

**Truman State University Student Government  
Thirteenth Session of the 2022-2023 General Body  
October 30th, 2022**

**Convened: 5:02 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
    - (1) Alexandra Thornhill as Voting Senator
      - (a) Cook: I got a message from Alexandra, and she told me that she needs to resign as a voting senator. Her reason for resigning is that she doesn't have enough time to do a good job this semester with all of her time commitments. I think she just overbooked herself this semester which is not uncommon for Student Government members.
  - ii) Major Appointments
  - iii) Minor Appointments
  - iv) Oath of Office

**2) Executive Reports**

- a) President
  - i) Cooper: Kathryn and I have an idea for our Instagram. We're thinking of incorporating a current TikTok trend where we go up to random people and ask questions that the cameraman (Kathryn) comes up with. If you're able to stay after to help with that, please do.
- b) Vice President
  - i) Fox: We got a message from the Union about helping with Finals Scream. They're asking for either financial support or tabling support. I will send more information about that in Slack once I receive it. Finals Scream will be December 11th, 2022. We're thinking about donating \$100-\$200 to the project.
- c) Treasurer
  - i) Owsley: We were going to review the Appropriations application this week with my committee, but I don't have access to the Google Drive folder yet. If everything goes as planned, I will bring up the application at General Body next week.

- d) Secretary
  - i) Cook: If you're going to be absent from a meeting and have an update to share with the body, please send it to me or someone on the Executive Board beforehand, and we will read it during your report.
- e) PR Director
  - i) Hammock: Please stay after the meeting for our TikTok.
- f) IT Director
  - i) Le: I will be updating names, pictures, and contact information for everybody on the website tonight. I will use the picture of you from the Retreat earlier this year.
  - ii) Cooper: If you weren't at Retreat, please send him your headshot.
- g) Legislative Director

### **3) Advisor Reports**

- a) Staff Advisor
- b) Faculty Advisor

### **4) Old Business**

### **5) Discussion Items**

- a) Establishment of a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) on Campus (Cooper)
  - i) Fox: A SANE is a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner. They go through the proper training to conduct rape kits and provide some counseling as well. They make sure the victim has complete control over the process because it could be very traumatic for them. We don't have one in Kirksville so they would have to go to Columbia if they wanted this sort of treatment. If they don't have transportation to Columbia, I believe a police officer could give them a ride, but they aren't allowed to change out of their clothes. This seems like a big problem. I think, as an institution, we should be fully prepared for the worst case scenario. Even if our statistics of sexual assault are low, we should still be prepared. I want us to talk about it before we propose a resolution.
  - ii) Cooper: The main reason we wanted to have this is because we feel like it's an important resource to have. We talked to people in the administration some, but we want to hear your thoughts.
  - iii) Barge: Are there any concerns from the administration?
    - 1) Fox: Ryan Nely and I talked, and it seems like we should address the public relations perspective. We could receive grant-funding to train and install a SANE. If that were to be publicized, would that imply that there is an issue of sexual assault at this university? Again, I think we should be prepared just in case anything happens to a student.
  - iv) Hammock: You said Kirksville doesn't have one, right? If we were to get a SANE, could non-students have access to them?

- 1) Cooper: Currently, all nurses on-campus are employees of Complete Family Medicine which all Kirksville residents could also see. The SANE training and installation process is grant-funded, and it's a cool resource we could provide, not only to Truman students, but the overall Kirksville community. I think this could also be a way to enhance relations between Kirksville and Truman.
- v) Warner: Could we go above the administration? Since it's a Complete Family Medicine service anyway.
  - 1) Cooper: I haven't thought about that.
- vi) Kolesiak: Would the grant be for training an existing nurse? Or would it be to train, hire, and retain a new nurse?
  - 1) Cooper: If I remember correctly, Ryan Nely has been in contact with a nurse who said they would do the training. That's another reason why I think this discussion item is timely— we already have someone who said they'd be willing to go forward with training.
- vii) Peterson: Is there any way we could garner support from the community, such as A.T. Still University?
  - 1) Cooper: I will look into that.
- viii) Nichols: Would this SANE be hosted in the emergency room with 24/7 availability? Is one SANE enough to cover all hours of the day? How do other colleges deal with that?
  - 1) Cooper: One SANE probably isn't enough. I think the discussions with Ryan implies right now, the goal is to just have one SANE, but I think that would be a topic to bring up in the future.
- ix) Cook: It seems that our body is pretty receptive to the idea of having a SANE on-campus. What are the next steps? Writing a resolution or having conversations with the administration?
  - 1) Cooper: Esther and I talk to President Thomas on Wednesday, and we will share this conversation with her. What we know of the University's opinion is second-hand, but we haven't talked to her directly. I wouldn't be surprised if you all saw a resolution coming up in the future about this issue.
- x) Barge: Are there any other organizations in the community that we could look into to see if they have nurses we can train?
  - 1) Cooper: One of the things we thought about talking to President Thomas about is that it doesn't have to be a Truman SANE, it could be Kirksville. Because it is grant-funded, Truman doesn't have to fund it unless something in the grant specifies that it has to come from a university.

## 6) New Business

## 7) Committee Reports

- a) Academic Affairs Committee
  - i) Bono: We chose a commencement speaker and reported it to the commencement speaker committee. We are excited to give you more information when it comes to fruition.
  - ii) Bono: Expect a resolution about the Pre-Law minor in the next few weeks.
- b) Diversity and Inclusion Committee
- c) Environmental Affairs Committee
- d) External Affairs Committee
  - i) Barge: I attended the Faculty Senate General Body Meeting last Thursday, and it was interesting. I was focused on a resolution they discussed that encourages faculty members to allow students in their class the day off to go vote. The resolution itself is not very action-oriented; it just recommends the faculty members excuse their students' absences, but there could certainly be faculty to not allow absences. I would encourage everyone to talk to your professors directly to see if they allow you to vote. This resolution doesn't provide anything to force the faculty members to excuse absences on Election Day. If they don't allow you to vote, I would encourage early voting.
    - (1) Stout: The resolution is just a recommendation?
      - (a) Barge: Yes, it is just a recommendation. It "recommends the sanction of students who have to travel outside of Kirksville on Election Day" so if you are voting in Adair County, there is no reason to miss class. The professor might feel like it is fair to enforce the absence policy if you miss class and are a registered voter in Adair County because you didn't have to drive out of town to vote. If there's a small thing you can bring from your voting location as evidence that you missed class because of this reason, I would recommend doing so.
      - (b) Stout: How likely is it that faculty read the resolutions?
        - (i) Cooper: Faculty engagement in Faculty Senate matters is a lot better than student engagement in Student Senate matters. Each academic department has a representative, and those representatives have to report it back to their department chair and at department meetings. Not only is that happening, but the Executive Committee drafted an email to send to all professors.
    - (2) Cooper: It seems like this is something that the administration wants to add, but the reason why it didn't happen this year is because their meetings are once a month, and it didn't get first read/second read in

time. I think this Faculty Senate resolution is a way to test the waters on this issue.

- ii) Barge: During the Faculty Senate meeting, President Thomas was very focused on bringing in new students to Truman. They talked about new programs, policies, and activities to attract prospective students. The way they talked about it sounds like it would be successful.
- iii) Barge: My committee is encouraging voter turnout. I know one of my members is working on sending an email to political organizations on-campus to encourage them to vote. Emily is working on an Instagram post.
- iv) Barge: We are also talking to Zac Burden about reestablishing the connection between Kirksville and Truman.
- e) Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee
  - i) Fox: Last week, I met with Ryan Nely to talk about compliance regarding breastfeeding spaces on-campus, and there aren't any compliance issues.
  - ii) Fox: I met with General Counsel Amy Clendennen to talk about the possible legal implications regarding breastfeeding spaces on-campus. We will be writing a resolution for next week's agenda (we want Laura to be there for the faculty perspective).
  - iii) Fox: I sent this in Slack already, but I got a message from a Health Science student who is in their Capstone class right now. They're doing a project about sexual assault awareness and asked if we would be interested in tabling for them. I put the link to table in Slack, so check it out if you're interested.
  - iv) Fox: There's gonna be a SANE panel in November. I'll send more information about that once I have it.
- f) Sexual Assault Prevention Designee
- g) Student Affairs Committee
- h) Purple Friday Committee
  - i) Cooper: Spooky Purple Friday was cool. If you want to meet other members of the body, tabling for Purple Friday is a good way to do that. We won't be having Purple Friday this week.
- i) Parking Appeals Committee
- j) Athletic Fee Accountability Committee
- k) Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee

## **8) Auxiliary Reports**

- a) Speaker
- b) Board of Governors Representative
- c) Organizational Representatives
  - i) FAC Representative
  - ii) RHA Representative
  - iii) SAB Representative

d) Black Student Representative

**9) Announcements**

- a) Fox: If you would like to see poetry from yours truly and others, TruPoets is having an event on Tuesday at 7:30 PM in the SUB Alumni Room.
- b) Cooper: I'm putting on a Halloween-themed show in the Planetarium tomorrow at 7 PM.

**Adjourned: 5:32 PM**