

**Truman State University Student Government**  
**Second Session of the 2021-2022 Executive Committee**  
**September 9th, 2022**

**Convened: 5:54 PM**

- 1) Preliminary Items**
- 2) Auxiliary Reports**
- 3) Executive Reports**
- 4) Discussion Items:**

a) Cooper: We need to work on our goals for the year. I would like for everyone to go around and share two goals.

i) Smallwood: For Sustainability Month, I want to do a couple of events during Earth Week about environmental racism and climate justice, also reaching out to people at Hispanic-American Leadership Organization regarding this issue. I want to start a highway cleanup. I think we used to have it, but it got shut down. Maybe we could do it once a month.

ii) Barge: The first thing I want to work on is writing a guidebook about hosting voter registration events, especially with the guidelines of this new law. It would be nice to have it written out to help out future years so they don't have to look back at the law directly. The other thing is I would love to have more debates with different organizations such as College Democrats and College Republicans.

(1) Bono: Adam Bishop is thinking about putting together a Political Science Expo.

(2) Owsley: You could possibly look into the League of Women Voters because they might be also starting a guidebook.

(3) Stout: The Forensics team is looking into hosting more debates for fundraising. The abortion debate was a horrible idea because it opened up a lot of harmful rhetoric, but maybe we could do something different than that.

iii) Bono: I have two goals. The Greenwood Center— a school for Northeast Missouri residents who have children with autism— is something that is up and running now so I would like to have an Academic Affairs Committee member in that business. The other goal I have is to figure out how to fix the advising situation. We might have two associate senators who's entire job is to look into advising.

(1) Holst: I agree. I was looking into Academic Accolades, too. Maybe getting the word out better so we can increase attendance.

iv) Ghenima: My first goal is to get the LGBTQ+ Resource Center running and making it a resource for people. I would also like to look at pending projects

and see what we can do with those. I would like to reach out to organizations on campus and see what projects they would like to do and put on. I would like to look into organizations doing diversity and inclusion training sessions.

v) Owsley: My biggest goal was to finish the budget which I was able to do. I do hope that I will be able to find a way to bolster the reserve in any way I can, that way we have more rollover. I would also like to talk about extending the student health center fee to better fund University Counseling Services. I care a lot about that and I think it is a big priority. I think playing around with the fees is one of the most important things we can do as a body. I would, at least, like our Student Government to express that this is an issue that we care about.

vi) Cook: I would like to see a Black Student Representative in place this session. We have this position for a reason. I think it was introduced in Summer 2020 and there's only been one person in that position since. It's super important to have representation in our Student Government and currently, we do not have a Black member. The other goal I have is getting the Organizational Activities Fees Review Committee (OAF) process going this year. I know it is a big, big process and there are a lot of moving parts to it. I just hope we can get somewhere in that process... make some sort of progress.

(1) Stout: Can someone remind me what OAF is?

(a) Cooper: It's a big auditing process and people can argue that people will have more money. If we can't appoint someone who is a voting senator, it just has to be someone on the body.

(i) Owsley: It will take a while to accomplish it, so just know that I would be more than willing to do these things.

vii) Cooper: Esther and I have goals to increase engagement with the Student Government, and across the student body as a whole. For the past two years, it's been lacking. We would like to continue the development of the LGBTQ+ Resource Center. We also are hoping to be more of a support for all of our committees.

(1) Stout: On the topic of engagement, there are like four people on their phones at any given time during the meeting. It's natural to a degree, but I think people take Student Government more seriously when Student Government takes Student Government more seriously. People in the gallery are watching people not take the meeting seriously. I think once we act like an actual body, people will take us more seriously.

- (a) Cooper: We are going to try to refocus Student Government's branding. Also, Esther and I are going to encourage you guys to contribute to the discussion. In weeks that we have more discussion, people are going to talk about it more. Even if discussion is just about people being appointed, it would communicate that we care about these issues and help getting others to care about these issues.
- (2) Ghenima: Something we need to work on is being more open to the student body. We really need to advertise to people that we have office hours for a reason.
  - (a) Fox: We could post our office hours on our Instagram and keep posting information about that.
- (3) Owsley: I could dedicate money to a marketing department or something like that.
- (4) Fox: Since the weather is nice, we could always host discussion sessions outside where students can talk about things that matter to them.
  - (a) Cooper: Something like a town hall.
- (5) Cook: We could utilize Instagram Stories to invite people to talk to us about issues they're interested in.
- (6) Cooper: What if we rebranded Student Affairs to something that is solely focused on student engagement, for example, as opposed to working on random student-related projects?
  - (a) Barge: If you want Student Affairs to take a more centralized role, it would probably require a lot more hands on deck. It takes more labor to host an event as opposed to writing a resolution. Trying to run events that we plan is difficult when you don't have the people available. It's easier to work with people in-house as opposed to working with other organizations. Something that is important to know is that the Union and Involvement's list of email addresses and current Presidents is very outdated. It's difficult to include organizations on campus if we can't appropriately communicate to organizations on campus.
    - (i) Owsley: I work for the Union and Involvement and there's only so much we can do to get accurate information. If there's not a correct email list, it may be more on the organizations for not replying or providing information.
      1. Barge: I think, in the end, for the President's Roundtable, only a third of people who came

were actually contacted. Maybe we could try to collect email addresses and current information from the organizations ourselves. At the very least, if we have our own list of contacts, we know it's a list we can rely on.

(7) Fox: I feel like we have an idea of what people are interested about fixing on campus. Maybe we can have people submit responses on a form.

b) Cooper: During retreat, you guys are going to have a few minutes to talk about what your committee/position does and invite the new members to be on your committee. I will send out the slideshow for that very soon.

i) Stout: What should I talk about?

(1) Bono: Point of order, point of clarification, and things like that.

(2) Cooper: You talk about the Standing Rules, Robert's Rules, and what your position does in Student Government.

c) Fox: I don't want to be useless, so if I can help in any way, I would appreciate it.

**Adjourned: 6:24 PM**