

**Truman State University Student Government**  
**Ninth Session of the 2022-2023 General Body**  
**October 2nd, 2022**

**Convened: 5:00 PM**

**1) Preliminary Items**

- a) Roll Call
- b) Gallery Business
  - i) Zelk: My name is Alex, and I am a freshman. I'm here because I applied to be the Sexual Assault Prevention Designee.
- c) Changes to the Agenda
- d) Approval of Previous Minutes
- e) Membership Appointment & Resignation
  - i) Resignations
  - ii) Major Appointments
    - (1) Alex Zelk as Sexual Assault Prevention Designee
      - (a) Fox: I interviewed Alex, and he was very passionate about this position. He had some great ideas about moving forward with sexual assault prevention. We talked about what our vision would be for prevention and goals. Alex had some good project ideas— one being with mandated reporting.
      - (b) Zelk: Especially because Esther served before and everyone on here has a fair knowledge of Truman, I think being able to learn from Student Government will help me understand how to serve people better and get involved with the University.
      - (c) Kolesiak: What ideas do you have?
        - (i) Zelk: Mandated reporting is something I would want to bring up to the Title IX Office. It seems there are a lot of cases about people not wanting to report because they may be close to someone who is a mandated reporter. Because of the fear of reporting their assault to the people who are close to them, sexual assault cases may go up. I can't remember the exact statistics, but I believe cases on campus have gone up recently. Something specifically I would like to look into is what student advisors can do to support their residents. It would help the residents figure out who to talk to and where to go.
      - (d) Approved.

**iii)** Minor Appointments

**iv)** Oath of Office

## **2) Executive Reports**

a) President

**i)** Cooper: Rainbow Friday is this upcoming Friday. I will send a spreadsheet to table for it in Slack.

**ii)** Cooper: Last year, we passed a resolution about an Environmental Studies major. From the Faculty Senate, they will be bringing it up for informal consideration this month. They are also considering a Cannabis and Natural Medicine major.

b) Vice President

**i)** Fox: We're thinking of starting an intramural soccer team. If you are interested, please let me know.

c) Treasurer

**i)** Owsley: No report.

d) Secretary

**i)** Cook: I'm sorry you all haven't received much communication from me recently. The past couple of weeks have been particularly busy, and I haven't been managing my time the best lately. I will send the meeting minutes from the past few meetings tonight. New members— you should've just received an email from me about filling out the contact form, office hours spreadsheet, and joining Slack if you haven't done so already. Please complete those three things sometime today if possible.

**ii)** Cook: I'm going to work on making name placards for each of us on the body that we will use at the future meetings. I should have that ready by the next time we meet.

(1) Philips: Will the placards have pronouns on them?

(a) Cook: Yes.

(b) Cooper: The nametags will, too.

e) PR Director

**i)** Hammock: No report.

f) IT Director

**i)** Le: No report.

g) Legislative Director

## **3) Advisor Reports**

a) Staff Advisor

**i)** Bates: You should've gotten an email about the annual crime statistics for campus and surrounding areas.

**ii)** Bates: Faculty and staff have been doing wellness screenings.

- iii) Bates: We have flu vaccines coming up for faculty and staff. We have one on Wednesday at the NEMO Fairgrounds. You can get one for yourself— it's at no cost to you.
- iv) Bates: Faculty and staff were encouraged to register for a pass/fail class about diversity, equity, and inclusion. I don't know the final number of faculty and staff taking it. I believe 100% of Tyana's division will be doing it.
- v) Bates: I met with Yasmine and Colleen this week about their committees.
- vi) Bates: Truman will be updating their Strategic Plan soon.
- vii) Bates: The Board of Governors meeting will be on Friday at 1 PM in this room. If you want to see the agenda, it is on [www.governors.truman.edu](http://www.governors.truman.edu). If you want to know the behind-the-scenes information, you can find it there.
- viii) Bates: Warren, if you want to work on voter registration on campus, you need to register as a solicitor.

b) Faculty Advisor

4) Old Business

5) Discussion Items

6) New Business

7) Committee Reports

a) Academic Affairs Committee

- i) Holst: We had our first meeting on Friday. Everyone has a project, and Santino and I connected them with the right people for those projects. Hopefully we see some project results!

b) Diversity and Inclusion Committee

- i) Ghenima: I had a meeting with Laura about what resources we can use.
- ii) Ghenima: Blaine and I met with Kerrion about environmental racism. We will possibly reach out to the Student Activities Board about a movie screening. That's a project we will get going soon.

(1) Cooper: Do you know what movie you want to show?

- (a) Ghenima: There's a website with a couple of movies that we're interested in. We're hoping it will be a couple of shorter ones instead of one long one. That's also why we want to meet with organizations (Hispanic-American Leadership Organization, Association of Black Collegians) to see what their thoughts are on that.

- iii) Ghenima: I met with Kerrion to talk about the Center for Diversity and Inclusion event programming and how to get in contact with organizations for training.

c) Environmental Affairs Committee

- i) Smallwood: One of the films Yasmine was talking about is "Mossville: When Great Trees Fall". We're looking into getting the rights for it. It's about a Black community in Louisiana affected by climate change.

- (1) Bates: PBS is easier to get movies from than Amazon Prime. I have not been able to hear from Amazon Prime about rights, but I have from PBS.
  - ii) Smallwood: We met on Wednesday and started talking about projects we want to work on.
  - iii) Smallwood: I serve on the Environmental Studies Major Committee, and the Faculty Senate will be getting the major program approved soon. I believe all of the Department Chairs have signed off. Once it's approved, I will propose it here for us to offer our thoughts/recommendations.
- d) External Affairs Committee
- i) Barge: If you want to do anything about voter registration, you have to be registered as a solicitor. I know in my committee, we will be registering everyone. I've registered, but I haven't gotten anything back about being successfully registered.
  - ii) Barge: We did have a meeting yesterday, but our meetings are on Wednesdays at 5 PM. I encourage people from other meetings to attend my committee meetings if they're passionate about an issue we're working on.
  - iii) Barge: I have contact information from the Adair County Democrats and Adair County Republicans. I hope we can set up some bipartisan registration drives. I think if it is bipartisan, we would get in less trouble with the law—not that I think we will get in trouble with the law if it isn't bipartisan. I hope to get both groups involved so we can get the most people registered. The events we do won't have the most effect on our upcoming election, but more so for the future. There are some voter registration groups that are pulling back in their efforts because they're worried about being sued.
    - (1) O'Reilly: Would we have a voter registration drive before the next election deadline?
      - (a) Barge: Probably not. I want to make sure that we are doing everything legally. I think I've discussed this before, but I would love to create a document in which we can outline all of the things that we need for a legal registration drive.
    - (2) Sitze: If you're in contact with Adair County Democrats, they know the new law and how that changes voter registration processes. I believe they've already started having voter registration events.
      - (a) Barge: I'll look into that. I don't even know if the Truman Student Government can send out a message about voter registration if the disseminator isn't a registered solicitor.
    - (3) Bates: I think we need to connect with Amy Clendennen. Amy would protect us in court because she is the General Counsel for the University. I don't want to be sued, and I would prefer not to be

registered as a solicitor, too. Tyana Lange had to be registered just to send an email.

(4) Fox: I don't know how many enrolled students are not Missouri residents, but how would that affect us?

(a) Barge: I'm not a good person to answer this right now, but I'll forward it to Amy.

- iv)** Barge: Even with my talks with J.D., he was learning new things about the law. He is constantly learning about new things regarding this law. He already met with someone to talk through the changes and had come away with certain conclusions and then met again and had different conclusions. That makes me very concerned. There cannot be different interpretations of this law unless we want to run into trouble with the law. In that regard, I think my committee will start planning for something in the future, but not until we have a full understanding of this.
- v)** Strub: This law is currently being challenged in court. If it is ruled unconstitutional, that could change what we do a year from now.
- vi)** Bates: Can you please put more information about this law in Slack so that everyone knows about this? You can be charged with a felony if you register people to vote in an illegal way. Warren will talk about this more in the coming year and it would be good if everyone was on the same page.
- e) Health, Wellness, Safety Committee

  - i)** Fox: Alexa and I talked about project ideas. We talked with President Thomas about having more maternal spaces on campus or private spaces dedicated to breastfeeding.
  - ii)** Fox: We will be working with Alex regarding his Sexual Assault Prevention Designee position.
- f) Sexual Assault Prevention Designee
- g) Student Affairs Committee

  - i)** O'Reilly: I met with Laura, and we started thinking about goals for the year, and understanding what the committee will do this year. My committee and I will meet tomorrow at 6 PM in the office. We may be getting an associate senator soon. If you hear people saying "This thing about Truman sucks!" please refer them to me because we can try to help them.
- h) Purple Friday Committee
- i) Parking Appeals Committee

  - i)** Sitze: Please consider applying for the Parking Appeals Committee!

    - (1) Bates: We talk about not having enough parking for faculty/staff. To add to that conversation, we currently do not have enough parking spaces for faculty and staff. The other day, I came to park in this parking lot by the Student Union Building and McClain Hall, but all of the spaces were full, and some of them were cars with commuter

and resident parking decals. I know it doesn't seem like a huge issue, but I shouldn't have to park in the Student Recreation Center parking lot just to go to my full-time job. I'm sure other faculty and staff feel the same way.

(a) Sitze: There are just enough parking spaces for every undergraduate on-campus student to have a space. That doesn't include faculty, staff, commuters, Sodexo employees, etc. I agree that there's currently not enough parking spaces.

**ii)** O'Reilly: How many are on the committee currently? How many do you ideally want?

(1) Sitze: One— it's me. I would like to have at least one from the body and one off of the body.

j) Athletic Fee Accountability Committee

k) Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee

l) Homecoming Ad-Hoc Committee

**i)** Smallwood: I'm going to send a sign-up sheet for people to help decorate my Prius for homecoming.

**ii)** Smallwood: We're going to buy candy for that, too.

## **8) Auxiliary Reports**

a) Speaker

**i)** Stout: I may or may not be here on Sunday. If you have anything you need to be on the agenda, send it to me. It'll probably be sent out by Saturday evening.

b) Board of Governors Representative

c) Organizational Representatives

**i)** FAC Representative

**ii)** RHA Representative

**iii)** SAB Representative

d) Black Student Representative

## **9) Announcements**

a) Bono: College Democrats meet tomorrow at 8 PM in Violette Hall 1010.

b) Owsley: Political Science Student Association meets tomorrow at 7 PM in Violette Hall 1146.

**Adjourned: 5:42 PM**