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Student Government Resolution 121.012
A Resolution Concerning OAF Regulations

Sponsored by: Owen Smith, Governing Documents Review Board Chair; Kennedy Cooper, Owen Hamill, and Em Smith, Governing Documents Review Board Members, John Marx, FAC Chair; Kara Hunt, SAB President; Janna Stoskopf, Dean of Student Life

WHEREAS,

- The Student Government is the official governing body of the Student Association and exists to represent the present and long term best interests of the Student Association in the formulation of the University policy and in the fulfillment of the University's mission; and
- The Truman State University Student Government is bound by the rules detailed in its governing documents; and
- On October 3rd, 2021, President Shania Montúfar issued an executive order authorizing the creation of a Governing Documents Review Board¹; and
- Said executive order authorizes the Review Board to identify and make changes to necessary sections, clauses, and articles of the Student Government's governing documents to "Revisit the Organizational Activities Fee Review Board (OAF) operating procedures to create clarity in the review process"; and
- OAF is a committee that audits student-enacted fees and the organizations using them, evaluates student support of the usage of the fees, and recommends changes in the amounts of the fees based on their findings; and
- Student-enacted fees include the Activities Fee, Athletic Fee, Environmental Sustainability Fee, Student Health Fee, and IT Fee; and
- OAF's Procedures were changed in 2019 to move from a tri-yearly review cycle to an annual review cycle where the Activities Fee is reviewed one year, and all other fees the next; and
- The COVID-19 pandemic impeded the ability of the committee to review the Activities Fee and Collegiate Readership Program in 2019-2020 as scheduled; and
- As such, OAF has not conducted a full review of the Athletic or Environmental Sustainability Fees since 2016-2017; and

¹<https://senate.truman.edu/files/2021/10/An-Executive-Order-Establishing-a-Governing-Documents-Review-Board-for-the-Fall-2021-Semester.pdf>

- OAF has not reviewed the Student Health Fee since at least 2011, and has never reviewed the IT Fee since its creation in 2014; and
- The two above fees are administered by University staff, rather than students; and
- On March 27th, 2022, Student Government President Shania Montúfar issued an Executive Order² which asked that suggestions for changes to the Student Health, IT, and Athletics Fees “be received directly from university administration as opposed to being brought forward through a committee-initiated slate or OAF review cycle”; and
- OAF's chairperson and members at-large serve two-year terms; and
- The chair and at-large members must be students without ties to the three fee-based organizations, which increases the difficulty in finding willing and eligible students; and
- Students within the Accounting Department have frequently fulfilled the role of at-large members on OAF; and
- While not common in the past, releasing the cap on the number of at-large representatives who may serve on OAF may encourage students with similar professional interests to work on the committee; and
- The OAF Operating Procedures state the presidents of the three fee-based organizations (Student Government, the Student Activities Board, and the Funds Allotment Council) must unanimously select a student chairperson and members at-large for the committee by October 1st³; and
- None of the fee-based organizations' governing documents mention the duty of their president to select OAF members; and
- Including regulations in Student Government, SAB, and FAC's governing documents regarding the role of their respective Presidents in finding an OAF chairperson and members at-large would ensure the committee is formed in a timely manner in the future; and
- The fee-based organizations should further identify which of their members should serve as their body's representative to OAF in their governing documents, to ensure OAF has consistent membership; and
- Amendments to the relevant sections of the Standing Rules and OAF Operating Procedures are available in the Appendices below;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT,

- Supports the efforts of the 2022-2023 Student Government, SAB, and FAC Presidents in finding members for the 2022-2023 OAF Review Board; and

²<https://senate.truman.edu/files/2022/03/An-Executive-Order-Establishing-a-Streamlined-Process-for-Student-Initiated-Fee-Proposal.pdf>

³Available at <https://senate.truman.edu/archives/officialdocuments/>

- Recommends that student members in OAF be drawn from student organizations, especially those with accounting/audit or campus betterment missions; and
- Supports the efforts of Dr. Michael Barnes, Accounting Graduate Program Director, to involve graduate-level accounting students with OAF on a regular basis; and
- Proposes that Dr. Barnes be designated as the Accounting Department's 'non-student consultant' to OAF to ensure the committee's work is fulfilled with real-life audit standards in mind; and
- Further recommends that future OAF reviews work with classes in areas such as statistics to find ways to adequately gauge student opinion and assess the use of each fee; and
- Suggests to the 2022-2023 OAF Committee that the first fee reviewed is the Activities Fee, as conversations with administrators continue on how to best review the Athletics, Student Health, and IT Fees; and
- Asks the Office of Student Life to consider adding a scholarship job under their department for the student serving as the OAF chairperson to spark more applicants for the chairship; and
- Approves the proposed changes to the Standing Rules of the Truman State University Student Government, as well as those to the OAF Operating Procedures; and
- Shall immediately implement, upon approval by the Student Senate, the proposed amendments to the Standing Rules and OAF Operating Procedures; and
- Shall make, upon approval and immediate effect of the amendments to the governing documents, any corrections to section title or numbering in the table of contents of the governing documents;

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT OF TRUMAN STATE DIRECTS THAT,

- The President of the Student Association elected in the Spring 2022 Student Government Elections meet with the Chair of FAC, President of SAB, the OAF Advisor (Dean of Student Life Janna Stoskopf), and Dr. Michael Barnes at least once before the end of April 2022 to begin coordinating how to best recruit a chairperson and at-large members from the Student Association; and
- Additional copies of this resolution be disseminated to: President Sue Thomas; Janna Stoskopf, Dean of Student Life; Laura Bates, Executive Director for the Student Union and Campus Recreation; Chief Information Officer Donna Liss; Jerry Wolmering, Director of Athletics; Dave Rector, University Budget Director; Mike Garzanelli, University Comptroller; Kara Hunt, President of SAB; Kennedy Cooper, President-elect of Student Government; Dylan de Leon, FAC Chair-elect; Dr. Stacy Kaden, Accounting Department Chair; Dr. Michael Barnes, Accounting Graduate Program Director; the organization or presidential emails of the following organizations: Beta Alpha Psi, Delta Sigma Pi, the National Association of Black Accountants, RHA, NRHH, the Missouri, West Campus, Ryle, Centennial, and BNB Hall Councils; the Office of Special

Collections, and the Truman Media Network.

Passed by Unanimous Consent, April 10, 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shania Montúfar". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the name.

Shania Montúfar, President of the Student Association

Appendix A: Standing Rules Amendment

Article I: The Student Senate

Section 6: Organizational Activities Fee Review Board (OAF) Representative

Clause 1

The President of the Student Association shall select, by minor appointment, a current voting member of the Student Government to serve as the organization's representative to OAF, the committee which reviews the student-enacted fees.

Clause 2

Such an appointment shall be made by October 1st of each year.

Clause 3

If no voting member is appointed by October 1st, the representative shall no longer be required to be a current voting member; any current or former member of Student Government will be eligible to fulfill this role.

Clause 4

Should no appointment be made by October 31st, the Treasurer shall serve as the representative.

Article II: Executive Board

Section 1: Duties of the President

Clause 1

In the event that a student representative and alternate(s), or the Vice President cannot attend an external committee meeting, the President may designate a temporary representative. This temporary representative shall have all of the rights of a regular student representative to the committee. The temporary representative to Faculty Senate and Undergraduate Council must be a voting or executive member of the Student Senate.

Clause 2

The President shall coordinate with the Presidents of the two other fee-based organizations (the Student Activities Board and Funds Allotment Council), the Dean of Student Life, and the OAF Business/Accounting non-student faculty consultant to create an application for a chairperson and members at-large of the Organizational Activities Fee Review Board (OAF). The Presidents must approve these OAF members by a unanimous vote by October 1st every other year or when these positions have openings, as mandated by the OAF Operating Procedures.

Clause 2

The President shall be required to attend a Fall and Spring retreat as scheduled by the Executive Committee.

Clause 3

The President shall attend all regular and special meetings of the Student Senate and report at each regular meeting of the Student Senate.

Clause 4

The President shall hold a minimum of one regularly scheduled office hour per week in the Student Senate office. These office hours may not run concurrently with office hours for any other organization.

Clause 5

The President shall submit an end of the year report.

Clause 6

The President shall be a member of the Executive Board and the Executive Committee.

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Section 3: Duties of the Treasurer

Clause 5

The Treasurer shall hold a minimum of one regularly scheduled office hour per week in the Student Senate office. These office hours may not run concurrently with office hours for any other organization.

Clause 6

The Treasurer shall be required to meet with the other fee-based treasurers at least once per semester to review budgetary guidelines and report on their respective processes.

Clause 7

The Treasurer shall serve as the Student Senate Representative to the Organizational Activities Fee Review Board (OAF) if no other member is appointed as Representative by October 31st.

Clause 7

The Treasurer shall submit an end of the year report.

Clause 8

The Treasurer shall be a member of the Executive Board and Executive Committee.

Appendix B: OAF Operating Procedures Amendment

Article III: Committee Membership

Section 2: Student Members

Clause 1

The student members of the Organization Activities Fee Review Committee shall conduct most of the work of the committee and their opinions should carry the most weight in the discussions of the committee.

Clause 2

Student members of the Organization Activities Fee Review Committee include:

- A Chairperson
- One Student Senate Representative
- One Funds Allotment Council Representative
- One Student Activities Board Representative
- One Athletic Fee Accountability Committee Representative
- One Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee Representative
- Three **or more** students at large.

Article IV: Selection Guidelines for Members

Section 6: The Student At Large Representatives

Clause 1

The three **or more** student at large representatives shall be students who have no substantial ties or connections to any of the student initiated fees or the organizations and departments administering them.

Clause 2

The application and selection process of the **three** student at large representatives shall be overseen by the President of the Student Association, the President of the Funds Allotment Council, and the President of the Student Activities Board.

Clause 3

Student at large representatives shall be selected by a unanimous vote of the President of the Student Association, the President of the Funds Allotment Council, and the President of the Student Activities Board.

Clause 4

If a unanimous decision cannot be reached among the three fee-based student organizations by October 1st, the **Dean of Student Life Vice President of Student Affairs** shall make the executive decision on how to move forward.