

**Truman State University Student Government
Twenty-fifth Session of the 2021-2022 General Body
March 20th, 2022**

Convened: 5:02 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) Morgan Sprehe as Environmental Affairs Committee Chair
 - (a) O. Smith: She has some health issues which has caused her to be absent from meetings and such. We wish her the best wishes. I know Morgan and the rest of the committee decided it would be best for her to resign.
 - ii) Major Appointments
 - (1) Blaine Smallwood as Environmental Affairs Committee Chair (Kershaw)
 - (a) Kershaw: I spoke with Morgan and the rest of the committee and they all seemed on board with Blaine taking over. Blaine has served on the Environmental Affairs committee last year and I believe he will do well.
 - (b) Smallwood: The main thing I want to focus on is the money motion that we will be discussing today and Earth Week, which will be less than a month from now. We still have to do things like tabling, programming, and fundraising. I look forward to taking over these projects.
 - (2) Appointed.
 - iii) Minor Appointments
 - iv) Oath of Office

2) Executive Reports

- a) President
 - i) Montúfar: This Tuesday evening, we are meeting with Dave Rector and Mike Garzanelli about the Organizational Activities Fees review board (OAF), Environmental Sustainability Fees Accountability Committee (ESFAC), and Athletic Fees Accountability Committee (AFAC). You can expect next weekend, I will bring a resolution or an executive order depending on how the meeting goes.
 - (1) Bates: Do we know when info about AFAC proposals will come back? Because we really need to look into fixing the Rugby goal post.
 - (a) Montúfar: Yeah, I will email Maddie again.

(2) O. Smith: I'm writing a resolution on OAF so if you want anything to go into that, let me know and we can talk about it.

- b) Vice President
 - i) Kershaw: On Thursday, I helped host an Environmental Policy Forum with Drew, the ESFAC Chair. A lot of people were interested in biodiversity on campus and specifically the watershed towards Barnett, past the bridge. Sometimes it turns black and presents a problem. So, that can be an interesting area to explore. If you want more information, you can reach out to Drew or I.
 - ii) Kershaw: Floor hockey is tomorrow at 4:30 p.m. If any women would like to play, we would really appreciate it so please contact me or Kennedy.
- c) Treasurer
 - i) Wren: No report.
- d) Secretary
 - i) No report.
- e) PR Director
 - i) O'Reilly: There will be a post going out tonight about elections because they start tomorrow.
 - ii) O'Reilly: The candidate posters will also be going out and they'll look exactly the same as last semester.
- f) IT Director
 - i) S. Myers: No report.
- g) Legislative Director
- 3) **Advisor Reports**
 - a) Staff Advisor
 - i) Bates: All of Kennedy's stuff is here. Apparel keeps coming and going. There have been some issues with Student Appreciation Week, but I think they've been handled.
 - ii) Bates: If we centralize our sticker ordering such as Warren, Kennedy, and Blaine's stickers ordered together, it will be cheaper and then you can use that extra money towards other things.
 - b) Faculty Advisor
- 4) **Old Business**
- 5) **Discussion Items**
- 6) **New Business**
 - a) [Earth Week Money Motion](#) (Smallwood)
 - i) Smallwood: Earth Week is coming up fast so I was talking to Jesse from the Sustainability Office and we went over three sticker designs. We are ordering one hundred of each sticker, the President's Sustainability Action Committee (PSAC) is ordering the posters, and for the silverware— I am planning on ordering two hundred of them. The total is about \$740.
 - (1) Bates: I'm sending you some comments about your stickers. You said this is what the Sustainability Office wants, but is this what you want? If there's something you or the body wants, I want to make sure that is reflected as well.

(2) O. Smith: The sticker designs themselves are good, but I think the problem is having Student Government and Sustainability Office on there makes it seem like the Sustainability Office is within Student Government.

(a) Montúfar: I thought the same, but you can easily add “and” and it would separate them.

(3) O. Smith: For the first sticker, it says “Save the Bees” and that’s a specific organization on campus, is it referring to that? Or, just the saying in general?

(a) Smallwood: Just the saying, but Jay Sitze is from Save the Bees so I will talk to her.

(4) Montúfar: If you don’t plan on giving it all out, will you table later?

(a) Smallwood: Yes, that’s typically how it will go.

(5) Bates: If you have the Student Government logo on these supplies, it will make sense for us to be the ones who are giving it out.

(6) O. Smith: Are they also contributing money to something? Are we taking the remainder of the silverware afterwards?

(a) Smallwood: Yes, I see both of us being separated whenever we table for Earth Week and we would be the ones handing it out. Also, yes, we’ll be taking the rest of the silverware.

ii) Approved by Unanimous Consent.

7) Committee Reports

a) Academic Affairs Committee

i) Purinton: As far as Academic Accolades go, it is all slowly coming to an end. We received the essay responses from all of the professors we contacted. Our committee has already chosen our Research Mentor of the Year and Educator of the Year based on eligibility requirements. We have some recommendations for the future committee about criteria for each award.

(1) O. Smith: Do you have an idea of how we will change Academic Accolades now? Or, would it be in the end-of-year report?

(a) Purinton: Unfortunately, it will be a recommendation for next year. But, the committee and I have exactly what we will recommend in mind, and what we want the future chair to implement in the future.

ii) Purinton: We have three candidates we are interviewing over the next couple weeks for Faculty Wellness Honoree of the Year Award.

iii) Purinton: We have decided to use the promotional candy to tell professors they were nominated and give them a gift for being so great.

iv) Purinton: If you know any senior who would be interested in giving the graduation commencement speech, tell them to fill out the form.

(1) Cook: I have a senior who is interested in giving the graduation commencement speech, but doesn’t know what the requirements are, who is eligible, how the speaker is picked, etc.

(a) Purinton: When the form comes out, it will say all of that information. They will submit their speech and then answer

one or two prompts about being the speaker. Then, they'll give the speech in front of a committee so that we make sure it flows. The three main things the committee is looking for the speech to be are short, sweet, and making sure they are good at public speaking and not just writing.

b) Diversity and Inclusion Committee

- i)** Cooper: Diversity Week is happening soon! My posters and bookmarks have not been approved yet which is a bit stressful since the week is coming up soon.
- ii)** Cooper: The banner is almost complete! Shout out to Abigail and Sara for their help.
- iii)** Cooper: I've started my end-of-year report and it'll probably be pretty long.

c) Environmental Affairs Committee

- i)** Smallwood: We just passed the money motion so I will talk to the people I need to talk to tonight about the stickers.
- ii)** Smallwood: I'm going to continue to work with my committee about Earth Week preparations and such.
 - (1) Montúfar: Do you think you'll need any tabling support from the General Body?
 - (a) Smallwood: Probably. The event is from 3 p.m.-6 p.m. on the Friday of Earth Week.
 - (2) Bates: Have actual reservations been made? If not, we should look into that.

d) External Affairs Committee

- i)** Owsley: My committee and I talked about voter registration with Santino and we are planning to do it on April 8th which is the same day as the end of Truman Elections. We thought it would be cool to have them be the same day.
- ii)** Owsley: I've been working on a resolution to increase voter registration efforts on campus. I know Janna Stoskoph would be in support of it because she has been talking about it for some time.
- iii)** Owsley: I've been talking to Colleen about posting something on Instagram about city council elections which is the same week as our elections.
- iv)** Owsley: I'm still planning for Truman at the Capitol to happen after transition.

e) Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee

f) Student Affairs Committee

- i)** Barge: I know that the person in the Union & Involvement office that I'm working with had issues with the logo on the t-shirts, but we worked it out.
- ii)** Barge: My committee and I talked about what we're planning to spend the rest of our budget on. We are wanting to do \$100/day spent on food, then we are hoping to buy one hundred \$5 gift cards and pass out twenty each day which will get students to come in at different times of the day, then we will also do \$100 of candy. If we successfully do all of that, we will still have about \$300 left in the budget. The reason that I picked those specific things

is because I imagine we aren't going to have issues with shipping and that'll make our committee feel better that we aren't waiting for something that might not come in and we might not be able to use. We are hoping to pass the money motion for all of these next week. I'm bringing this up to General Body now because I kinda wanted you all to start thinking about what we could spend the remaining \$300 on. We're looking for things that students will appreciate and that won't run into issues with shipping.

(1) Mont: Where were you planning on tabling?

(a) Barge: Outside the Student Union Building.

(b) Mont: OK, I was thinking about maybe doing a spinner for passing out the gift cards.

(i) Barge: I think that's a great idea.

(ii) Mont: For the remaining \$300, you can do a big gift card in the spinner.

iii) Purinton: We have candy that you could use.

iv) Bates: Last year, you paid upfront for things. This year, we have a coupon process where we only charge you for what people use.

v) Bates: Stickers take about ten days, at max. I've had them back in five, but the business office may be busy so there are a few days for buffer. I had Kennedy's lanyard and artwork back soon after we ordered them. As long as you're picking an item in stock, all will be fine.

vi) Bates: Gift cards for prizes are not allowed. But, something that has been successful is making an Amazon wish list where people can go on and claim what they want. Everything was in the same dollar limit and we would order what they wanted.

g) Purple Friday Committee

i) Bono: We have voter registration with Mike coming soon.

ii) Bono: My end-of-year report is coming along.

h) Parking Appeals Committee

i) M. Myers: No report.

i) Athletic Fee Accountability Committee

j) Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee

8) Auxiliary Reports

a) Speaker

i) O. Smith: Declaration for elections opens tomorrow! Please encourage everyone you know to run. Please read the handbook— even though we passed it, you should still become familiar with the dates, times, and rules. Informational sessions are happening this week, this Monday and Wednesday 7 p.m. on Zoom. If you are planning to run again, these sessions do not take very long so I would encourage you to attend the first session tomorrow night. All candidates can send me their picture and blurb starting tomorrow, but they'll go out starting Monday the 28th. The Presidential debate is next Monday at 6:30 p.m., so please ask people to attend. I need help putting the posters up for that and I would love for people other than Jesse and Kennedy helping me. I love their help, but I would really like

others to pitch in. I will also need help setting out elections yard signs and I will send out a time for people to help me with that, too.

- ii) O. Smith: We plan to spend less than \$100 on rope for the banners.
- iii) O. Smith: I will be meeting with Dr. Michael Barnes on OAF this Thursday and talking with Shania. Expect a resolution on that coming April 3rd, the week before transition.
- iv) O. Smith: I will be gone next week at a tennis tournament in Lawrence, Kansas with Club Tennis. Kennedy will be pro temping. Please still send me stuff for the agenda, and I will send it out Friday before I leave

b) Board of Governors Representative

c) Organizational Representatives

i) FAC Representative

ii) RHA Representative

iii) SAB Representative

9) **Announcements**

- a) Bates: There will be a chance for you to stop by the Union tomorrow at 4 p.m. and learn about how to reserve rooms through the room lottery.
- b) Bates: If you know anyone who needs a job, the Union is hiring.
- c) Bono: Scott Sifton, a Truman and Student Government alumna, will be coming tomorrow night to speak to College Dems at 8 p.m. in Violette Hall 1146.
- d) Cooper: On Saturday at 6 p.m., I will be doing a planetarium show and it will be epic.

Adjourned: 5:50 p.m.