

Student Government Resolution 123.xxx

A Resolution against the Civics Bill

Sponsored By: Kennedy Cooper, Diversity and Inclusion Chair; Colleen O'Reilly, President; Mairin Warner, Vice President; Alex Zelk, Secretary; Ella Schnake, Student Representative to the Board of Governors; Christopher Williams, IT Director; Alex Peterson and Sal Niemeyer, Academic Affairs Co-Chairs; Marcia Humphreys, Health, Wellness, and Safety Chair; Lucas Manalang, Student Affairs Chair; Molly Schaedler, Environmental Affairs Chair; Brynna Seim, Voting Senator; Samantha Dotson, Purple Friday Chair; Jessie Philips, Voting Senator; Abigail Knabe, Associate 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; and
- The Student Government had a discussion item about the Civics Bill on the May 10th, 2023 meeting; and
- During the discussion item, the following concerns were brought up:
- Three credits are incredibly burdensome for students who have already been taking history and government courses, including those who have transferred in history and government courses; and
- While Truman is a Liberal Arts and Sciences University, the bill adds stress to nonmajors, requiring them to take an abundance of courses that do not further their academic pursuits; and
- Adds stress to students who are political science or history majors who are already taking classes that cover this material; and
- This bill does add an additional graduation requirement for students who already struggle with completing graduation requirements on time; and
- During a straw poll, the Student Government unanimously did not support the bill, and decided to write a resolution; and

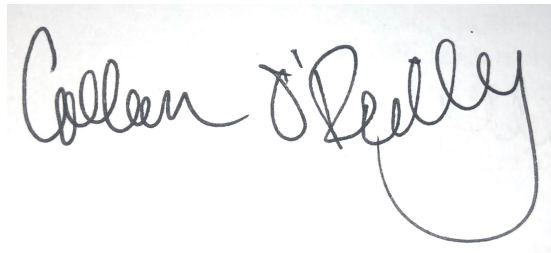
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT,

- Does not support the Civics Bill that is being discussed in Faculty Senate; and
- Wishes to be consulted about future additional graduation requirements; and
- Advocates for more student involvement in the Civics Committee in the future; and

THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT DIRECTS THAT,

- Additional copies of this resolution are disseminated to: Sue Thomas, President; Charles McAdams, Interim Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost; Eric Freedman, Incoming Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost; Kathryn Brammel, Faculty Senate President; Candy Young, Interim UGC Chair; Elizabeth Wiles, Civics Committee Member; David Gillette, Civics Committee Member; Truman Media Network and the University Archives.

Approved by The Student Senate on 05/10/20.



Colleen O'Reilly, President of the Student Association