

Student Government Resolution 122.003

A Resolution in Support of a Cannabis and Natural Medicinals Major

Sponsored by Kennedy Cooper, President; Esther Fox, Vice President; Mike Owsley, Treasurer; Alexis Cook, Secretary; Santino Bono, Academic Affairs Co-Chair; Blaine Smallwood, Environmental Affairs Chair; Jay Sitze, Parking Appeals Chair; Colleen O'Reilly, Student Affairs Chair; Mairin Warner, Voting Senator; Lucas Manalang, Incoming Senator

WHEREAS,

- The Student Government is the official governing body of the Student Association and exists to represent the present and long-term best interests of the Student Association in the formulation of the University policy and in the fulfillment of the University mission.
- Truman State University has recognized the importance of creating new programs to increase student enrollment in the 2021-2025 Strategic Plan; and
- The Cannabis and Natural Medicinals Major is expected to increase enrollment; and
- The proposed major would consist of academic classes focused on the history, regulation, and medicinal properties of cannabis and other natural medicines, while also requiring classes focused on business, agricultural sciences, sociology, and philosophy; and
- Most likely in the beginning years of the program, Truman State University will not need to hire new faculty to support the major, or purchase new facilities or technology; and
- Truman State University already grows hemp at the University Farm, and will continue to do so to accommodate the major; and
- Hemp is legal to produce and sell under federal law, because of the Agricultural Improvement Act of 2018; and
- Hemp does contain CBD, but does not contain substantial amounts of THC, which is the cannabinoid that causes mild psychedelic effects; and
- Using Hemp as a teaching tool is still very effective, because the process to extract CBD from hemp is very similar to extraction processes used for a variety of natural medicines; and
- There is significant market need for qualified people in the growing field of Cannabis and Natural Medicine; and

- Creating a Cannabis and Natural Medicinals program would help prepare Truman students to enter a growing field, as 10% of new jobs being created in Missouri are from the cannabis industry¹; and
- Missouri legalized medical marijuana in 2018², and legalized recreational marijuana in November of 2022³; and
- Outside of Missouri, cannabis is legal for medicinal purposes in 39 states, with just CBD oil being legal in an additional 7 states,⁴ and is legal for recreational purposes in 19 states⁵; and
- The Cannabis industry saw a 33% growth in 2021 and 428,000 jobs were created by the industry as of early 2022⁶; and
- There are not many Cannabis programs offered in Missouri Public Universities or around the country⁷; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT,

- Supports the establishment of a Cannabis and Natural Medicinals Major; and
- Supports the maintenance and improvement of the Cannabis and Natural Medicinals Major if established; and
- Encourages future Academic Affairs committees to monitor the progress of the Cannabis and Natural Medicinals Major; and
- Believes that the title Cannabis and Natural Medicinals is a sufficient title for the major; and

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT DIRECTS THAT,

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<https://www.kcur.org/news/2022-11-10/missouri-election-2022-cannabis-weed-amendment-3-jobs-marijuana-industry>

2 [Summary of Missouri Medical Marijuana Law \(mpp.org\)](#)

3 [What Missouri Amendment 3 means, when you can buy legal weed | The Kansas City Star](#)

4 [MARIJUANA LEGALITY BY STATE | DISA](#)

5 [21 states have legalized recreational weed: Here's which states passed it this week, and which rejected it \(msn.com\)](#)

6 [Online Cannabis Science and Commerce | AIC](#)

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https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1EQcmXQ8CsM4H1oARmZR91m3wAPlp7xDnk_kcDqyYPmU/e/dit?usp=sharing



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Passed 10-1-2 on November 13th, 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kennedy Cooper'.

Kennedy Cooper, President of the Student Association