

**Truman State University Student Government  
Twenty-third Session of the 2021-2022 General Body  
February 27th, 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
- e) Membership Appointment & Resignation
  - i) Resignations

(1) Luke Rascher as Voting Senator (Cook)

(a) Cook: As you all know, Luke is a part of our general body as a voting senator. He is on the External Affairs committee. He has three weekly time commitments so according to the recently revised attendance policy, he is allowed three unexcused absences. He has exceeded his amount of unexcused absences and I haven't heard anything from him regarding this. Shania and I have tried reaching out to him, but he isn't responding to either of us. Initially, I gave him leeway, but I also need to uphold the integrity of the position so that is why I'm bringing him to be removed.

- ii) Major Appointments
- iii) Minor Appointments
- iv) Oath of Office

**2) Executive Reports**

- a) President
- b) Vice President
  - i) Kershaw: We have a volleyball game on Thursday night, you should try to make it if you can. Hope everyone has a good Spring Break!
  - ii) Kershaw: Make sure to get your money motions in now.
- c) Treasurer
  - i) Wren: Please reach out this week if you plan on spending money. Please submit money motions no later than March 22nd.
  - ii) Wren: We are going to have some appropriation applications to go over today.
- d) Secretary
  - i) Cook: No report.
- e) PR Director
- f) IT Director
  - i) S. Myers: No report.
- g) Legislative Director

**3) Advisor Reports**

a) Staff Advisor

i) Bates: Hope everyone has a safe Spring Break!

ii) Bates: The videos for Strategic Planning Assessment Workshop should be out now. If you're going to be involved in student politics or are otherwise interested in what the university will be doing moving forward, you should pay attention to this.

iii) Bates: I will be in a conference from March 12th until March 16th. I will have access to Slack, but responding to emails will have to wait until after 5 p.m. during those days.

b) Faculty Advisor

4) Old Business

a) [Resolution 121.011 - Nondiscrimination Policy](#) (Cooper)

i) Cooper: I did make a couple changes from last week. There was a section talking about already-existing Missouri laws that Shania recommended I cut out, so I did. I changed things to make it more grammatically correct, but other than that, it is all the same.

(1) Bishop: As the protected classes currently are, gender identity is already mentioned and this resolution just specifically mentions it. Have you gotten the chance to confirm that?

(a) Cooper: Yes, it is currently protected, but nothing is solid and they're able to change. I think it would be advantageous as a university to make it solidified.

(i) O. Smith: How can it change?

1. Cooper: Court cases can be overturned. Also, each presidential administration offers their own interpretations of the nondiscrimination policy.

(b) R. Myers: From my understanding, it's just a technicality.

ii) Approved by Unanimous Consent.

5) Discussion Items

6) New Business

a) [AFAC Slate](#) (Niemeier)

i) Niemeier: Hi, I'm Maddie from the Athletic Fee Accountability Committee (AFAC) and we have two proposals that we want to get passed soon. First is the insurance policy. If someone were to get hurt at a basketball game, for example, this would cover those expenses. It would offset the costs from the budget they would come from. Second is the tennis court repairs. The last time they were repaired was 2010 and it cost \$300,000. Currently, the tennis courts have cracks in them and aren't in the best shape. If we pass the slate now, they're hoping to get it done by the summer.

(1) Sprehe: We can bring multiple AFAC slates forward, correct?

(a) Niemeier: Yeah, these are the two projects we want to focus on for now. They did an estimate for the tennis courts in the last year.

- (i) Bates: That is based on some other resurfacing that was done. Based on that dollar amount, it is required to go out for bid.
  - 1. O. Smith: You're going to come back with a specific amount, right?
    - a. Niemeier: Yes, we will come back. We have more issues that we will bring to the body.
  - (b) Bates: I've never known it to come back in multiple slates. It is an odd diversion of the operating procedure, but it is up to you all whether it is in alignment with it.
- (2) Bates: Were there open applications for it?
  - (a) Niemeier: These two projects have been on the AFAC's agenda for a while. All of these projects were supposed to be done by October, but I was appointed in December so I think we are just now getting the ball rolling. I will send an email in April with more ideas.
    - (i) Bates: April may be too late, but we will talk about that later in discussion.
- (3) Bates: With the insurance proposal, do you know if it is allowed? The university is insured by the Legal Defense Fund so I know if I go out and get a separate insurance policy, that would pay before the state would pay. This slate can still be passed, I would just make sure you check into that.
  - (a) Niemeier: I can definitely ask Jerry. But, my friend just broke his collarbone while playing and he told me that they used his insurance first and then the university covers it after.
- (4) Sprehe: How comfortable do we feel tabling this slate? If we first read this today, we won't have enough time to get requests from athletic organizations.
  - (a) Bono: Can we table after we first read it?
    - (i) O. Smith: Yes, we can, but it has to be second read within two meetings of the table. At this point, we have very few meetings left. From Maddie's point of view, the athletic department prioritized these few proposals and by buying into these projects, it restricts spending money on other projects. But, if these are the two main projects, I don't think they will spend it any other way.
- (5) Bates: Do you know what your budget is that you are allotted?
  - (a) Neimeier: He said after these two things are approved, we would have \$250,000 left.
- (6) Kershaw: Could we possibly take the last four off the slate and keep the first two? Because it sounds like you are wanting the approval for

those first two projects right now, and will possibly come back later for the other projects.

- (a) Niemeier: Yeah, we talked about the bottom four and we definitely want to get to them at some point, but you can take them off of this slate. They are still iffy about the other four projects being the next things we bring up.
- (7) O. Smith: I don't see a problem with the slate and why we need to divide it. It isn't unprecedented because it isn't uncharted territory. We talked about the purpose of the athletics fee in prior conversations and I know we are so far from the people who implemented the fee, so I think we should listen to Maddie for these proposals.
- (8) Bates: Is ballot language updated on the website? From the state perspective, the funding requests need to be through the ballot language. As students, you set up this fee and told the state that you would use it for \_\_\_\_\_, so you have to make sure the funding is going for those things. For example, one year, the fees were going towards club sports but it wasn't outlined in the ballot. So, if we don't have it now, we need to get that in there.
  - (a) O. Smith: I am not 100% sure if we have to have applications open, but we should think about this.
- (9) O. Smith: These two things on the slate, do you want them to be approved today? If not, the earliest we can approve them would be March 13th.
  - (a) Niemeier: I know we are trying to get them approved as soon as possible, but I knew I would need to come back and get them approved.
    - (i) O. Smith: There are ways to get it approved in one meeting.
- (10) R. Myers: Does the language mean all varsity sports?
  - (a) Niemeier: I think so. For the tennis courts, they asked for \$125,000, but the estimate was different.
  - (b) Myers: The insurance policy, is it just for varsity athletes?
    - (i) Niemeier: I will check.
- (11) Sprehe: I think we should open applications to club sports. For our second slate, we should open it to them.
  - (a) Bates: The fee is primarily supposed to go to intercollegiate athletics, there is a separate fee for non-intercollegiate sports.
- (12) Kershaw: There was a time in 2016-2017, when we passed two slates from AFAC, so it is not unprecedented.
- (13) O. Smith: We can move to suspend the rules, but just think about if we have more applications in the meantime.

**ii)** First read.

**iii)** Moved to suspend the Standing Rules and second read the AFAC slate.

- (1) Bates: Can you follow up with the remaining exact balance just so this group can know what to expect people to come back with?
    - (a) Niemeier: Yes.
  - (2) Kershaw: Do you think we need to pass it this week?
    - (a) Niemeier: I know that we aren't in debt because we have leftover money from previous years, but we are in debt for the insurance stuff for this year. I know if we want the tennis courts done for next year, we have to have it approved and initiated before spring break.
  - (3) R. Myers: People practice other stuff on the tennis courts so I think we should definitely approve it to get it for those people.
  - (4) O. Smith: We've talked about the operating procedures before... Do you have them?
    - (a) Niemeier: Yes.
  - (5) Bates: We are moving a little outside because we are supposed to consider non-intercollegiate athletics before.
    - (a) O. Smith: Since there will be more than 15% left, I think we are okay on that front.
- iv) Approved by Unanimous Consent.**
- b) Appropriations Applications (Wren)**
- i) [GlobeMed Application](#)**
    - (1) Wren: GlobeMed is requesting about \$150 for the Zoom pro plan so their members can have the best experience in their meetings. Our committee agrees to fund that because we know that COVID is still a thing and it would enhance their organization.
    - (2) Sprehe: I am in GlobeMed, but I did not contribute to this decision and I did not sway anything.
    - (3) Bates: Is this something they can pay for and get reimbursed?
      - (a) Sprehe: Reimbursement should be fine.
    - (4) Bono: I'm not a member, but I have attended a couple meetings and I think they are a good organization so I would support giving funds for this.
    - (5) R. Myers: I'm curious why the free version doesn't suffice.
      - (a) Bono: I'm President of the College Democrats and the free forty minutes version doesn't work for us. Sometimes meetings go over forty minutes and retention is hard when Zoom kicks all of us off of the video call and then we lose some people when we log back in.
      - (b) Sprehe: These are just facts— I'm not trying to persuade anything. We have a partner in Uganda and the meetings last more than forty minutes and sometimes the connection isn't the greatest. This partnership is super important to our organization. People on Zoom would have to miss out on those meetings if they're longer than 40 minutes.

(6) R. Myers: My only concern is the precedent we would set where we support Zoom pro for every organization on campus. I totally understand that organizations will still use Zoom because COVID, but if it comes to the point where the university needs to address it, that's something they should do. All that said, I think because the organization specifically needs it, I support approving this request.

(a) Wren: I also thought about this, Robert. But, we don't get enough applications for Zoom subscriptions for this to be a problem. I see it as, they took the time to apply and their application was very thought out and they did lay out that it was beneficial for their organization. Also, we would only fund Zoom pro for one time.

(7) Approved by Unanimous Consent.

ii) [K. Burgin Application](#) and [R. Williams Application](#)

(1) Wren: Both of these students are in the Master of Athletic Training Program and going to the Mid-America Athletic Trainers' Association District Conference in Nebraska in March 2022. The only difference between the two applications is the name. Our committee unanimously denied the applications because we didn't feel like the experience benefitted Truman in a way that other conferences could. Also, they agreed that the conference was more of a personal contribution, but the purpose of appropriations is to enhance the university as a whole.

(2) Sprehe: We have passed slates before for people going to conferences, but those are award recognition ceremonies such as Blue Key and Health Science Department, so, that's the distinction between previous slates and this one.

(3) Kershaw: How much money do we have left in appropriations?

(a) Wren: \$3,850 after the Zoom application.

(4) Myers: Last semester, did we reject people from the Master of Arts in Education Program to go to a conference?

(a) Bates: We approved for them to go.

(b) Wren: Two of those students are on the Midwest Board for the conference and they represent Truman on that board. That was the difference between that application and this one. If we wanted to fund these students, we could always just cover their registration fees.

(c) O. Smith: It was a group of seven students and they requested \$600 total, but we denied the funding for food/gas and gave them about \$300. We could deny this and issue a recommendation that they resubmit an application.

(i) Wren: Not even that. If you all deny it, it gets sent back to our committee and we would talk to them about why it was denied. They don't need to resubmit

the application. The only issue with that is the timing because their conference is March 17th.

- (5) R. Myers: We have a good chunk of the budget left, so I do agree that we should at least cover registration fees. Even though they aren't going to the conference on behalf of the university like the other group, they still do represent us.
    - (a) O. Smith: Registration fees are \$40/person.
  - (6) Kershaw: K. Burgin's application does mention that they are an officer of the organization.
  - (7) Wren: We are talking about covering just their registration fees, but that is not guaranteed because today we are voting whether you approve our recommendation to fund it all or deny it all. It was a unanimous decision to not approve it, in case that makes it a little bit easier.
  - (8) R. Myers: I want the committee to reconsider funding just the registration fees.
  - (9) Bates: The conference is after Spring Break so keep that in mind.
    - (a) O. Smith: We will have a meeting on March 13th.
    - (b) Myers: We could reimburse them for it, right?
      - (i) Bates: Yes.
  - (10) Rejected, 0-4-9.
- c) [Student Appreciation Week Shirt Money Motion](#) (Barge)
- i) Barge: My committee has been working on this for quite some time. You can see the total cost, how many shirts, etc. on the money motion. We need to make sure we can get in the shirts now because it can take a very long time getting to us. You can see where all the costs are coming from. This is roughly the same amount, maybe less, than last year, but we have four times the shirts. That means we could possibly give them out every day of the week.
    - (1) Sprehe: When is Student Appreciation Week?
      - (a) Barge: Roughly, April 22nd. A lot of that is driven by shirts. I would like to have an idea of when the shirts are coming in and then I would like to advertise after that.
      - (b) Sprehe: That week is Earth Week which isn't necessarily an issue, but we can make our events at different times.
      - (c) Barge: A lot of the events aren't set in stone, yet. There are mainly just giveaways and tabling during specific parts of the day. I know we also considered buying and passing out food, but to my knowledge, there shouldn't be anything conflicting with Earth Week.
    - ii) Approved by Unanimous Consent.
- d) [Wellness Week Money Motion](#) (Fox)
- i) Fox: I decided that we are going to do three different posters advertising for the week.

- ii) Fox: The money goes to art supplies, fruit and other food, and “just-in-case” money for shipping.
- iii) R. Myers: Why is it \$50 per poster?
  - (1) Fox: It is \$50 worth of posters.
  - (2) R. Myers: How many posters ?
    - (a) Fox: About 30.
- iv) Kershaw: You can also use the art supplies in the office for this event.
- v) Approved by Unanimous Consent.
- e) [LGBTQ+ Center Event Money Motion](#) (Cooper)
  - i) Cooper: Shania and I decided to have a festivity to celebrate the resource center on the quad. It’ll be similar to the National Coming Out Day event last semester. We are going to work with the Center for Diversity and Inclusion, Student Activities Board, and other organizations for this event. We are going to get lanyards, stickers, posters, and food.
  - ii) Bishop: There is specific money that the Student Government set aside for the resource center. Is this money motion going from that budget?
    - (1) Cooper: Yes.
  - iii) O. Smith: Are other organizations going to contribute?
    - (1) Cooper: Yes, but mainly the other organizations are going to be there for tabling.
  - iv) Approved by Unanimous Consent.

## 7) Committee Reports

- a) Academic Affairs Committee
  - i) Purinton: We got fifty-one nominations for professors. We looked through them this week and picked the professors that we will send the essay prompts to. I will email them very soon. We chose a winner for the COPLAC Dunn award and I will announce that in Slack tomorrow.
- b) Diversity and Inclusion Committee
  - i) Cooper: We’ve included another event for Diversity Week. We are figuring things out for the week and it is going well.
  - ii) Cooper: I went to the Faculty Senate to talk about the nondiscrimination policy and the general consensus was that there were no issues with it and they would officially consider adopting it at their next meeting in March.
- c) Environmental Affairs Committee
  - i) Sprehe: We will find a different time to show the movie.
  - ii) Sprehe: Some of the committee members are working on ESFAC proposals. Some are working on Earth Week programming.
  - iii) Sprehe: We also have a couple of resolutions about energy sources in Kirksville and at Truman that we’re working on.
- d) External Affairs Committee
  - i) Owsley: No report.
- e) Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee
  - i) Fox: We decided that we would keep the University Counseling Services event separate from Wellness Week. We are meeting with people from the Mental Health First Aid capstone.



- ii) Fox: It is confirmed that goats are coming for wellness week so you should be excited!
  - f) Student Affairs Committee
    - i) Barge: We are thinking of other activities to do during Student Appreciation Week and we want to have a solid plan in the coming weeks.
  - g) Purple Friday Committee
    - i) Bono: Sorry I got the sign-ups out late last week. I just sent out the sign-ups for this week.
      - (1) Sprehe: Can we hand out the menstrual cups this Purple Friday?
  - h) Parking Appeals Committee
    - i) M. Myers: Finally got the parking appeals! Yay!
  - i) Athletic Fee Accountability Committee
  - j) Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee
- 8) **Auxiliary Reports**
  - a) Speaker
    - i) O. Smith: Had a meeting with Dr. Barnes- he is a graduate-level accounting professor. He is going to talk to the graduate-level accounting students to start working with the Organization Activities Fee (OAF) Review Committee. This is good because we are the ones in charge of this process, but we are also audited.
      - (1) Bates: Have you talked to Janna about OAF since she is a faculty member? I think it would be good to keep her in the loop.
        - (a) O. Smith: I will show up to her office sometime this week.
    - ii) O. Smith: I submitted the poster design to Laura and publications. I had a change of heart and decided vice presidential candidates will be included in the presidential debate.
    - iii) O. Smith: We have a form ready to submit questions for the debate and I will ask all of you to submit some questions. I would appreciate it because you all have been here for a while and you know the things that are important regarding the administration.
    - iv) O. Smith: Please start talking to people about Student Government so we can have a full election ballot.
  - b) Board of Governors Representative
  - c) Organizational Representatives
    - i) FAC Representative
    - ii) RHA Representative
    - iii) SAB Representative

## 9) **Announcements**

**Adjourned: 6:13 p.m.**