino if he can have extra candy?

- (a) Owsley: He says yes he can.
- (4) Wellness Week exists, and I realized on Sunday night that I have to really start working on that. On Thursday we wanted to have a UCS presentation where we give out stress balls and stickers. I think Andrew would be receptive to that, but I am reaching out. Do you think that students would attend an event with counselors?
- (a) Montúfar: You might want to include faculty and staff who want more information on those resources, and I think you would have a better turn out if you had both of those groups. I think having a good title is important.
- (b) Woods: Yeah I don't want it to be something too big, and we haven't done it in a couple of years, but we wanted to make Monday-Wednesday very chill, just advertising what we were doing through the rest of the week. I want to do it in the last week of March.
- (5) My last thing is puppy's on the quad, I would also love to collaborate with the university farm to get maybe some baby goats? I'm not sure. I don't want to just "rent" some puppies, so I wanted to ask your opinion on that.
- (a) Reynolds: They do have baby goats right now.
- (b) Montúfar: It's usually not good to have 5 consecutive days of stuff, so doing things that people can walk into, and free activities on the quad are great. As far as liability stuff, I'm not sure, I don't know why Laura was against it, but I think you would just need to check in with her more specifically. We've had petting zoos on the Mall before, so that would be cool.
- (c) Woods: That's a good point. I wanted to maybe charge for photos with the puppies if we are renting them so that that money can go toward the organization.
- (d) Purinton: I think it's more of a liability risk to ask people from Kirksville to come onto campus. Also, just to play devil's advocate about the puppies... apparently, the more you pass the animal around, the more likely they are to get sick. As far as the goats go, have we thought about goat yoga?
- (i) Woods: The amount of things I've heard about goat yoga going wrong is enough for me to be scared to bring goats into this campus. If we bring in random

Kirksville goats, I think that's more of a liability than the puppies.

- (ii) Purinton: You could also bring people to the University farm instead of bringing goats to us.
- (iii) Woods: I will write down goat yoga, riding horses, and a wellness visit to the farm and ask Laura.
- (iv) Cooper: Diversity is in the last week of March, so I think it would be an issue to do those in the same week.
- (v) Woods: We were going to do the week of the 21st, and I think yours is the week of the 28th.

f) Purple Friday Committee Chair

i) Owsley:

- (1) I am working with Kennedy soon.
- (2) I also talked to Luca who works with U&I and they want to do a voter registration project, so I want to work with them on that. I'll do other voter registration events before that, but I absolutely want to have a drive sponsored by the Union.
- (3) I'm going to the BOG meeting soon to capture a lobbyist and I'm going to ask him to tell us what to say.

- ii) Sprehe: I have a project proposal for an environmental and external collaboration. I had a conversation with PSAC about getting the campus and Kirksville on a renewable energy source, so they were saying that it might be good to go down to the meetings and voice our support. I think that would be a good time to get students together.

g) Student Affairs Committee Representative:

i) Barge:

- (1) I've talked to Shania and Ethan about this, but Mike and I wrote an email that we sent out to different organizations for our event. Mike, have all of the items been reserved?
 - (a) Owsley: The items have not been.
 - (b) Barge: Okay could you please reserve those?
 - (i) Owsley: Yes.
 - (c) Montúfar: What items?
 - (i) Barge: Some fun games.
- (2) I took a look at the purchasing schedule and I'm holding off on buying them. I'll probably buy them tomorrow, but I'm trying to see how many people are coming first.

(3) We have also sent out or sponsorship email to all the organizations on campus, as well as some of the departments. With Laura, the Rec Center, and Greek Life are providing \$150. APO is providing \$100, and ResLife and SAB are interested in planning events for that time frame. Pershing and a few others are interested as well. I would estimate that we will receive around \$1,000. I just want to keep on track with these sponsorships. I talked to Jesse about that to make sure that they have all the information that they need, and I've been connecting them with Jesse so they can get information on the technical aspects of sponsoring.

(4) The U&I and SAB are interested in helping with a new design.

ii) Montúfar: Do you need any extra volunteers from the rest of the Body? I was thinking about the types of support you might need... we also might have name tags in the office for visitors to use. If you have a need for volunteers, maybe make a Google Sheet and put it in the important links.

(1) Barge: I've heard from Laura that she has four people working on this event, but I think the more people the better. Thank you for bringing up the name tags, I do want to use those.

(a) Kershaw: The name tags are indeed in the office.

h) IT Director

i) S. Myers: Everything on the website is up to date.

i) PR Director

3) Executive Reports

a) Treasurer

b) Secretary

i) Reynolds: For those of you who don't know, I am resigning this Sunday. I am talking to Alexis later tonight about the position, and I think she would be great for it, so we'll see how that goes!

c) President and Vice President

i) Kershaw: I would like to remind people to document your work through resolutions.

ii) Montúfar: We sent out a whentomeet today hoping to do some more fun events. We wanted some COVID-friendly things, but it's hard to think of things that are safe since our group can be kind of large. We might have had some new appointments recently, so we wanted to have some social events. Encourage your associates to come too!

4) Discussion Items:

a) Health Fee Ideas

- i) Montúfar: CFM has a sliding scale fee. Before, the University was footing the bill for all of the counseling services, which was nice of them, but not sustainable. All of the transitional difficulties have started to settle down, but students still want access to counselors that have specific specialties. If we want UCS to be able to expand, they need funding. How do we support students when they aren't getting what they need? Referrals is one idea. You would have a consultation about pricing and needs during your first meeting, and if you need to refer someone out to do telehealth, that's okay. Our current student health fee is \$50-something. Mizzou's is \$120 per semester, and UMKC's is about \$75. A lot of them seem to be in the \$75-\$100 range, but ours is lower. There are a lot of questions about this, like what we would be able to provide with this funding, but I wanted to hear your thoughts and reactions. UCS is in support of giving more information about the process.
- ii) Woods: I can give more information. I think the referral process and the outsourcing will be very important. We also talked about changing the name of the fee to a health fee or wellness fee. I think that price jump will affect some students, so we have to keep that in mind. I think CFM and UCS are realizing that the need on campus is greater than they thought. I think at this time it makes sense to increase the wellness fee. There are some people who do not believe in therapy, but if we have it written in there that it services CFM generally, it might look better. I think in general I'm just concerned about how we present it. Do you want to call it the "health" fee or the "wellness" fee? I think a health fee will be more clear to students.
- iii) Purinton: I did not realize until I started working at the Student Health Center that it is a problem, and I feel bad about when students come in to increase their dosage for their medications because they couldn't find a counselor that would work with them. If you're wanting to call it a health fee, I would list all of the services that the Student Health Center offers so it really is a versatile fee. I am hearing a lot of concerns that the counseling center has not been helpful, so if this is what students need to feel supported, I think it's really good. Jonathan Vieker and Janet Gooch always ask about the campus climate, and this is what we need. Going at it from a health perspective as opposed to from a wellness perspective would be good.
- iv) Woods: Dr. Daley-Moore is in strong support of an increase. The fee can even help faculty... if you're lessening the burden on the students, you're lessening the burden on the faculty. They are suffering in different ways than we are.
- v) Montúfar: Are there any other thoughts?

- (1) Sprehe: I think it's a good idea. They already said what I wanted to say.
- (2) Barge: I think that's a good idea too.

Adjourned: 8:04 p.m.