

**Truman State University Student Government
Eleventh Session of the 2022-2023 General Body
October 17th, 2022**

Convened: 7:00 PM

1) Preliminary Items

- a) Roll Call
- b) Gallery Business
 - i) Denklau: Hi, my name is Joseph, and I am getting appointed today.
 - ii) Weber: Hi, my name is Thomas, and I am getting appointed today.
- c) Changes to the Agenda
- d) Approval of Previous Minutes
 - i) Approved.
- e) Membership Appointment & Resignation
 - i) Resignations
 - ii) Major Appointments
 - iii) Minor Appointments
 - (1) Appointment of Thomas Weber as an Associate Senator on the Appropriations Committee
 - (a) Cooper: Thomas is a Political Science and International Relations major and friends with a lot of us on Student Government. Mike seems to think Thomas would be a good fit on the Appropriations Committee.
 - (b) Owsley: I've had classes with him; he's a smart guy. He will be an interesting voice on this body.
 - (c) Weber: I am kind of forcing myself to be more active on campus by going for this position. I think it'll be fun.
 - (d) Approved by Unanimous Consent.
 - (2) Appointment of Joseph Denklau as an Associate Senator on the External Affairs Committee
 - (a) Cooper: When I read over his application, he talked about how he had a lot of experience working with organizations in high school that did projects similar to the projects External Affairs does. He seemed very excited to join. I think he will be a really good fit.
 - (b) Denklau: I joined to get involved and meet new people.
 - (c) Approved by Unanimous Consent.
 - (3) Governing Documents Review Board Slate: Colleen O'Reilly and Alexa Kolesiak

- (a) Cooper: These two people volunteered to be on the Governing Documents Review Board (GovDocs). In this slate, we have some new voices and some older voices which I think will be good in getting opinions on our rules. I think that's important to consider the rules on Student Government which is why we are appointing these people to do that.
- (b) O'Reilly: I think the rules should be looked at and should be accurate to the things our organization actually does.
- (c) Kolesiak: I'm trying to be more involved in Student Government, and I think this is a way to do that. I also think rules are important to the way the organization operates.
- (d) Approved by Unanimous Consent.

iv) Oath of Office

2) Executive Reports

a) President

- i)** Cooper: The members of the executive board have been thinking about using Zoom, and we've decided to get rid of the Zoom option entirely. Laura suggested that we should consider getting rid of it. We've also noticed that people who join the Zoom don't actively participate in the meeting or really pay attention which goes back into the conversations we've been having about engagement on the body. We will allow a Zoom option for some extenuating circumstances, as agreed upon by the executive board. If you cannot attend a meeting because you are sick or something like that, you will just need to send in an excuse and read the minutes to stay up-to-date.
- ii)** Cooper: National Coming Out Day was interesting. It didn't go as planned because the weather didn't cooperate. Because it rained and ruined our original plans of having the event on the Quad, we had a mini National Coming Out Day event in the LGBTQ+ Resource Center. The Student Activities Board pulled out when the rain started. They want to reschedule it, so I'll keep you guys in the loop about that.
- iii)** Hammock: When do they want to reschedule it?
 - (1) Cooper: Probably sometime in November.

b) Vice President

- i)** Fox: No report.

c) Treasurer

- i)** Owsley: No report.

d) Secretary

- i)** Cook: Name placards are done, and they'll be ready by the next meeting.
- ii)** Cook: If you got appointed today, Joseph and Thomas, please expect an email or a Slack message from me about filling out the contact form.

iii) Cook: I'll bring candy to the office tomorrow because I forgot to drop it off last week and today!

(1) Cooper: Will there be another chance at getting candy? Because I read the minutes, and sometimes I'm too lazy to fill out the form.

(a) Cook: Yes, but I won't tell you when.

e) PR Director

i) Hammock: We have a new logo! Shoutout to Norah in the Union & Involvement office. Our seal looks the same, except the gavel has the new Truman "T". Our logo is a bit different. We used it on the bottom of our most recent Instagram post talking about tonight's agenda.

ii) Hammock: If you have events coming up and want it advertised on Instagram, you should let me know.

f) IT Director

g) Legislative Director

3) Advisor Reports

a) Staff Advisor

b) Faculty Advisor

4) Old Business

5) Discussion Items

a) Student Appreciation Week (O'Reilly)

i) O'Reilly: In case you don't know, the Student Affairs Committee does Student Appreciation Week every year. It is basically a celebration of students, run by students. One thing we talked about in my committee meeting is incorporating it into a monthly thing like Purple Friday, and handing out more stuff (only if you're wearing purple). As we've run Student Appreciation Week recently, it's sometime around Finals Week, and we hand out cool stuff. The concern is people really like the t-shirts we hand out on Student Appreciation Week, but how do we keep that while also having more days of Student Appreciation?

ii) Cooper: I don't see why we have to run Student Appreciation Week as students.

iii) Cooper: I really like the idea of splitting it throughout the semester because I feel like having it all done in the span of one week can be busy and chaotic. I think we can still do t-shirts, but spread it out throughout the semester.

iv) Bono: You can work with the PR Director and do some non-Student Government member highlights to showcase students on campus who are doing cool things— such as when the Student Research Conference happens.

1) Hammock: I think this is a good idea.

v) Nichols: I'm on the Student Affairs Committee, and something I mentioned during the meeting and I'll mention now is, I don't really know what Purple

Friday is after I've been at Truman for four years. Generally, I know that we wear purple on Fridays, but I don't really know why. If we can somehow loop in Student Appreciation Week budget/supplies and push that into a monthly Purple Friday, more people will do it. Whatever we would've given out during Student Appreciation Week, we could spread it out throughout the year instead of just that one week in March or April.

- 1) Cooper: Purple Friday has been a tradition for a while. Over the years, it has become a bigger thing than just wearing purple on Friday. Student Government became more involved in it in the 2010s. Once COVID happened, Purple Friday kind of died down. I think combining it with student appreciation stuff could reignite it to what it was before COVID.
- vi) Kolesiak: I think the two main draws to Student Appreciation Week are t-shirts and food. Do you have any idea of how you would address food? I helped Warren run Student Appreciation Week last semester, and we had some good food items, and they were definitely a hit. I think that's something that people really liked, so if you could keep that going somehow, I think that would be good.
- 1) O'Reilly: That's not something I thought a lot about, but I think that's something I want to keep up throughout the year.
- vii) Hammock: I think that we don't have to make it a whole week, but we can do it a few days in a single month. I don't think it has to be all at once.
- viii) Cooper: I know in the past, Purple Friday has gotten food once a month. You can get, like, 70 cookies for less than \$100. That could be an option that is more budget-friendly.
- ix) Cook: We could connect with food trucks in Kirksville and have them come to campus. That would alleviate the burden that would fall on us of using our budget on food; it would support local businesses which connects to the External Affairs Committee, and it would be interesting to have a variety of food.
- 1) Cooper: We have a contract with Sodexo that says we cannot cater any other food that isn't Sodexo food, with very limited exceptions.
 - 2) Nichols: What about the Jamaican food truck that was there during Homecoming Week?
 - (a) Cooper: I think that was one of the exceptions.
- x) Nichols: I was thinking... if we incorporate this into Purple Friday, can we do gift cards or something else? Also, how do you stop someone from taking all of it? If you spin a wheel, you get merchandise, gift cards, t-shirts, etc., but how do you prevent the same person from getting all of the prizes?
- 1) Cooper: Giveaways are a question for Laura because it gets really complicated. We did the wheel last year for Student Appreciation

Week, and we kept a Google Sheet with everyone's names on it. It was messy, but it served its purpose.

- 2) Barge: We used a voucher system last year for Student Appreciation Week. We have to call them vouchers and not gift cards for legal purposes. Usually, you can use them any way you'd like. Here at Truman, the key for Student Appreciation Week is getting a lot of sponsorships. Last year, I think the money that was spent on Student Appreciation Week was about 50% from Student Affairs' budget and 50% from sponsorships. I think \$1,700 was spent on t-shirts and \$500 came from Student Government. If you are wanting to do t-shirts, you have to get sponsorships— you can't do it any other way. If you don't get sponsorships, t-shirts and other prizes would use all of your funds. In terms of the wheel, it is in the Union & Involvement Office, but it isn't accurate in terms of the proportion of wins. I will say that it is a fun way to get people there the next day. We made it to where you could only spin it once a day. We were done a day earlier in the week.

(a) Nichols: When you're talking about sponsors, who is that? Is it clubs? Businesses? People?

(i) Barge: It can either be departments at Truman or different clubs at Truman. Student-governed organizations or faculty can do it. It can be anyone on Student Government who you think could sponsor. I think you can get off-campus groups to sponsor it. You'd be surprised at how many people reach out and say that they would sponsor.

(ii) Barge: If you are going to get a bunch of sponsorships, I would work on that now. If you do go through the sponsorships route, I would recommend making Student Appreciation Week next year. I would not recommend going through the Union & Involvement's list of organizational contacts. If you know someone in that club, contact them directly. People give a lot— for example, the Baptist Student Union gave \$300.

- xi) Q. Smith: As a first-semester student, and from other students I've talked to, it seems that most people don't know what Purple Friday is. I know some people mention what it is, but they say it in a joking way. I think we can re-normalize it.

xii) Peterson: I have a lot of Truman shirts, so getting more t-shirts from this event wouldn't be especially appealing. Something we can do about those shirts is something like tie-dying.

1) O'Reilly: Student Government thrift shop?

6) New Business

a) [Branding Resolution](#) (Cooper)

i) Cooper: This is a resolution Kathryn and I wrote to solidify the new branding stuff from the Union & Involvement. The main thing in the resolution is to formalize our branding for the future. It does suggest putting it in the Standing Rules, which I have on the agenda to go over in GovDocs. The main part of the resolution is that you can see the new branding stuff in the appendix.

ii) Bono: Currently, there are seven people on the document, but we have more than seven people in the meeting right now. Please go to the agenda and go to this resolution so you can participate in the conversation.

iii) O'Reilly: I think this looks great.

iv) Cooper: In the footer, it says that there is interest for more branding initiatives based on the meeting minutes. I will put the specific meeting minutes in there once I am able to.

v) Bono: The new logo will be on our future merchandise, right?

(1) Cooper: Yes.

vi) Hammock: I don't think this document is in the shared drive, so if you're wanting to use it for your events then just keep this in mind before you design something that requires the logo.

vii) First read.

b) [Name Tags Money Motion](#) (Cooper)

i) Cooper: Usually, every year, we purchase name tags for voting members, executive board, and executive staff. This year, we are getting new name tags with a different company because last year, they were on backorder and we weren't able to get them. They are white, they will have the Student Government seal, your name, and pronouns.

(1) Kolesiak: Will our positions be there?

(a) Cooper: Not for everyone, it'll just be for the executive board.

ii) Bono: What will we use with our name tags?

(1) Cooper: Wear them to meetings, attend events, and wear them on Purple Friday.

iii) Bono: What do we do with the old version of name tags?

(1) Cooper: I'll talk to Laura about that.

iv) Approved by Unanimous Consent.

7) Committee Reports

a) Academic Affairs Committee

i) Bono: We did a Google Form for Commencement Speakers. If you know of anyone who is graduating Winter 2022, please have them fill out the form. We only have a month to do this, and we are hoping that people apply for this. It's only a five-minute speech to write.

ii) Cooper: Has anyone applied?

(1) Bono: I don't think anyone applied yet, but normally we get responses the day before it's due.

iii) Nichols: Where did you say we can sign up?

(1) Bono: It's on the Instagram Linktree.

(2) Hammock: I can repost it on our Instagram story. If you can, please repost it on your own story.

iv) Kolesiak: Are there any specific qualifications?

(1) Bono: The speech has to follow a prompt that Hallie and I created. You have to be graduating in December 2022.

(2) Kolesiak: Is there a GPA requirement?

(a) Bono: I don't think so, but you have to have a GPA to graduate and previously enrolled at Truman.

b) Diversity and Inclusion Committee

i) Ghenima: Working on setting up a meeting with Ryan Nely.

c) Environmental Affairs Committee

d) External Affairs Committee

i) Barge: I had my meeting with Amy Clendennen, and she answered a lot of questions. The Courts struck down the photo ID requirements for this new voter ID law. The judge made the argument that it doesn't cost too much to get a form of identification. In terms of how active members have to be to be involved in this project, you have to be 18 years old, you cannot be paid to solicit voters, and you have to be registered to vote. The thing about being paid that applies to us directly is that you cannot use your scholarship hours to register people to vote. Also, you cannot be a voter outside of Missouri to be a solicitor. There is a lot of confusion with the law right now. There will be a lot of cases— not necessarily to strike down the law— that attempt to explain the ambiguities of the law. For example, in order to get federal aid, Truman has to send a message to get people to register to vote. Unless you're registered as a solicitor, you would be charged with a felony. There's a lot of unknown. In terms of what Truman should do in the future, Amy said that if we want other organizations to get involved with voter registration, they can get involved, but they should be very careful and certain that the people are registered to be a solicitor. Trying to do a voter registration event before this upcoming election would've been very risky. When we do a voter

registration drive, I will have to make my committee members re-fill out the form to become a solicitor because you have to update it every election cycle.

ii) Cooper: I know Laura talked about whether all of the Student Government would have to register. Did you talk to Amy about that?

(1) Barge: Not everyone here is from Missouri so it would be impossible to get everyone on Student Government to be registered. If we were to send the email out to the student body about voter registration, we would have to have one person send the email and be registered as a solicitor. When we are tabling for voter registration, we need to make sure every single person is registered as a solicitor. Because the risks are so high, we need to make sure we are doing this right.

e) Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee

f) Sexual Assault Prevention Designee

i) Zelk: I have gotten in contact with Ryan Nely to see what he wants Student Government's help with. There are some students in a Health Science seminar that have been working on the topic of sexual assault prevention, so I will reach out to them to see if we could work with them.

ii) Zelk: I reached out to the LGBTQ+ Resource Center to see how we can help them out.

(1) Cooper: I am the Administrative Coordinator for the LGBTQ+ Resource Center. If you have any questions, you can just talk to me.

g) Student Affairs Committee

i) O'Reilly: We talked about the President's Roundtable today.

ii) O'Reilly: We talked about wet campus and it appears that President Thomas isn't necessarily in support of it.

iii) O'Reilly: We are working on getting urinal dividers and water bottle filler stations.

iv) O'Reilly: Thank you for the Student Appreciation Week discussion today.

h) Purple Friday Committee

i) Parking Appeals Committee

j) Athletic Fee Accountability Committee

k) Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee

8) Auxiliary Reports

a) Speaker

i) Stout: Echoing the talk about Zoom Kennedy mentioned earlier— in the end-of-year report, Owen said that we should eliminate it. The executive board thinks that removing it would be the best thing. If you have any comments or concerns about that or if you need any accommodations, please let me know. It's hard to monitor Zoom and all of you in front of me in regards to discussion and questions.

ii) Stout: I thank Colleen for bringing up a discussion item because we've had some people that talked during discussion that I haven't seen talk before. I really think discussion items are important during our meetings. If you don't bring up discussion items because you're worried about the meeting running too long, just know that we had three appointments, the first reading of a resolution, a money motion, and a discussion item, and our meeting didn't even last an hour.

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: Come to College Democrats at 8 PM tonight.

b) Cooper: There is no executive committee meeting after this.

Adjourned: 7:54 PM