

**Truman State University Student Government
Twenty-eighth & Final Session of the 2021-2022 General Body
April 10th, 2022**

Convened: 3:30 p.m.

1) Preliminary Items

- a) Roll Call
- b) Gallery Business
 - i) Peterson: My name is Madison Peterson and I am the Assistant Athletics Director. I am here to support Maddie in the Athletics Fee Accountability Committee (AFAC) Slate today.
- c) Changes to the Agenda
- d) Approval of Previous Minutes
 - i) Approved.
- e) Membership Appointment & Resignation
 - i) Resignations
 - ii) Major Appointments
 - iii) Minor Appointments
 - iv) Oath of Office

2) Executive Reports

- a) President
 - i) Montúfar: This meeting marks the end of my seventh semester in the Student Government. I did some rough math, and that totals out to around one hundred meetings in this room for the past four years. I've seen this organization at its highs, like hosting university-wide conferences, securing gender inclusive housing options in residence life, and starting an LGBTQ+ resource center. I have also seen it at its lows, like seeing university enrollment drop, dealing with compiling community burnout, and on a less serious note - squabbling over the ethics of condom distribution. The past few years have been some of the most challenging that higher education has seen in recent history. As student leaders, this means that we are asked to engage with and address these crises. Considering all of these challenges, I am so incredibly proud to be in this room with you today. This organization, this table, represents a community that is willing to show-up for Truman, even when it feels almost impossible. The care and energy you bring to bettering our community is essential. Although our work goes largely unrecognized at times, please know that you are valued, appreciated, and very needed. In the coming years, you will be asked to help rebuild our community. This work will require patience, innovation, and hope. Hope that we can strive for a vibrant, kind, and unified Truman. Please know that there is a long line of Student Government alums and friends rooting for you at each step. I'm here if you ever need to talk or need anything. So, take care of yourselves, and please know that I believe in you.
- b) Vice President

- i) Kershaw: Our New Member of the Year is Colleen O'Reilly. Our Voting Senator of the Year is Esther Fox. Our Committee Chair of the Year is Kennedy Cooper. Our Committee of the Year is the Student Affairs Committee.
 - ii) Kershaw: I have a resolution that I will present later that I will discuss when it is time.
 - c) Treasurer
 - i) Wren: Owen will discuss the appropriations slate later on. There aren't any monetary concerns we are worried about right now. Everything has been requisitioned.
 - d) Secretary
 - i) Cook: Thank you all for being patient with me this term!
 - e) PR Director
 - i) O'Reilly: It has been a great year and thank you!
 - (1) O. Smith: Thoughts on being PR Director again?
 - (a) O'Reilly: No comment.
 - f) IT Director
 - g) Legislative Director
- 3) **Advisor Reports**
 - a) Staff Advisor
 - i) Bates: I think we will have a pro-tem next week so I need to get reimbursement forms and communication about spending as soon as possible so we can get it in a reasonable amount of time.
 - ii) Bates: For those of you who are leaving or graduating, good luck to you! For those who will be on the body next year, I will see you then!
 - b) Faculty Advisor
- 4) **Old Business**
 - a) [ESFAC Slate](#) (Arends)
 - i) Arends: There is a link to the collection form we sent out. If you get the chance to look at it, it details the specific answers to each question we received about the proposals.
 - (1) Montúfar: Did we ever get clarification about the status of the communiversity garden?
 - (a) Arends: I talked to the people in the sustainability office and I found out that we are unaware of the status of the group—who was in charge of it before. If they are inactive, that is something they need to work out themselves. We have been given permission to facilitate the communiversity garden and some of those projects.
 - ii) Arends: We also talked about the Sustainability Research Grant proposal. If for some reason the Office of Student Research doesn't want this money reserved for them, it will go back into reserves.
 - iii) Approved by 12-0-1.
 - b) Resolution 121.012 - [A Resolution Concerning OAF Regulations](#) (Smith)

- i) O. Smith: The only changes from last week when we first-read this, include some grammatical changes and per Ethan's suggestion, I put that if the President doesn't appoint an Organizational Activities Fee review board (OAF) representative, it will go automatically to our Treasurer. Something that is important right now, there is a provision where the newly-elected President of the Student Association has to meet with the Fees Allotment Council (FAC) Chair, Student Activities Board (SAB) Chair, Janna Stoskopf, and Dr. Barnes before the end of the semester. Otherwise, I think this will enhance OAF in the future.
 - ii) Approved by Unanimous Consent.
- c) Resolution 121.013 - [A Resolution Supporting the Creation of Environmentally-Focused Academic Programs](#) (Kershaw)
 - i) Kershaw: We took some of the feedback from last week's first-read and included information from other universities who have these programs, information about jobs, information about students who are currently involved in these programs. The last four bullets on the first page are mainly where we added new information.
 - ii) Montúfar: I think it does make a more compelling case as to why we should have this program. I don't have a point of reference to know if thirteen graduates in Interdisciplinary Studies Major (IDSM) is a lot, relative to other IDSM majors. But still, the fact that there are thirteen students without a major is impressive and shows that there is a desire to have that major... and that's without even having a department.
 - (1) Kershaw: I didn't get an exact number of people who would graduate from this program, but I do know that this is one of the more popular paths out of the other IDSM paths. I know Disability Studies and other programs have major templates for IDSM majors to follow, but the Environmental/Sustainability Science/Studies program doesn't really have that.
 - iii) O. Smith: Dr. Becker is the Chair of the minor, Dr. Harker is a professor of it, but she is leaving... will there be new faculty? Will there be consistent support for this program?
 - (1) Smallwood: Yes. There will be a new Biology professor, Dr. Drew Sieg. He is creating the new Environmental Science major right now. There will be support for this program because it has been taught already.
 - iv) Arends: Because of the lack of faculty that will be with us the next couple of semesters, we felt that it would be important to include the recommendation and obvious need for Environmental courses and that's why we added many points in this resolution addressing this specific issue.
 - v) Bishop: There is clearly some interest, but I don't know if there is enough to incorporate it as a whole major. Thirteen graduates in the past five years isn't a lot. I'm not sure how viable it is for the university to hire more faculty if we only have this amount of people.

- vi) R. Myers: I think the point of this is to show what the students want out of the university. I think the university will meet the demand for it, whatever it is. Our job is to say we want this program, and their job is to make a good program out of what we want.
- vii) Smallwood: The major being created is Environmental Science major and they will keep the Environmental Studies minor because they're two different things. It's important to keep those in mind.
- viii) Kershaw: I think it's hard to know how many students would take advantage of this because without a set major program, it's hard to advertise it to students, so we aren't necessarily recruiting students to go towards this program. Based upon some other research Drew and I did, we got more of a sense that students were interested in this.
- ix) Montúfar: If you were a high schooler thinking of pursuing an Environmental Science major, you wouldn't exactly consider Truman because it doesn't seem on paper that we would have support in this discipline, but I do think we would have an increase if it was more of a formal structure outside of IDSM.
- x) O. Smith: For the demand of classes, I hope there are enough classes offered to allow people to continue on the path that the major/minor has established. I'm sure everyone has experienced a time where someone can't get into a required class, so I just want to make sure that the university considers that.
- xi) Arends: I hope this resolution shows widespread support from the Student Government to the university and pushes it towards more sustainable and environmental efforts.
- xii) Approved by 11-1-1.

5) Discussion Items

6) New Business

a) [PRISM Appropriations Application](#) (Wren)

- i) O. Smith: The committee felt that it was really just for a club activity and not an event that they would have on campus; it was just a social thing they would have for folks in the club. Part of the rubric they've devised— they think it doesn't align with the goal of appropriations. We are open to discuss this and debate this, but that is the rationale the committee has come up with.
- ii) Smallwood: My movie for the rights we got last weekend was \$450 and this one is \$650.
- iii) Montúfar: I think the amount they are requesting is a fair reason to deny the slate. But, it does look like they do want it to be open to the public.
 - (1) O. Smith: Had they focused more on what the community discussion was and what specific students they wanted to come, I think it would fulfill the purpose of appropriations.
 - (2) Bates: They also say "We hope to have a discussion of peaceful protest at our weekly meeting," so my guess is that it being a weekly

organization meeting means that they aren't aligned with the appropriations.

- iv)** Kershaw: If we deny this recommendation, what happens?
 - (1) O. Smith: The timeline for sending appropriations requests has passed. If we approve the committee's decision to deny them, they would not be able to reapply.
- v)** R. Myers: The application is kind of vague and their mission is because "We want to grow an organization," but I think this is the worst time to try to recruit members— people are graduating and leaving.
 - (1) Bates: If any group can get any PR to try and attract members, it is fair. Being able to try and attract people at all is a valid effort with how member enrollment is.
 - (2) O. Smith: Jesse did tell me that he didn't personally agree with the idea "We should spend the money because we have it."
- vi)** Montúfar: The reason we are thinking of denying them isn't something we normally look into. We don't normally look at the success of recruiting members— that's in the ballpark of the applicant. This seems like a genuine attempt at recruiting members, whether it is last minute.
- vii)** O. Smith: Article I, Section 20, Clause 10 of the Standing Rules says April 1st is the deadline for appropriations, so they wouldn't be able to reapply.
- viii)** R. Myers: If we don't give them this money, it'll rollover. I think it will be in the best interest of their recruiting if they wait to reapply. They will have more success next year when they can grab freshmen. I haven't heard of this event, and it's in three days, so I'm not sure that they will get a lot of recruitment. Also, I'm not sure if they'll be able to purchase the rights for the movie.
- ix)** Owsley: Nothing says that they can't reapply in the fall when they have more time to advertise.
- x)** R. Myers: I can see them reapplying in the fall even if we do give them the money now. I would feel bad approving the money twice over.
- xi)** Owsley: If I were in the position to vote "yes" in the fall, I would.
- xii)** Bono: I might be missing something, but I feel like the application is broad. We don't know what version of the movie it is.
- xiii)** Appropriations Recommendation Approved by 8-0-5.
- b)** Resolution 121.014 - [A Resolution Endorsing the Athletic Fee Accountability Committee's Long-Term Project Selection: Softball Turf Field](#) (Niemeyer)
 - i)** Niemeyer: Baseball just got turfed this year and according to Title IX, we need to do both fields. We are trying to save money so that we can do that project soon.
 - ii)** R. Myers: Considering we need to do it because of Title IX, what is our procedure for it?
 - (1) O. Smith: Essentially, we don't have enough money currently in the budget, but it is in the AFAC operating procedures that if they are saving over 40% of their budget, Student Government has to pass a resolution saying that we are supporting it.

- (2) R. Myers: Are we legitimizing the process?
- (a) O. Smith: It is just in the AFAC rules. It is more of a commitment of the money so future chairs would know.
- (i) R. Myers: What if the general body always disagrees with it?
1. O. Smith: We would deny the money, AFAC would get mad at us, the money wouldn't get spent, and it would sit in the bank account.
 2. Bates: We would get visits from the appropriate people telling us why that money needs to be spent that specific way.
- iii) Bishop: Would we second-read this next semester?
- (1) O. Smith: We will suspend the standing rules and second-read it. The next group of people being elected wouldn't know what it is about but still pass it, and I'd prefer not to have them do that.
- iv) Carey: How does everyone feel about the baseball fields being turfed?
- (1) Niemeyer: Yes, it's saving them a lot of time and they are able to play in the rain now.
- v) Montúfar: I tend to think the people who work in those departments can give us the best recommendations so then I believe it is important to listen to them.
- vi) R. Myers: It concerns me conceptually that we are expected to pass things no matter what.
- (1) O. Smith: A significant amount of projects gets done from the AFAC fee, and I know it's a conversation we are currently having. What we can do about that is... not much. It is a bit weird that we are the ones putting the stamp of approval on the money. The purpose of the Athletics fee is to fund athletics and that is in the hands of the Student Government.
 - (2) Montúfar: That is what the executive order from a few weeks ago outlines. Really, we are just a check on how the money is used. The nature of it is just like that.
 - (3) Owsley: This is the most typical government thing we could do. It is a huge part of the federal budget every year— mandatory spending. I don't see any issues approving it and I don't see any issue voting to deny it because we have the votes anyway.
 - (4) Kershaw: This money is from a student fee and we approved student fees in the first place. If there is an issue with how the student fees are going, that is important. Right now, the money is already allocated to go to athletics. I find softball turfing a worthy project. If you do have comments about the project itself, please say so.
- vii)** First read.
- viii)** Motion to suspend the standing rules.
- (1) Approved.
- ix)** Approved by Unanimous Consent.

c) AFAC Slate (Niemeyer)

- i) Niemeyer: We have multiple projects that we are trying to work on. We talked about club sports last time I was here, and about how 10% of the money goes to them. So, we decided we would help the rugby goals because they are falling apart.
- ii) Niemeyer: We also need a new field painter and striper because the Physical Plant told us we need that.
- iii) Niemeyer: We also need a new washer in Pershing because it isn't working anymore.
- iv) Niemeyer: The scoreboards for baseball and softball have the old logo so we need to update it.
- v) Niemeyer: The fencing for baseball and softball isn't safe so we are going to update that as well.
- vi) Niemeyer: Maintenance and repairs for the fields are in it as well.
- vii) Montúfar: When trying to figure out how to fund club/intramural sports, how did you go about soliciting responses?
 - (1) Peterson: We waited for people to come to us. We weren't sure what was needed. We have a club sport representative on our AFAC committee and we asked her for ideas. The rugby captains personally reached out to us.
- viii) Montúfar: For AFAC submissions, maybe there could be something that the Environmental/Sustainability Fees Accountability Committee (ESFAC) did with a proposal submission that started and ended at a certain time.
 - (1) Bates: That usually happens, but the shape of the committee this year didn't allow for that process to happen.
- ix) Carey: Are there more applications that we haven't considered?
 - (1) Peterson: There was one other application for sand volleyball, but it wasn't submitted in time for us to bring it forward.
- x) Carey: We got everything in here that we were told about so I don't see a need to deny it.
- xi) First read.
- xii) Motion to suspend the standing rules.
 - (1) Approved.
- xiii) Approved by Unanimous Consent.

7) **Committee Reports**

- a) Academic Affairs Committee
- b) Diversity and Inclusion Committee
 - i) Cooper: It's been a great year for my committee and we got a lot of stuff done! Shoutout to my committee members for their great work. I'm looking forward to next year.
- c) Environmental Affairs Committee
 - i) Smallwood: We did a bunch of cool things and I hope that with the returning and new members, we will do more cool things.
 - (1) O. Smith: Any word on Earth Week?

- (a) Smallwood: Technically, we are done, but people can reach out if they want to help tabling.
 - d) External Affairs Committee**
 - i)** Owsley: Great year. Biggest thanks to Colleen! We got a new prosecuting attorney in Adair County.
 - (1) Bishop: Who is the prosecuting attorney?
 - (a) Owsley: He is David Goring. He was the assistant DA and worked on the Department of Commerce for Missouri.
 - e) Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee**
 - i)** Fox: Thank you for being patient with me during this transition!
 - f) Student Affairs Committee**
 - i)** Barge: Thank you to my members! For those members staying on, remember that we have Student Appreciation Week at the end of this month.
 - g) Purple Friday Committee**
 - i)** Bono: No report.
 - h) Parking Appeals Committee**
 - i) Athletic Fee Accountability Committee**
 - i)** Niemeyer: No report.
 - j) Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee**
 - i)** Arends: It's been a good semester and I'm glad to be a part of a committee that has approved so many projects.
- 8) Auxiliary Reports**
- a) Speaker**
 - i)** O. Smith: Elections happened! We had 457 people vote. That's more than 10% of the undergraduate population of campus. It is not as good as last year, but it is a lot better than the fall.
 - ii)** O. Smith: My end-of-year-report is done. Lots of information for the new speaker. If you have yours done, please send that to me or put it in the folder in the shared drive. It is important for future positions to know what to do.
 - iii)** O. Smith: If you have a nametag, please return that to Laura.
 - iv)** O. Smith: It has been a pleasure serving as the speaker.
 - b) Board of Governors Representative**
 - i)** Smeltzer: The Board of Governors met yesterday. Everything that I talked about last meeting passed. We have our new Undergraduate Certificate of Business Analytics, our B.A. and B.S. of Social Issue Advocacy, and all of our construction projects including the tennis court resurfacing, parking lots, virtual anatomy tables, and then there's the tuition increase of \$335.
 - ii)** Smeltzer: We also got \$3.42 million in federal funding from the appropriation bill that President Biden just signed. With that new funding, we will be finishing the Greenwood Building.
 - iii)** Montúfar: Now that the Board has approved the list of majors, does it go to the State next?
 - (1) Smeltzer: Nope, it is passed.
 - iv)** O. Smith: When will the tennis courts be done?

(1) Smeltzer: It's starting this summer, but I don't know how long it will take considering the supply issues and such. The Pershing Building will be done by May 1st.

- c) Organizational Representatives
 - i) FAC Representative
 - ii) RHA Representative
 - iii) SAB Representative
- 9) **Announcements**
 - a) Bishop: Next Thursday is the Student Research Conference, and Shania, Warren, Krishna, I, and others will be presenting.
 - b) Smallwood: Matilda is coming up this week from Wednesday to Saturday.
 - c) Bates: Leadership Recognition Program is Tuesday. I know several people are invited and Adam is presenting the award for Shining Stars.
 - d) Fox: Phi Beta Sigma is hosting an event on Sexual Assault Awareness and I will be a panelist on that so please come!
 - e) O. Smith: Club Tennis! Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7-9 p.m. Let me know if you want to be added to that GroupMe.
 - f) Montúfar: I have a gallery show coming up in a couple weeks! It is the annual student gallery show for B.F.A. students. I will send the dates to the Slack channels.

Adjourned: 4:40 p.m.