

**Truman State University Student Government  
Twenty-first Session of the 2021-2022 General Body  
February 13th, 2022**

**Convened: 2:00 p.m.**

**1) Preliminary Items**

- a) Roll Call
- b) Gallery Business
- c) Changes to the Agenda
- d) Approval of Previous Minutes
- e) Membership Appointment & Resignation

**i) Resignations**

(1) Tori Woods as Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee Chair

- (a) O. Smith: To clarify, Tori will still be an associate senator on the Health, Wellness, and Safety committee.
- (b) Woods: I have greatly struggled to make the decision to resign, but as you all know, my health has not been the best recently and I feel that I'm unable to keep up the chairship position. I know that Esther will be a fabulous addition to the Health, Wellness, and Safety committee as chair. If you need anything, please reach out. Thank you for your support.

**ii) Major Appointments**

(1) Esther Fox as Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee Chair (Montúfar)

- (a) Montúfar: We had originally talked to Esther about fulfilling the co-chair position, but then when Tori needed to step down, Esther was able to be the main chair. She has done a lot of work as the Sexual Assault Prevention Designee and has been on the Health, Wellness, Safety Committee for some time.
- (b) Fox: I know the projects we are doing and I love the Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee. I know it will be a bit challenging as chair because I haven't been in any other chairship position, but I am confident that I will do well in this role.
- (c) O. Smith: We know that Tori has a lot of stuff going on for Wellness Week. Do you think you will still be able to make sure everything goes to plan?
  - (i) Fox: Yes, I have a manageable schedule and I'm not in many positions. Even if I do struggle with time, I know I will ask for help and Tori said that she was willing to help me.
- (d) Meyer: How many people are on Health, Wellness, and Safety and is there anything you would need for the rest of

us? Do you have any plans for turning three peoples' work to just you?

(i) Fox: Yes, I know Katrina, Lizzy, and Oscar will contribute a lot of work. I think it is really doable right now and I would be able to contribute a lot of work to it.

1. O. Smith: There are five members on the Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee, although Esther is the only voting senator.

(e) Appointed.

**iii)** Minor Appointments

**iv)** Oath of Office

## 2) Executive Reports

**a)** President

**i)** Montúfar: President Sue Thomas will give an address on Thursday, February 17, at 2 p.m. in the Georgian Rooms of the Student Union to kick off the Spring Strategic Planning and Assessment Workshop (SPAW) Sessions. Please attend if you can. We try to have a group of Student Government people there every year.

**ii)** Montúfar: The access link to the Leadership Recognition Form and packet can be found online at [involvement.truman.edu/leadership=recognition-program](http://involvement.truman.edu/leadership=recognition-program). Nomination forms are due by 5 p.m. on March 15. The awards ceremony will take place at 7 p.m. on April 12 in the Student Union Building.

**b)** Vice President

**i)** Kershaw: I will be at the State of University address, too.

**ii)** Kershaw: Hopefully, apparel and shirts will be in stock soon.

**c)** Treasurer

**i)** Wren: We do not have any appropriations requests; we are all caught up on requests. There are some delays with shipping and such, so if you have anything you need in March, please reach out now so I can process it and avoid any possible issues.

(1) O. Smith: With the elections moving up and transitions happening sooner, you may want to consider ordering anything you need sooner rather than later.

**d)** Secretary

**i)** Cook: Thank you for being patient with me recently. I know I have been sending out a lot of forms, but I just want to tie loose ends from this transition.

(1) Montúfar: Can you remind us where to find the absence form?

(a) Cook: It is pinned in the #importantlinks Slack channel, but it can also be found in the minutes email from 02/06. You can also message me if you want the absence form sent directly to you.

(2) Klamm: If we submitted an excuse on the old form, do we need to submit a new one?

(a) Cook: No, I already have all of those responses recorded.

e) PR Director

f) IT Director

i) S. Myers: No report.

g) Legislative Director

### 3) **Advisor Reports**

a) Staff Advisor

b) Faculty Advisor

### 4) **Old Business**

### 5) **Discussion Items**

### 6) **New Business**

a) [Resolution 121.010 - D&I Committee Rules Change](#) (Cooper)

i) Cooper: There is an advisory board that Shania and I are on for the LGBTQ+ Center. I want it to be in the standing rules that someone from the body will continue to go to the advisory board meeting after we both graduate, or if we are unable to attend.

(1) Montúfar: There is a representative from Student Government to be on the committee so it makes sense that we incorporate this in our standing rules. Kennedy and I will possibly have more information about how the representative will serve the committee next weekend.

(2) O. Smith: If you want to amend this to say that someone specifically should be on the committee, that is an option.

(a) Cooper: I will keep that in mind.

ii) First read.

b) [Resolution 121.011 - OAF Resolution](#) (Smith)

i) O. Smith: Organizational Activities Fee Review Board (henceforth, OAF) oversees the fees that students pay. It is a substantial amount of money, but specifically the Student Health Center and Information Technology (IT) fees are not controlled by students. OAF was placed in charge of these fees that they aren't knowledgeable of which can lead to some issues. If the fees need to be raised and we are informed of what the fees go to, I don't want OAF to have to come to us if they need help— that isn't fair to them. Sometimes there are student-proposed projects that they fund, but that is fairly rare. We currently don't mention OAF in the standing rules, which means the future President/Vice President may be confused in the future if past administrations don't carry that information on. What I really want to have happen today is to have a discussion on what to do with this information. I will likely table the resolution after this discussion and then come back to it when we have more discussion.

(1) Montúfar: I think some of the big points of clarification this resolution raises involves recruiting for the committee. Who would be on this committee? It seems like Business and Accounting should

be more hands-on in this process. It also may be hard to get the students to be involved in the committee. There needs to be more structure in organizing this committee and who will serve on it. The question remains... How will we review these fees? There are factors such as inflation that would go into what the fees should be used for. Another question is... How will we continue this committee, and how can we make this committee the most functional?

- (2) Kershaw: The biggest thing we should figure out is who should be in charge of organizing our student fees. It doesn't seem right that we should be in charge of it because we are one of the groups that should be audited and it doesn't make sense that we should be in charge of it. In regards to health fees, I don't think the University relies on us to have those fees raised, and they're not putting pressure on us to raise them. With the tuition not being capped, we need to be careful about the fees that we do not have control over.
- (3) O. Smith: First, student fees are not covered by scholarships. If the Student Health Center or IT updates, they would just raise tuition to cover it. The breakdown of where tuition money goes makes it hard to see what specific things are funded. Second, there have always been concerns about Student Government being one of the people on OAF because we are also audited.
- (4) Montúfar: Per our last conversation, Dave Rector sent us a breakdown of costs. In the Fall 2019 semester, our health fee covered 31% of operations at the Student Health Center. Now, they cover about 22%. You can see how that can be fairly unstable in the future.

ii) Tabled.

## 7) Committee Reports

### a) Academic Affairs Committee

i) Purinton: So far, we have received thirty nominations for Academic Accolades. Good job to those who have nominated someone- thank you! Nominations end on February 18th. Should you need information about accolades, please use the email [accolades@truman.edu](mailto:accolades@truman.edu).

ii) Purinton: We will be picking the COPLAC Dunn Award again this year!

### b) Diversity and Inclusion Committee

i) Cooper: Instead of doing a single Diversity Week poster, we will be doing posters for every event in the week, so that means I will be spending \$100 more on posters.

ii) Cooper: Power to Heal is coming up. Sara did a lot of research for that, so thank you Sara.

### c) Environmental Affairs Committee

### d) External Affairs Committee

i) Owsley: I got the lobbyist's email for Truman at the Capitol and I am going to start on organizing for that.

### e) Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee

- i) Fox: The Title IX event happened, thank you to everyone in Student Government who showed up.
  - ii) Fox: Today, I will talk to Tori more to get things situated for tomorrow's committee meeting.
- f) Student Affairs Committee
  - i) Barge: We held the Organizational Meet-and-Greet. I will be sending out forms to those who went. We had about twenty people come to the event. I had a lot of people say they liked the design of the event because it was informal. I will get more information from the attendees regarding comments and suggestions. I would like to do this event again in the future, but I would send it out to every organization next time.
    - (1) O. Smith: When are you ordering student appreciation t-shirts?
      - (a) Barge: I hope to do that soon. I am not asking for anymore sponsorships, now I am just waiting to receive money from organizations and such.
- g) Purple Friday Committee
  - i) Bono: I plan to spend no more than \$99 on candy for Purple Friday.
- h) Parking Appeals Committee
  - i) Meyer: There have been no parking appeals in the past six weeks for the semester. Please encourage anyone you know who received a ticket to file an appeal if they believe it is appropriate.
- i) Athletic Fee Accountability Committee
- j) Environmental Fee Accountability Committee
  - i) Arends: We had our first meeting where we got the ball rolling on projects this semester. Our Google Form asking for project proposals will come out this week. For our next meeting, we will have members being sworn in.
    - (1) O. Smith: Whenever you get that form, please send it to Sam so that he can get it on our website.

## 8) Auxiliary Reports

- a) Speaker
  - i) O. Smith: Shania, Ethan, Colleen, and I will be meeting sometime this week to talk about promoting elections. We are thinking of the traditional ways such as social media, Truman Today, posters, etc. We will likely make two posters— one for the elections and one for the presidential debate itself. I will have further discussion about having Vice Presidents at the debate. For elections, Truman Media Network has asked us to do the majority of brainstorming for debate questions so I will certainly put out a survey asking for student submissions and asking you all for help.
  - ii) O. Smith: We talked about the Athletic Fee Accountability Committee in the Governing Documents Committee, but we may not need to fix some issues regarding that because we aren't the primary organization to be involved in that process.
- b) Board of Governors Representative
- c) Organizational Representatives
  - i) FAC Representative

- ii) RHA Representative
- iii) SAB Representative

9) **Announcements**

**Adjourned: 2:44 pm**