

**Truman State University Student Government
Seventh Session of the 2022-2023 General Body
September 18th, 2022**

Convened: 5:00 PM

1) Preliminary Items

a) Roll Call

b) Gallery Business

- i)** Peterson: Hi, I am Alexis Peterson! I am running for an incoming senator position. I want to be a representative for the freshmen class because I want their voices to be heard.
- ii)** Zuehlke: Hi, I am Emily Zuehlke! I am a sophomore, and I am currently running for Voting Senator.
- iii)** Philips: Hi, I am Jessie Philips (they/she)! I am a Political Science major, and I am running for Incoming Senator. The reason why I'm running is to represent the freshmen class here. I have talked to some of the freshmen here who I think might be scared to speak up, but I'm not. I want to make sure their thoughts and concerns are heard.
- iv)** Manalang: Hi, I am Lucas Manalang! I am here because I am running for the incoming senator position. Even if I don't get the position, I would still like to be in Student Government so I can affect policies at the University.
- v)** Smith: Hi, I am Quinn Smith! I am here because I am running for the incoming senator position. Something I think I will bring to the body is that I have a unique perspective because I am a transfer student. I think a lot of times, transfer students don't get enough attention.
- vi)** Chinthath: Hi, I am Soup Chinthath (they/them)! I am running as an incoming senator because I want to represent people who are transgender, gay, and people of color because I am all of those three things. We need people who look like us to represent us.

c) Changes to the Agenda

d) Approval of Previous Minutes

i) Approved.

e) Membership Appointment & Resignation

i) Resignations

(1) Sara Klamm as Voting Senator

(a) Stout: Sara has submitted her letter of resignation, and it has been approved.

ii) Major Appointments

iii) Minor Appointments

(1) Appointment of Lily Borrego as Student Activities Board (SAB) Representative

(a) Cooper: Her position in SAB has specifically been to interact with other organizations. We've already met a few times over the summer so she's pretty much already been doing this— she just hasn't been able to come to meetings this semester. She's been doing a great job so far.

(b) Borrego: Hi! I'm Lily, and I am in the External Affairs position on SAB. I'm excited to join this body. I think I can strengthen the relationship between Student Government and SAB.

(c) Sitze: What projects have you worked on with other organizations that would make you good for this position?

(i) Borrego: I just became this position, so I haven't done much so far, but I think I will do a good job.

(d) Appointed.

iv) Oath of Office

2) Executive Reports

a) President

i) Cooper: Remind all of your friends to vote in the election! I know it isn't super competitive, but it's still important to vote in it.

ii) Cooper: I know a lot of people have been having questions about the Student Health Center fee, so I reached out to Tyana to ask her questions about that. I will let you know what she says— I'll probably forward the email to you.

(1) Ghenima: How many declared candidates do we have?

(a) Cooper: We have seven.

(2) Sitze: How many positions do we have to fill?

(a) Cooper: We have four incoming senator positions, five voting senator positions, two senior senator positions, and one graduate senator position.

b) Vice President

i) Fox: No report.

c) Treasurer

i) Owsley: We are voting to pass the budget today. I've made a few changes since it was last read: 1) the Truman Days amount reflects the actual amount of money that we spent this year, instead of a projected number. 2) I have allotted \$300 in a marketing budget which added some money to the reserves.

(1) Sitze: What is the \$300 for the Parking Appeals Committee for?

(a) Cooper: In the past, the committee has used that money to advertise, buy posters, and more.

ii) Owsley: I am still looking for people to serve on the Appropriations Committee.

d) Secretary

i) Cook: Please do not forget to sign the office hour sign-in sheet! If you aren't signed in, I have to message you and ask if you completed it, and I really don't want to do that.

ii) Cook: If you aren't able to attend retreat and the meeting after, please send in your excuse now. It is two unexcused absences for the retreat and one unexcused absence for the meeting after. Most of you only get three unexcused absences before I have to bring you to the body for removal, so please send your excuses in before the retreat.

e) PR Director

i) Hammock: We have finished posting all of the candidates that sent me their information. We are working with some of the marketing people at the University to make our brand more cohesive with Truman's brand.

(1) Kolesiak: What do you mean by marketing?

(a) Hammock: Truman updated the logo recently, and Student Government hasn't updated our stuff since then. We still look like Truman State University, but we don't reflect what Truman's Instagram or other branding looks like. Most of it will have to do with color schemes. We will keep it similar to the overall brand.

(b) Cooper: Our branding is all over the place right now, so we are trying to get some consistency.

(i) Bates: Right. It has different fonts, logos, coloring, etc. There are very limited items that look standard. You all have changed your logo because the dog changed. There have been evolutions of it and everyone seems to use different versions of Student Government logos.

f) IT Director

i) Le: No report.

g) Legislative Director

3) **Advisor Reports**

a) Staff Advisor

i) Bates: Moving forward, items that are budgeted for will need money motions. Before you spend any money, please talk to Mike. Any printed material (except for posters) will need price quotes and artwork approved, such as stickers. Please do not spend any of your own money and expect reimbursements until you talk to Mike.

b) Faculty Advisor

4) Old Business

a) [Fall 2022 Budget](#) (Owsley)

i) Owsley: It is the same budget as last meeting aside from minor changes I mentioned before. The budget reflects how much we actually spent for Truman Days; I added \$300 to a marketing budget for the PR Director, \$300 for the Parking Appeals Committee, \$500 for the Sexual Assault Prevention Designee, and the Diversity and Inclusion Committee has a “miscellaneous” section in their budget.

(1) Cooper: Part of the reason we didn’t spend as much money as we budgeted for Truman Week was because we didn’t need to pay for people on campus except for Owen. I wouldn’t adjust the amount of money we are allotted for Truman Days because next year we might have more on-campus students needing housing and meals reimbursement.

(a) Owsley: To clarify, I didn’t decrease the budget for Truman Days. I just changed how much I budgeted it for because we already spent that money. I projected we would spend more than we actually spent.

(2) Sitze: What is the phone service for?

(a) Bates: There is a phone line in the office for safety purposes. People call it sometimes.

(3) Sitze: Can you explain what the \$200 is for a gavel?

(a) Owsley: At the end of the year, we usually buy the Outstanding President a gavel as a token of appreciation.

ii) Owsley: I would strongly recommend passing this budget so we can pass Yasmine’s money motion.

iii) Approved.

5) Discussion Items

6) New Business

a) [National Coming Out Day Money Motion](#) (Ghenima and Cooper)

i) Cooper: We are planning this event in conjunction with SAB and the LGBTQ+ Resource Center Advisory Board. We are going to host the event in a way similar to last year.

ii) Owsley: The event will be on October 11th, right?

(1) Cooper: It will be a two-part event. We are going to do Rainbow Friday on the Friday before National Coming Out Day, and then we will do a big event on the actual day.

iii) Thornhill: This isn’t a federal holiday, and it isn’t directly related to Student Government... Why are we using our funds for it?

- (1) Cooper: We've always done it and we've received feedback that it is a good event. It is to show the LGBTQ+ community that we care about this issue.
- iv)** Sitze: Can you explain the sticker budget?
- (1) Cooper: We haven't discussed the design yet, but when it is designed, we will send it to you.
- v)** Kolesiak: Do you have any details about location and time?
- (1) Cooper: I filled out the reservation form, and we'll see what we are able to get reserved.
- vi)** Thornhill: Is this something that students are paying for when they pay their tuition?
- (1) Owsley: It is coming from the budget that we just approved. It comes from the Student Activities fee that we all pay when we pay our tuition. That fee is divided between the Fees Allotment Council, the Student Activities Board, and Student Government. If you're interested in looking into how the fees are applied, the Organization Activities Fees Review Board (OAF) is a good committee to do that.
- vii)** Thornhill: Some of the people coming to Truman and currently attending Truman might have religious objections to it.
- (1) O'Reilly: I'm Catholic, and I don't have any objections to it.
- (a) Thornhill: I'm Protestant, and I do.
- viii)** Sitze: We are a public institution and these events happen and will continue to happen. These are events that people on this campus need to see in order to feel welcome on campus. People will have their opinions on this, but they have opinions on anything the University does.
- ix)** Thornhill: I am trying to stand up for my constituents, and they would disagree with this. I was voted to be a representative for them, and that is what I'm doing by voicing my dissent for this.
- x)** Ghenima: We all represent our constituents and we all pay fees that are built into our tuition. We may not necessarily agree with all of the activities it goes towards, but that's just how it is. Everybody pays the fee knowing they won't attend all of the events.
- xi)** O'Reilly: It's like paying the Student Recreation Center fee. You may never step foot in the Student Recreation Center, but you still have to pay that fee.
- xii)** Thornhill: One of the reasons we are elected is to represent the people who aren't represented here as much. I am one of the only Republicans in this room, so I am voicing my opinion.
- xiii)** O'Reilly: I would encourage you to apply for OAF.
- xiv)** Fox: This organization is an all-inclusive, diverse body, and as much as it's important to speak up for what you believe in, it is important to realize that

we are a public university, and we have obligations to represent communities that aren't that present on campus.

xv) Approved 8-1.

7) **Committee Reports**

a) Academic Affairs Committee

i) Holst: We are trying to find a day where we can meet with the Vice President of Student Success. Other than that, we are waiting for our committee so we can start working on plans.

b) Diversity and Inclusion Committee

i) Ghenima: We are going to start working on National Coming Out Day now that the money motion has been approved.

ii) Bates: Hispanic Heritage Month has officially started. Hispanic-American Leadership Organization and other identity-based organizations have events soon. If you're looking for any event ideas, I would recommend reaching out to them.

iii) O'Reilly: Will you send the LGBTQ+ Resource Center volunteer list to Slack?

(1) Ghenima: Yes.

c) Environmental Affairs Committee

d) External Affairs Committee

i) Barge: I will continue to talk to J.D. Smiser about voter registration laws. Other than that, I am excited to get a committee.

ii) Bates: After your prior report, I asked Tyana Lange about some of the things J.D. shared with you. She said that the General Counsel will look over things related to this.

e) Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee

f) Student Affairs Committee

g) Purple Friday Committee

h) Parking Appeals Committee

i) Sitze: You should reach out to me to be on the Parking Appeals Committee. We have a schedule set up now, so we shouldn't have any issues about people not getting their ticket appealed.

ii) Sitze: The form has changed to include a student's year and when they picked up their parking pass.

iii) Sitze: I plan to work with the Public Relations Director to get graphics that advertise the parking appeals process to students. I feel like people might not know that they can get their parking ticket appealed if they feel like they didn't deserve it.

iv) Sitze: Fun fact: We have the exact number of parking spaces as we do students, but that doesn't account for faculty, staff, and other people who come to the University and need a place to park.

- v) Bates: Did you get notified about the changes for parking spaces in front of the Student Union Building?
 - (1) Owsley: Aren't those spots run by the city?
 - (a) Bates: Yes, but the Department of Public Safety encouraged the city to make those changes.
 - (2) Sitze: Do they have the ability to ticket people who aren't actual Truman students?
 - (a) Bates: Yes, they should have the ability to ticket non-students.
- vi) Bates: Are parking spots going to be painted behind Centennial Hall?
 - (1) Sitze: I will look into that.
 - (2) Bates: I don't know if it's a personnel or supply issue, but no parking spots are currently designated from when they reasphalted over the summer. There are no lines in the parking lot to divide up spaces. Now that you have a budget, I would recommend looking into that.
- vii) Sitze: The parking spots in front of the Student Union Building and across the street from it are now no-parking zones. Cars being parked there have been a danger for a while now, so I'm glad it is currently being changed.
- i) Athletic Fee Accountability Committee
- j) Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee

8) Auxiliary Reports

- a) Speaker
 - i) Stout: We just wrapped up election recruitment with the deadline on Friday. We have a slate of candidates that met all of the criteria.
- b) Board of Governors Representative
- c) Organizational Representatives
 - i) FAC Representative
 - ii) RHA Representative
 - iii) SAB Representative
 - (1) Borrego: I plan to come to this General Body Meeting about once a month to give you SAB events. We hope to be a line of open communication. Right now, we are thinking of having a table of art supplies and snow cones for the National Coming Out Day event. If you have any suggestions for SAB, please let us know.

9) Announcements

- a) O'Reilly: College Democrats meet tomorrow night in VH 1000.
- b) Ghenima: The Language Cultural Fair is going to be happening on October 10th. Where should I send the sign-up sheet?
 - i) Cooper: #random or #important-links.
- c) Owsley: Political Science Students Association meets right before College Democrats somewhere in Violette Hall.

- d) Bates: If you know someone currently looking for a job, the Student Recreation Center is hiring for Intramurals and the front desk. I also have openings here in the Student Union Building if you like to clean.

Adjourned: 5:49 PM