

**Truman State University Student Government**  
**Tenth Session of the 2022-2023 General Body**  
**October 9th, 2022**

**Convened: 5:04 PM**

**1) Preliminary Items**

- a)** Roll Call
- b)** Gallery Business
- c)** Changes to the Agenda
- d)** Approval of Previous Minutes
  - i)** Approved.
- e)** Membership Appointment & Resignation
  - i)** Resignations
  - ii)** Major Appointments

**(1) Professor Elizabeth Wiles as Faculty Advisor**

- (a)** Bono: I was tasked with trying to find some Faculty Advisor nominees, and Professor Wiles was a clear choice for this position. She's very qualified and involved in a lot of things. I've worked with her already regarding the Pre-Law minor.
- (b)** Bates: Professor Wiles would work with the Environmental Affairs Committee, Academic Affairs Committee with the exception of Academic Accolades because she is technically eligible, and External Affairs Committee.
- (c)** Appointed.

**iii) Minor Appointments**

**(1) Em Smith as an Associate Senator on Appropriations Committee**

- (a)** Cooper: Em has been on Student Government for a very long time, and they said they wanted to be on the Appropriations Committee.
- (b)** E. Smith: Hi, I'm Em, and I'm a senior. I want to be on the Appropriations Committee. I used to be way more involved in Student Government. Appropriations seems very relevant to what I am studying and what I want to do.
- (c)** Philips: What were you involved in before in Student Government?
  - (i)** E. Smith: I was the External Affairs Chair, and I was the Speaker. I was also on the Governing Documents Review Board last year.

**(d)** Appointed.

**iv) Oath of Office**

## 2) Executive Reports

### a) President

**i)** Cooper: I went to the Board of Governors meeting, and it was riveting.

(1) Cooper: The audit of the University went well, and the auditors said it was clean.

(2) Cooper: Truman did an Economic Impact Report and got good results, finding that there is a 8.2:1 benefit-to-cost ratio for students at Truman.

(3) Cooper: Truman is also trying to focus on advertising to students in Kansas City, Missouri. They got an advertisement in the Chief's Yearbook, and it looks pretty nice. They also have an Admissions Counselor there now. An alumni or donor is paying for the expenses of 25 students to visit Truman, which is a good thing because at Truman, there is a higher rate of students attending Truman once they've toured the campus compared to other universities.

(4) Cooper: Retention rates are down, but they are working on reaching out to students directly about how to stay and stuff like that.

(5) Cooper: Staff Council and Faculty Senate have been working on parental leave for a while. They got people seven weeks of paid parental leave (looking to expand that further) and also four days of paid funeral leave.

**ii)** Cooper: National Coming Out Day is Tuesday at 12p-4p on the Quad. I will need help setting up between 11a-12p. The sign-up spreadsheet is in the #important-links Slack channel. Even if you're not free the entire time, please show up to help me. I will be there for most of the event, except from 1p-3p. The 1p-1:30p slot is empty, and we really need someone to sign up for that. The other slots only have one person signed up for most of them, so please sign up so that there isn't only one person at the event.

**iii)** Cooper: When Student Government is doing an event (Purple Friday, Homecoming Parade, National Coming Out Day), we need more people to help with these events. Even if it isn't your committee, please still show up. It's important for people to know who is in Student Government and who they can talk to if they have an issue or have any questions.

### b) Vice President

**i)** Fox: Next week's meeting will be Monday in BH 114 at 7p.

### c) Treasurer

**i)** Owsley: No report.

### d) Secretary

**i)** Cook: No report.

### e) PR Director



has to agree that it is important, but there is room to expand what is in the executive order.

- iii) Bates: This is good annual practice to go through your documents to make sure you're in alignment. It is important to make sure there aren't large gaps of time going between reviews.
- iv) Cooper: Part of the things that solicited this review board and this executive order is that we have a Gov Docs Committee every year, and it's always created through an executive order, but it may be better to have it as a standing committee.

## 7) Committee Reports

### a) Academic Affairs Committee

- i) Holst:
- ii) Bono: Every person on the committee has a project and is working on those projects. We are about to start work on the winter commencement speaker.

### b) Diversity and Inclusion Committee

- i) Ghenima: Our committee met and tried to set up goals for the semester. We all wanted to tackle different things so something that we thought about— it was actually Soup's idea— was to tackle food diversity on campus. We want to have more options for people of different religions and food preferences. We think that food for vegetarians and vegans is something that may not be thought of as much.
- ii) Ghenima: We want to have a common event for minoritized groups. We're going to look at an Open House in Baldwin so that we can see what resources they need on campus. We want to promote diverse clubs and identity-based groups.
- iii) Ghenima: Blaine and I are working on the environmental justice event in October.
- iv) Ghenima: I talked to Ryan Nely to see what we can do to support the Title IX Office.
- v) Ghenima: We are going to have an associate senator soon.

### c) Environmental Affairs Committee

- i) Smallwood: We're working on our environmental racism event for October.
- ii) Smallwood: My committee met last week, and we all decided what projects each person will work on. Currently, we are thinking about starting a prairie at the University Farm. We're thinking about a recycling/composting program.
- iii) Smallwood: We're looking into a highway cleanup project as well.

### d) External Affairs Committee

- i) Barge: During my committee's last meeting, I got everyone to fill out the form to become a solicitor. You have to register to be a solicitor during every

election cycle. It will last a month or so before we have to register again. We are getting that taken care of.

- ii)** Barge: We are meeting with Amy this week, and my group is getting together some questions that we can send in ahead of time just so that she's prepared to give us answers. I do believe she can answer a lot of our questions.
- e)** Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee
  - i)** Fox: The Health, Wellness, & Safety Committee had their meeting last Saturday, and we talked about small projects. Right now we're writing a resolution to support having a space for breastfeeding. I talked to Alex about the Sexual Assault Prevention position, offering him some advice and programing. Right now, Alex wants to talk to a sorority representative for the Hall Council.
- f)** Sexual Assault Prevention Designee
- g)** Student Affairs Committee
  - i)** O'Reilly: We started thinking about projects that we will be addressing this year.
  - ii)** O'Reilly: We are starting on stuff with Residence Halls and ResLife.
  - iii)** O'Reilly: We're talking about how we want to address Student Appreciation Week so that will probably be a discussion item in a future meeting.
  - iv)** O'Reilly: We are getting urinal dividers in the bathrooms because those should be there.
  - v)** O'Reilly: We're designing a poster so that it is easier for people to give us feedback on things.
  - vi)** O'Reilly: We're also thinking about maybe pursuing a wet campus. You should think about that because that will be a discussion point in the future.
    - (1) Ghenima: Are you planning on doing a President's Roundtable?
      - (a) O'Reilly: We were thinking about doing that, but I don't know necessarily how that was run.
      - (b) Cooper: We invite all of the Presidents of various organizations on campus to talk about their organization needs from Student Government. It was just a way we opened up a line of communication with other campus leaders. We put all of them into breakout rooms based on their organization's interest/purpose to talk about what their club is doing this year and how they can work together. It was a successful event in the past.
- h)** Purple Friday Committee
  - i)** Cooper: Someone should apply to chair Purple Friday.
  - ii)** Cooper: Rainbow Friday this week was really good. Thank you to everyone who tabled for this, especially Lucas. We're not doing Purple Friday this

week because of Midterm Break, but we will when we get back. You guys should sign up to table for Purple Friday.

**iii)** Bono: I was the Chair last session and it was a lot of fun! For new people, it's a good way to get acquainted with the rules of Committee Chairs and move up the ranks in our organization.

**i)** Parking Appeals Committee

**i)** Sitze: People who applied or talked to me about being on Parking Appeals— please wait on hearing something from me until after break. Thank you to everyone who applied. If you're reading this right now, fill out [this form](#) for a surprise hehe.

**j)** Athletic Fee Accountability Committee

**k)** Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee

**l)** Homecoming Ad- Hoc Committee

**i)** Smallwood: Homecoming happened, and it was cool. Next year, we should have more people come to Homecoming. It's hard for people to respect Student Government when it seems like Student Government internally doesn't respect itself by showing up to events.

## **8) Auxiliary Reports**

**a)** Speaker (pro tem)

**i)** Bono: Resolutions drive the Student Government. If you look at the Historical Resolutions Spreadsheet, you can tell the number of resolutions in the past two years has slowly dwindled. It's now our tenth session, and we've only had one resolution. If you guys have opinions, work them through committee, and get them up to the body. I can say that the most impactful discussions we have are over resolutions.

**b)** Board of Governors Representative

**c)** Organizational Representatives

**i)** FAC Representative

**ii)** RHA Representative

**iii)** SAB Representative

**d)** Black Student Representative

## **9) Announcements**

**a)** Bates: Abby Smeltzer is not our Board of Governors Representative anymore since she has graduated. She needs to be removed from everything because she doesn't serve that role anymore.

**b)** Cooper: If you want to be on Gov Docs, you can send me a message on Slack.

**c)** Cooper: Just a reminder- our next meeting is on Monday at 7 PM in BH 114. Make sure you don't show up here on Sunday at 5 PM.

**d)** Cook: We have a position in our Constitution for a Black Student Representative. If you know anyone who would fit, demographically, this position, please encourage them to apply. We currently have one member on our Student Government that is

Black. That is not cool in terms of representation, so please encourage anyone you know to apply for the position. It is necessary— that is why we have it.

- i) Cooper: We added this position in response to the Association of Black Collegians' petition that came out during the Summer of 2020 when all of the Black Lives Matter protests were happening, and such. We were directly called upon to do that. We didn't have someone in this position last year, but I would like to see this position filled.
- e) O'Reilly: College Dems will meet tomorrow at 8 PM in Violette Hall 1010.
  - i) Bono: Former Senate candidate Spencer Toder will be there as a guest speaker.

**Adjourned: 5:39 PM**