

Truman State University Student Government
Fourth Session of the 2022-2023 General Body
August 28th, 2022

Convened: 5:00 PM

1) Preliminary Items

a) Roll Call

b) Gallery Business

i) Tyana Lange, Vice President of Student Engagement, Enrollment & Marketing

(1) Lange: Hello! I am the Vice President of Student Engagement, Enrollment & Marketing and I asked if I could attend so I could introduce myself. As this new position gets moving, all student enrollment gets moved, too. From my perspective, I just want to make sure you have a face and a name. It is my job to remove obstacles and make sure students are enrolled and retained. Thank you all for what you do in Student Government!

(2) Cook: Is there anything you would like to see Student Government accomplish this term that is related to your position?

(a) Lange: Not that I can think of. I know we ramped up Truman Week and we're doing the same with Welcome Week. I would love some feedback on the planner that we did this year. If you have any advice on the planner, such as what we could add or change, it would be appreciated! If you have any ideas that would enhance our students' experience, I would be open to any suggestions or comments.

(3) Smith: What is the best way to contact you?

(a) Lange: My email is tyana@truman.edu and that would be the best way to contact me. My office is in the Presidential Suite so if I am not in the Student Union, I will be in my office over there.

ii) Owen Smith

(1) Smith: I was on the body for the last two years and I hope I can still be a resource to anyone who needs anything. For now, I am going to serve as the Club Tennis Organization Representative.

c) Changes to the Agenda

d) Approval of Previous Minutes

i) Approved.

e) Appointment & Resignation

i) Resignations

ii) Designations

(1) Owen Smith as Club Tennis Org. Rep

(a) Thornhill: What power do you have in this position?

(i) Smith: I get to tell you about things that happen in Club Tennis each week. If you guys vote on anything, I can endorse or not endorse on behalf of the organization.

(b) Kolesiak: Is your main reason to be designated because you want to be involved in Student Government, but wanted a lesser role, or did you want to come with Club Tennis business?

(i) Smith: Both. I think every organization should have an organizational representative.

iii) Major Appointments

(1) Yasmine Ghenima as Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chair

(a) Cooper: Yasmine is super cool. She has worked closely with the Center for Diversity and Inclusion (CD) and Center for International Students (CIS) and I think that will help her be a good Diversity and Inclusion (D&I) Chair. We talked about the future plans of the D&I committee and she has a lot of good ideas about connecting the CIS and Student Government, plus plans about the LGBTQ+ Resource Center.

(b) Ghenima: Being a part of this committee is one of the main reasons why I wanted to join the body. I want to see what projects we can do and what Truman can do to enhance inclusion on campus. I imagine I will work with the CIS and CDI more in this position.

(i) Sitze: I know you said you didn't have a lot of ideas, but are there any specific initiatives you would like to see?

1. Ghenima: I talked with my boss at the CIS about having a coffee time for people who are underrepresented to come talk, network, and have a safe space to be in.

2. Ghenima: I also want to see if there are any projects that are pending from the committee.

(ii) Smith: When would you think about having Diversity Week?

1. Ghenima: I haven't thought about it much.

iv) Oath of Office

2) Executive Reports

a) President

- i) Cooper: You all need to be using Slack. It is our primary means of communication. If you have been struggling to use Slack, please reach out.
- ii) Cooper: If you sign up to do something and if you cannot come, please tell someone that you cannot come. Don't just not show up.
- iii) Cooper: If you are free at any point on Wednesday, please sign up for the Activities Fair.
- iv) Cooper: Last spring, we went through the process of sending a slate of Board of Governors candidates and then the Governor's Office chooses who is the representative. We still haven't heard back about it, and President Thomas doesn't think that we will hear back about it for a while. Our previous Board of Governors Student Representative Abby is still going to the meetings, even though she's graduated.

b) Vice President

- i) Fox: Since Roe v. Wade was overturned, Complete Family Medicine will still be providing Plan B and the nearest spot for that is in Quincy, Illinois.
- ii) Fox: Governor Parsons is hosting a meeting about personal income tax which affects all of us, so consider attending!
- iii) Fox: We are looking for a Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee Chair so please apply for it because that is one of our larger committees that typically has a lot of business.
- iv) Fox: I'm going to reiterate the message I sent you all in Slack from Carolyn Cox. There is a Zoom Chronic Disease Self-Management Course for any Truman students with any chronic disease. For more information about that, you can look at the graphic I sent in the Slack.
- v) Smith: Have you asked any political science people about being Legislative Director?
 - (1) Cooper: We will probably do more recruiting for executive staff positions after elections.
- vi) O'Reilly: What positions are open?
 - (1) Cooper: Health, Wellness, and Safety Chair, Student Affairs Chair, Purple Friday Chair, and Legislative Director.

c) Treasurer

- i) Owsley: I've been notified of everything that has been billed to us so far.
- ii) Owsley: We have a money motion today about election materials.
- iii) Owsley: I'm working on the budget which I plan to get to you all by next week or somewhere around then.

d) Secretary

- i) Cook: We will be starting our office hours this week. For the new members, I'll explain the office hour policy a little bit. Voting senators and other

members are required to serve one hour each week in the Student Government office in the downstairs Student Union Building. Office hours are designed to be a space where students can come and talk to us about any concerns they have. It's also in place so that our members have at least one hour that they can work on Student Government-related projects in a space that is designated for Student Government work. You are welcome to do homework there during your office hours. When you get there, you will sign in a paper sign-in sheet by the computer. I'm going to send out a spreadsheet where you can sign up for when you'll do your weekly office hour. If you are in the office, but not serving your office hours, you do not need to sign in.

ii) Kolesiak: Do I have to commit to that same meeting time every week? What if I sign up for a Monday and there are some Mondays that I can't make it?

(1) Cook: That is perfectly fine as long as you let me know! I am okay with you making up your office hours at a different time during the week as long as you make it to your designated time more often than you don't make it.

e) PR Director

i) Hammock: No report.

f) IT Director

g) Legislative Director

3) Advisor Reports

a) Staff Advisor

i) Bates: Just as a reminder, Dr. Edwards needed to step down as Faculty Advisor so if you know of anyone who would be interested, please forward that information to Kennedy and Esther.

ii) Bates: The staff handbook was updated about parental leave, Juneteenth, tenure, and more topics.

iii) Bates: Everything that I needed to buy has been bought and received.

iv) Bates: If you are thinking of spending money, it can't be done before the budget is passed. If you find yourself in that position, please talk to Mike.

v) Owsley: Are we going to have an esports intramurals team?

(1) Bates: I encouraged the Intramurals Director to collaborate in regards to esports. Right now, it is still housed in academics and they're still recruiting members.

(2) Smith: The two upcoming intramural games are basketball, sand volleyball, and cornhole.

(a) Cooper: If you are interested in playing intramural sports, please let me know!

(3) Kolesiak: Is there a chair in the past that has coordinated everything with intramurals?

(a) Cooper: In the past, it has been the Vice President.

b) Faculty Advisor

4) Old Business

5) Discussion Items

6) New Business

a) Elections Handbook (Cooper)

i) Cooper: It is the exact same thing as last year's handbook, except I changed the dates and positions.

ii) Cooper: Elections have to occur in September so we will have to suspend the standing rules.

(1) Smith: Last fall, the election turnout was bad. Are there any ideas to increase turnout?

(a) Cooper: We have had 42+ freshmen indicate interest and we haven't even had the Activities Fair yet.

(2) Bono: I know that the Staff Advisor serves on the Ethics Hearing Board which handles information about elections, are we still allowed to pass this handbook since we don't currently have a Staff Advisor?

(a) Cooper: In the absence of a Staff Advisor, the Faculty Advisor will serve as that position.

iii) First Read.

iv) Second Read.

v) Approved by Unanimous Consent.

b) Elections Money Motion (Cooper)

i) Cooper: I want to spend \$120 on sixty election posters. If anyone has any suggestions for the poster, let me know.

ii) Owsley: Laura wanted me to flag that we should mention times on the poster for when the Zoom meeting is going on. Also, put a different email on the poster for election-related information other than senate@truman.edu.

iii) Approved.

7) Committee Reports

a) Academic Affairs Committee

i) Bono: If you have any goals or ideas for our committee, please talk to me and Hallie.

b) Diversity and Inclusion Committee

i) Ghenima: I'm excited for this school year! If you have any ideas, please talk to me.

c) Environmental Affairs Committee

i) Smallwood: No report.

d) External Affairs Committee

- i) Barge: Over the summer, I met with President Thomas to talk about the main priorities of my committee. We discussed trying to get the faculty bylaws about voting in the Presidential or Midterm elections revised.
- ii) Barge: We talked about having a greater relationship between External Affairs and Truman's lobbyists. She's hoping to set up a meeting between both of us. If we have any questions for them, we can talk to her and set up a conversation with them.
- iii) Barge: I also talked to her about getting more guest speakers and partnering with different departments to get funding for that— which they have the funding for, they just need to set up guest speakers.
- iv) Barge: Regarding voter registration stuff, I will be meeting with JD Smiser to talk about registration. He's been working with Tyana about promoting voter registration on campus. We also wanted to talk about the rules because they've changed over the summer.
- v) Barge: We will be talking about using dining dollars off-campus which I think would be good for students and small businesses, and it would build a connection between the two. I know it's possible because George Washington University has a similar policy.

(1) Owsley: Do you know about our exclusive contract with Sodexo?

(a) Barge: Yes. I know it makes our task difficult, but I don't think that means we have to always renew the contract as it currently exists. I don't know if it's prudent to do this, but I hope to find out once I have a conversation with JD Smiser and Tyana Lange. I hope to have a more in-depth analysis about this proposal after those conversations.

(2) Fox: A school in Iowa did a very similar thing to this.

e) Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee

f) Student Affairs Committee

g) Purple Friday Committee

h) Parking Appeals Committee

i) Sitze: I don't have access to a lot of things, but once I get that, I will have much more to report.

i) Athletic Fee Accountability Committee

j) Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee

8) Auxiliary Reports

a) Speaker

i) Stout: No report.

b) Board of Governors Representative

c) Organizational Representatives

i) Club Tennis Organization

- (1) Smith: We have a lot of kids in Club Tennis this year! You should come out to the tennis courts on Tuesdays and Thursdays 7-9 PM, and on Sundays 2-4 PM.
- (2) Smith: If you know of anyone interested in Club Tennis, you should come out!
- (3) Stout: Do you have a novice division?
 - (a) Smith: Not at the tournaments, but you can come to the meetings or practices and play with us.
 - ii) FAC Representative
 - iii) RHA Representative
 - iv) SAB Representative

9) Announcements

- a) Cooper: This weekend is Labor Day weekend so we won't be having a meeting this Sunday (09/04), but we will be having a meeting the following day on Monday (09/05) at 5 PM in the SUB Meeting Room.
- b) Bono: We have a College Democrats meeting tomorrow night at 8 PM in VH 1010.
- c) Smith: If you aren't going to be home this weekend, consider going to the football game this Saturday at 12 PM.
- d) Cook: Please don't forget to fill out the office hour spreadsheet!

Adjourned: 6:14 PM