

**Truman State University Student Government
Twelfth Session of the 2022-2023 General Body
October 23rd, 2022**

Convened: 5:00 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
 - iii) Minor Appointments

(1) Governing Documents Review Board Slate: Blaine Smallwood

(a) Cooper: Alike the people we appointed last week, Blaine expressed interest in joining the committee. Blaine has been on the body for about a year now, so I feel like he would have something to contribute to the committee.

(b) Smallwood: I've been here a while, so I feel like I have a good understanding of the Standing Rules and Constitution. With the changes we did last year and a bit this year, it's good to look over our rules often.

(c) Approved.

iv) Oath of Office

2) Executive Reports

- a) President
 - i) Cooper: We are finally getting OAF started. For those that don't know, this is the Organizational Activities Fees Review Board which reviews all of the student fees: the Information Technology Fee, Student Health Center Fee, Activities Fee (which includes Collegiate Readership), Athletics Fee, and Environmental Sustainability Fee. Student Government, the Fees Allotment Council (FAC), and Student Activities Board (SAB) are involved in this auditing process because we get our money from the Activities Fee. We need three people who are not on Student Government to be on the review board. In the past, the OAF wrote a report with recommendations for each of the fees and included a discussion about how fees are spent. Recently, Truman did an audit of the fee-based committees and it came back clean.

(1) Bates: Truman didn't just decide to audit your fees for the fun of it. Because you receive money from students and operate and spend through university processes, you are audited as an annual process of the University. The auditors look every year to make sure we are following the appropriate procedures.

b) Vice President

i) Fox: We still have open positions for Legislative Director, Purple Friday Committee Chair, and Health, Wellness, & Safety Committee Chair. Please apply to fill those positions!

c) Treasurer

i) Owsley: We have an application from an organization who applied for funding through the Appropriations Committee. We are going to try to have a meeting this week to go over that application, then we will try to bring that up at the next meeting.

d) Secretary

i) Cook: The name placards are done! I hope you guys like them. Thank you Laura for helping me get them printed. Please let me know if you have anything that needs to be corrected on your name placards. You'll grab your name placard at the beginning of each meeting and put it in front of you for the duration of the meeting, then you'll return it at the end of the meeting.

(1) Bates: Your name and pronouns will be written on the nametags exactly as they are on your name placards now, so if you want to change it, you'll need to talk to Alexis.

ii) Cook: Please remember that any absence submitted less than 48 hours in advance is technically considered an unexcused absence, and you only get a select amount of those before I have to bring you to removal. I try to be understanding of the situation and reasoning why you need to be absent, but don't take advantage of that. Also, please submit all absences through the absence form instead of texting me or messaging me on Slack.

e) PR Director

i) Hammock: We are working on an Instagram post about how to appeal a parking ticket, and that'll be posted soon.

ii) Hammock: If anyone has an event or anything that they need a graphic for, please let me know.

f) IT Director

g) Legislative Director

3) Advisor Reports

a) Staff Advisor

i) Bates: I will not be here next Sunday and I will be out of the office on Friday. Please reach out to me beforehand if you need my help with something.

- ii) Bates: We met about OAF. I believe Tyana, Rebecca, and I will help the group. Again, if you have recommendations or know of any people not a part of this body, please encourage them to apply to be a Student at Large.
- iii) Bates: If you are thinking of spending money, please reach out to me and Mike.
- iv) Bates: We're going to order name tags this week.

b) Faculty Advisor

4) Old Business

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

- i) Cooper: It is the same as last week's.
- ii) Hammock: I think the new logos look really good. It is pretty important for all of us to follow the same branding. All of our committees work on different things so it's important to pay attention to this resolution and branding guide so that we are a cohesive body.
- iii) Passed by Unanimous Consent.

5) Discussion Items

6) New Business

a) [New Logo Money Motion](#) (Cooper)

- i) Cooper: This is mainly so we can get new merch with our new logo on it. In the past, we've bought cups to hand out at Purple Friday and other Student Government events. The cups are cool because they are the Truman blue, but when you put water in it, it'll turn purple. The Executive Marketing budget will cover \$300, and the Purple Friday Committee will cover \$249.
- ii) Kolesiak: Are we running out of supplies for Purple Friday?
 - 1) Cooper: We still have some left, but I want to get these ordered and received before we officially run out of our current stock.
- iii) Zuehlke: Why do you feel like there is a need?
 - 1) Cooper: It attracts people to come to the Purple Friday table if they know they can get free stuff. It also gets our logo and name out there.
 - 2) Bates: Your promotional items give you some visibility. If you are buying things, think about what you are buying it for. The reusable utensils were good because of the branding on them. If you are a committee chair and thinking about getting merchandise for an event you host, think about our branding and if it reflects Student Government.
- iv) Ghenima: Is there any way we can add fidget spinners?
 - 1) Cooper: I did think about it, but the reason why we didn't is because we have about fifty left. I do think they're very popular though.
 - 2) Sitze: I can't remember what organization was handing these out, but fidget sticks were a big hit.

- (a) Cooper: I looked into fidget toys, but they are pretty expensive. The fidget spinners were about \$2/piece, but we typically try to spend less than \$1 on it.
- v) Bono: I was chair last year so I dealt a lot with Purple Friday promotional items. We have both organizations and Student Government-related events that we promote at Purple Friday tables. Normally when we have a chair, they would do this. Also, as someone who uses all of our Student Government pens, these pens look great.
- vi) Approved by Unanimous Consent.
- b) [Suggestion Box Money Motion](#) (Nichols)
 - i) Nichols: The Student Affairs Committee talked about how we could solicit students' opinions. Student Government should be representative of the things that our peers need and want. No one really tells us what they need/want, so I think we should have a suggestion box form. If you look at the spreadsheet, there is a picture of the poster with the help of Kathryn. There is a link to the Google Form, and it automatically collects Truman emails. There's a question that asks if the respondent would like us to follow up with them. For the posters, I was told that fifty posters would be \$120.
 - ii) Sitze: Could you have the option for people not to enter their emails?
 - 1) Nichols: The issue is that if it is anonymous, people could spam it or put random things in there. I also thought about the effect email collection has on the number of responses we get, but I ultimately decided that it would be more beneficial to collect their emails.
 - 2) Chinthia: I noticed a lot when people collect emails, it discourages people from submitting their input. I don't think it is necessary except for people who want to spam the Google Form.
 - 3) Barge: I seem to remember that our website did have a comment section where students could share their input, and if I remember, it had a bunch of spam messages from bots. I don't think that will be a problem with the QR code, but I think collecting emails provides that extra security.
 - (a) Cooper: I think collecting emails will prevent random people from sending in explicit images.
 - (b) Strub: If we did put this on the website, could we edit the poster to let them know that this is accessible to the website as well?
 - (i) Bates: I would just put the Student Government email on there. That could avoid this whole conversation.
 - 4) Sitze: If we are going to have this for Truman students and put it around campus, I think the spam will be low. With the activity on

our Instagram, I don't think we will have a problem. We can duplicate the form quarterly or monthly to make sure the form stays current. We could also limit the number of responses to one.

(a) O'Reilly: We talked about the emails and wanted to make sure we talked to Truman students. I like the idea of only allowing one response to avoid spam, but then if someone has more good ideas, how are they able to reach us?

5) Q. Smith: I've known about this project for a bit because I'm on the committee and have floated this idea among my peers, and they said that if they could, they would spam it if it was anonymous.

iii) Owsley: I have a question about the QR code. It won't expire after a certain number of times, right?

1) Nichols: I don't think so. I did look into this before doing this, and I think it should be good.

2) Bates: Do we remember how many scans it was before the QR code timed out in the Union? Could everyone scan the QR code real quick?

(a) Nichols: The website I used to generate this QR code said it was free for life.

3) Sitze: Have you used QR code monkey? They've taken over 120 responses.

(a) Nichols: I'll look into that.

4) Chinth: Just in case the QR code does fail, are we able to send the link to students?

(i) Nichols: I thought about posting a tinyurl.com in addition to the QR code on the poster, and putting it on the website.

(ii) Cooper: When we send out the monthly email, it is sent to all students, so we include this form in the email.

5) Zelk: I would feel better that we could double-check this QR code wouldn't expire. I would hate for us to spend a bunch of money to reprint the posters.

(a) Bono: Layne, I would recommend doing research on whether this QR code could expire.

(b) Cooper: Putting a tinyurl.com would solve a lot of problems we're talking about with QR code expiration.

(c) Sitze: Google Forms has a way to shorten the link so people don't have to type out a long website.

- iv) Cooper: We have thumbtacks in the Student Government office, and they're normally up on the bulletin boards anyway. Why would you want to buy them?
 - 1) Nichols: I didn't know we had them in the office.
- v) Peterson: Are we able to edit the form? It says very "pooly" instead of very "poorly".
 - 1) Nichols: Thanks for catching that. Yes, I'll edit it.
- vi) Bono: Do we still have the discussion box outside the office? Could we put on the poster that if they don't want to use the QR code, they could write their comment down on a piece of paper and submit it there?
 - 1) O'Reilly: We are making the poster because no one uses the discussion box— there aren't paper/pens out there.
 - 2) Sitze: I don't know if many people know where the Student Government office is... I didn't know where our office was located until I joined this body.
 - 3) Peterson: Can we add the office location on the poster?
 - (a) Bates: I think it's a good idea to add it. But we want to make sure we aren't including too much text and crowding the poster with information.
- vii) Fox: My biggest concern is I wonder how we will keep up with people remembering this exists? Over time, posters are taken down. We might be able to have it on the Instagram Linktree as well. I think the poster might dim out over time.
 - 1) Cooper: I think putting it in the Linktree would be a great idea. The thing with the posters, we are ordering fifty posters and we wouldn't order it all at once. Because this doesn't have dates on it, it hopefully will stay up for a lot longer than we think.
 - 2) O'Reilly: Posters do phase out, but we're going to have a lot so we can put them up if they are taken down. Posters aren't the end-all be-all for advertising; it is just one way to advertise. We will post it on Instagram and send it in our Student Government monthly email.
 - 3) Hammock: Colleen and Esther brought this up, but posting on Instagram is free, and we can all hype up this Google Form on there. I feel like the posters are a win.
 - (a) Philips: We could try to utilize Instagram as an office hour highlight, and I think it would put our name out there more.
 - 4) Bates: Taking down posters over the summer, I found ones from 2018. Certain things are kept around for a while. You can always send it for reprint if you need to.
- viii) Owsley: I think this is a very good idea, and I'm appreciative of the Student Affairs Committee coming up with it. I appreciate Layne bringing up the

money motion. I think there is an added benefit to collecting emails because it gives us the chance to recruit people in the future for voting positions.

ix) Strub: I also think this is a good idea and increases student involvement. With that stated, I think there are a lot of question marks about this money motion. I'm not sure if I feel comfortable spending the money right now unless all of the things we talk about are worked out.

1) Cooper: I like this idea, Layne. To address the concerns about spending the money now, the Google Form can change after we approve spending money on the posters. I've been getting a lot of emails of student concerns, and I know you all have too. I think this is a good way to collect student feedback, and I think we should pass this money motion today and figure out the problems later.

2) O'Reilly: If we aren't comfortable spending money on it today, we can come back to it next week. But, also, we can print the posters and then edit the form later.

x) Chinthia: We could put the poster on the Purple Friday table.

xi) Nichols: Collecting emails is multifaceted. The way I see it, there are three options: We could allow anyone to submit a response; We could force their Truman email, but not collect it; We could force their Truman email and collect it. When I first made this form, I was of the same mind that if I have to submit my Truman email, I wouldn't submit the form, but if I was someone who had a legitimate concern to the Student Government then I would do it. Spam could still happen. As far as passing it today, I can push it to next week. I don't care about passing it today. I don't know how we can decide what to do about the emails.

1) Bates: Can we take a straw poll to see what everyone thinks about email collection?

xii) *A straw poll was collected about the email collection and the vast majority decided it was the best idea to collect emails.*

xiii) Nichols: If there is a better QR code website that has infinite life, let me know. Since we are going to require the respondent's name to be attached to this, I don't really want to put where the Student Government office is. I could put it on the form though.

xiv) Zuehlke: I support collecting information, but what are students' right to privacy?

1) Bates: It's a Truman form. You're forcing people to sign in with Truman credentials. If you were taking those emails and doing something with them, it would be a problem. There's a small group of control over who sees this information.

- xv) Owsley: If we want to pass the money motion today, we will have time to figure out the way that Student Affairs wants to figure out the poster. We should submit it today and get the ball rolling.
- xvi) Money motion passes 17-1-1.

7) Committee Reports

a) Academic Affairs Committee

- i) Bono: The December Commencement form closed, and my committee and I will get that process started soon.
- ii) Kolesiak: How many people applied?
 - (1) Bono: I prefer not to say because I know some people on our body had friends who applied, so I don't want to expose anything.

b) Diversity and Inclusion Committee

- i) Ghemina: We finally divided projects for all of my committee members. Soup is working on food diversity on campus. We were thinking of creating a form that would circulate around the student body to see who would want veggie options and who has religious-related dietary restrictions. Once we write up the form, we will see what everyone thinks.
 - (1) Ghemina: Is the food diversity project something we could work with the Health, Wellness, & Safety Committee on?
 - (a) Cooper: Yes, you can work with any member of the body that you think applies to the project.
 - (2) Chinthia: We decided these forms would only be open for a certain period of time so hopefully we don't run into those issues.
- ii) Ghemina: We talked about how Diversity Week may not be a thing, but we do want to have events with other organizations. We could maybe set up a meeting to see what all identity-based organizations want to see done on campus and have a joint event.
- iii) Ghemina: I am working with Sodexo and Kerrion this week to figure out the details on the open space in Baldwin.
- iv) Ghemina: Jessie is reaching out to diverse organizations on campus and maybe setting up a meeting with them. We're going to try to encourage people to have organizational representatives in Student Government.

c) Environmental Affairs Committee

- i) Smallwood: The Environmental Studies major is basically finalized by people who aren't the FAC, Faculty Senate, Student Senate, and Board of Governors. It could still take a bit of time, but the plan is still to have it by Fall 2023. It's not going to create any new classes— it'll organize the classes that already exist.
- ii) Smallwood: The environmental justice event is going to take a lot of work that I may have underestimated, so it won't happen during Sustainability Month. We're going to focus our time and attention on the events that we

currently want to put on. We'll circle back to the environmental justice event possibly after Thanksgiving Break, maybe in early December.

- iii) Small: We want to start working with the Purple Friday Committee to raise awareness about sustainability/environmentalism on campus and call it "Sustainability Fridays".
- iv) Small: We talked to Dr. Johnson about the prairie at the University Farm. He has a lot of acres out there, so we talked about repurposing that land into a prairie that could grow food or something like that. We're going to do some research on the best price for seeds, so expect a money motion for that coming soon.
- v) Small: For the highway cleanup project, Jordan and I talked about how a lot of highways are already adopted by other organizations. Baltimore Street is pretty open, so I think we'll look into adopting a street somewhere along there.

(1) Bates: Are you in actual contact with the city about adopting a portion of the street?

(a) Smallwood: No, not yet.

- vi) Smallwood: The Sustainability Festival is happening Friday afternoon on the Quad.

d) External Affairs Committee

- i) Barge: Since the registration time for this upcoming election has passed, we are now working with the Faculty Senate to get a holiday for people to vote. I'd like to go more into the details on that, however this was a convo I had with President Thomas before. If we want to get classes off for November 8th, she has limited potential to do that. She encouraged me to go to the Faculty Senate and speak to the President there. The way it was described to me is that President Thomas has limited influence on the days students have class. In case you want to illustrate your support, there is a sit-in in Baldwin tomorrow hosted by the Student Climate Union. I don't think I want our committee to be an official part of that event, but I wanted to share it with you in case you're interested. The Student Climate Union reached out to us and wants to partner up for this project, which I think is a good idea.

e) Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee

- i) Fox: I had to cancel last week's meeting, but we are going to pick up the pace on a resolution about maternity conditions on campus. We are going to get the ball rolling with projects and working with other organizations.

f) Sexual Assault Prevention Designee

- i) Zelk: I talked to Ryan Nely about the safe space for breastfeeding, and he has been made aware. I told him I'll be working with him in any way I can.
- ii) Zelk: I brought this up to Kennedy, but I'd like to host an art or writing-based event for people to compete and let their voices be heard. I

haven't fleshed this out as much as I would like to, but this is something I would like to do in the future.

iii) Philips: Would it be a competition?

(1) Zelk: It would be more of a collaborative event where people can have an open and safe space to talk about anything they would like to.

g) Student Affairs Committee

i) O'Reilly: We have a room and a date for the President's Roundtable. It'll be November 30th, 7p-9p in the Student Union Building Alumni Room. We'll be talking about the event this week and getting a game plan together for what we need to do.

(1) Kolesiak: Are you thinking of doing posters?

(a) O'Reilly: Yes, we're getting that process started.

ii) O'Reilly: We had a money motion today, so thanks for your discussion on that. We'll be getting posters and putting them up whenever they come in. If you had concerns about the poster, I highly encourage you to message either me or Layne to make sure that we address them. We'll also be reading the meeting minutes, so don't worry too much about it. Additionally, if we have a fast turnaround on edits, we can send the finalized poster in Slack to make sure that if anyone has further input, they're able to give it.

iii) O'Reilly: Update on urinal dividers: We can't really put dividers up because that would make most of the bathrooms on-campus non-American Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant. We're not sure how we're going to further address this, but a resolution is possibly in the works.

(1) Philips: Can we fundraise?

(a) O'Reilly: It's not that we don't have the money to put urinal dividers in— the reason there aren't currently dividers is because there isn't enough room to add them without making it non-ADA compliant.

(b) Bates: Is there enough room for a wheelchair to access those services?

(i) O'Reilly: The specific requirement is the space around the urinal has to be big enough to fit a wheelchair.

(2) Peterson: Could you add a curtain?

(a) O: We will look into that.

iv) O'Reilly: We're meeting with Dr. Van Boxel from Residence Life tomorrow to talk about a bunch of housing-related stuff, so I'll hopefully have a lot more information about that next week.

v) O'Reilly: I don't have a big update about Student Appreciation Week, but thank you again for all of your input last week. It was very helpful!

- h) Purple Friday Committee**
 - i)** Cooper: Everyone get excited because we are doing spooky Purple Friday! It will be a regular Purple Friday, but with a Halloween garland and accessories. You should sign up!
 - ii)** O'Reilly: Can we wear costumes for this?
 - (1) Cooper: Yes.
 - i) Parking Appeals Committee**
 - i)** Sitze: If people are still interested in joining the committee, it isn't too late! I'm hoping to finalize the committee soon. If I haven't reached out to you, please let me know. The parking appeals form is on the Student Government website and should be easily accessible. I'm working with Kathryn on an Instagram post about how people can appeal their tickets.
 - j) Athletic Fee Accountability Committee**
 - k) Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee**
- 8) Auxiliary Reports**
- a) Speaker**
 - i)** Stout: I want to go over the Speaker's List. I don't know what the precedent for acknowledging speakers is, but if you have a question or comment to make in discussion, I will give you a nod, and you'll know that means you're on the list. If you don't make eye contact with me, you can keep your hand raised. If we've made eye contact and I've given you a nod, you don't have to keep your hand up.
 - ii)** Stout: I want to give props to the Student Affairs Committee for encouraging discussion again this week. Since we got rid of the Zoom option, I was worried some people weren't going to speak up, but a lot of people brought up valuable comments about the money motions.
 - 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 VH 1010.
 - b)** Bono: I want to make sure we're using points correctly. Point of information is that you don't know something, and you want to know it. Point of clarification is you know the answer, and you want to clarify it.
 - c)** Bates: A few people said that the Student Union Building caught on fire last Friday, and that's why it was shut down. That is not true. The transformer across the street blew, and it controls the power to Centennial Hall, the Student Recreation Center,

and here. When that happened, it turned off the lights and created a water issue which is why we had to close the Union. If you hear anything else, it isn't true.

- d) Cook: Please send me your report if it was lengthy.
- e) O'Reilly: Warren brought this up earlier, but there is a sit-in in Baldwin on the second floor from 9a-5p to advocate for election days to a holiday where the University is closed down.
- f) Hammock: Since Jessie brought up Instagram takeovers earlier in discussion, this is something we want to work on this week. If you think there's any information you want people to know that you can share in your office hours, you can take over the Instagram story to share it.

Adjourned: 6:14 PM