

**Truman State University Student Government**  
**Twenty Fourth Session of the 2022-2023 General Body**  
**March 26th, 2023**

**Convened: 5:01 PM**

**1) Preliminary Items**

- a) Roll Call
- b) Gallery Business
- c) Changes to the Agenda
- d) Approval of Previous Minutes
- e) Membership Appointment & Resignation
  - i) Resignations
  - ii) Major Appointments
  - iii) Minor Appointments
  - iv) Oath of Office

**2) Executive Reports**

- a) President
  - i) Cooper: It's really important to attend your committee meetings. You are expected to help write resolutions, run events, and help when you can so attending your meeting is really important.
  - ii) Cooper: Our first intramural football game is 10:40 PM this Friday. I'll bring gatorade for everyone. I think it would be helpful if another man joined the team so they can have a back-up. Sign-ups are open to everyone, though.
  - iii) Cooper: After today, we will have four meetings— technically three. I know you all have resolutions and money motions in the works, so get them written and put on the agendas.
  - iv) Cooper: April 23rd is Retreat at 12 PM. It is absolutely required for you to attend. Part of the day is business formal attire, so please be prepared.
- b) Vice President
  - i) Fox: No report.
- c) Treasurer
  - i) Owsley: For your awareness, Appropriations Committees will no longer be accepting applications after April 1st. This comes from our bylaws. If you have friends considering applying for funding, this is a great last chance to do it.
- d) Secretary
  - i) Cook: I will get all of the meeting minutes out tonight.
- e) PR Director
  - i) Hammock: No report.
- f) IT Director

i) Williams: If you have anything you want to put on the website, please reach out to me anytime on Slack. I usually get around to it in a day or less.

g) Legislative Director

### 3) Advisor Reports

a) Staff Advisor

b) Faculty Advisor

### 4) Old Business

### 5) Discussion Items

### 6) New Business

a) [A Resolution Stressing the Importance of DEI Education in Universities](#) (Cooper)

i) Cooper: There are some bills going through the Missouri Legislature right now that are trying to ban or limit diversity, equity, and inclusion education. I wrote this resolution about these bills in congress to show our opposition. I was hoping we could first and second read this resolution today so we can disseminate it to other universities, that way they can hopefully pass similar resolutions, and we can all have the most impact on our Missouri House and Senate.

ii) Williams: Are we able to sponsor this resolution as executive staff?

1) Cooper: Yes, I will put you on the resolution.

iii) Kershaw: On the last bullet point in the “Therefore be it Resolved,” I think we should change “understanding” to something else because I don’t think it says what our goal really is here.

1) Cooper: I will say that this is a suggestion President Thomas wants us to put in there, but we could say “value” instead of “understanding” and it won’t change the meaning.

2) Fox: Another word we could put is “implementing” since it is in our mission statement.

(a) Cooper: I think I’d rather say “valuing”.

iv) First read.

v) Motion to suspend standing rules to second read and pass the resolution passes by unanimous vote.

vi) Ghenima: I think this is a great resolution!

vii) Approved by unanimous vote.

b) [Executive Money Motion](#) (Cooper)

i) Cooper: This is a bunch of random things we need to purchase that I put in one money motion.

ii) Cooper: We are getting a new table runner because ours is disgusting. It won’t be white this time.

iii) Cooper: We need to buy graduation cords for spring and fall.

1) Sitze: Are we getting blue and white cords, even though our colors are purple and white?

- (a) Cooper: Yes, we passed a resolution in 2018 that these are official colors for graduation cords.
  - iv) Cooper: National Bulldog Day is April 23rd and we're providing bulldog bag clips for that day.
  - v) Cooper: We're getting more reusable silverware with leftover money in the Earth Week budget. Everyone really likes those and people keep asking when we'll get it back.
    - 1) Sitze: What color are you getting the silverware in?
      - (a) Cooper: They're in a natural color.
    - 2) Kershaw: Super excited for more silverware! I was in the Sustainability Office last week and I heard from people who want them.
  - vi) Copper: We are getting "I Voted!" stickers. I accept suggestions about what they should look like.
  - vii) Approved by unanimous vote.
- c) [Appropriations Slate 1](#) (Owsley)
  - i) Owsley: You'll remember last time we had an appropriations application, it was two separate applications for two students who attended a student research conference in Georgia. We rejected them because they didn't include enough information and asked for too much money. They applied again in a unified slate and requested  $\frac{3}{4}$  less than last time. They added much more information about how they will disseminate information for it. For those reasons, the Appropriations Committee decides to recommend funding.
  - ii) Denklau: Where did they find money from the parts that aren't provided from the Student Government?
    - 1) Owsley: They already funded it, they're just asking to be reimbursed for some of the costs.
  - iii) Humphreys: As Health, Wellness, and Safety Chair, I think this is a good idea and I wish they requested more money for this application.
  - iv) Owsley: I think this is a perfect amount. I think it is a solid application. Considering before, they applied from two angles and asked for a lot of money. I think this is now more in line with the goals of the Appropriations Committee which is to provide some funding for all.
  - v) Recommendation accepted by unanimous vote.
- d) [Appropriations Slate 2](#) (Owsley)
  - i) Owsley: This was submitted by Joseph Spaulding who is in Kappa Alpha Psi. They want to host a movie on campus, however we felt that the application itself didn't give us enough information. It was mentioned that leftover funds would be spent on other events for the organization. That inclusion violates the policies that Appropriations operates under. The committee

recommends that we do not fund this proposal, but that we follow up and help them edit their application so we can approve it later.

- ii) Cooper: Since the deadline is April 1st and since we don't have a meeting before that, how does that work?
  - 1) Owsley: I'm going to start communicating with them right now to make sure that they apply for funds before April 1st, but we can still consider it at the next meeting.
- iii) Bono: I don't think this is the first time we've rejected an application for being too broad, so I think it would be worthwhile to put in the application to be as specific as possible.
- iv) Owsley: I really do think the application has some good heart to it, so I'm hoping that we can work the application out with them.
- v) Recommendation accepted by unanimous vote.
- e) Pride Event Money Motion (Ghenima)
  - i) Cooper: I decided to host a pride event because I thought it would be fun, and it would be a valuable thing to have on campus. We heard from the Center for Diversity and Inclusion and the LGBTQ+ Resource Center that they would like to collaborate. We thought it would be a good event to have because some students would like to go to a pride festival over the summer when they're at home, but they may not feel like they're at liberty to do that. We are thinking of either April 21st or April 29th. It will start at 12 PM and end at either 4 PM or 5 PM. We don't know where we are going to host it yet, but we're thinking of either the Quad or the SUB Down Under.
  - ii) Sitze: Would this not be the perfect place to host it in the Resource Center?
    - 1) Cooper: The volume of attendees would be too large for this room, plus we'll be painting and we can't paint in the academic building rooms.
  - iii) Warner: April 21st is Earth Fest. It'll be outside the Student Union Building near the fountain, so if you want to do it on April 21st, you can possibly have it in the yard next to Earth Fest. That way, students can go freely from each event.
  - iv) Warner: On the sticker design, the bands are different widths and distances apart.
  - v) Kershaw: Is the total \$180 or \$153?
    - 1) Ghenima: I think you're looking at the wrong document.
  - vi) Philips: I think this is a really good idea. If there are any extra stickers, the Truman Forensics Union is doing a queer showcase around this time so we could use the extra stickers.
  - vii) O'Reilly: I think the posters look really good.
  - viii) Approved by unanimous vote.

## 7) Committee Reports

- a) Academic Affairs Committee
  - i) Bono: I had a productive meeting with Laura about academic accolades. We are going to be narrowing down semi-finalists to finalists soon.
- b) Diversity and Inclusion Committee
  - i) Ghenima: The Around the World Cultural Fair got canceled because we didn't have enough people to volunteer for the event.
  - ii) Ghenima: If you have any friends in any organizations, please invite them to come this Thursday to the Diversity and Inclusion Workshop. If you're in a fraternity or sorority, please encourage them to sign up.
    - (1) Owsley: What time is it again?
      - (a) Ghenima: There are two sessions— one from 5 PM to 6 PM and another from 6 PM to 7 PM. The 5 PM session is all full, so I would recommend signing up for the 6 PM one.
    - (2) Kershaw: Can you send the link again in Slack?
      - (a) Ghenima: Yes.
  - iii) Ghenima: We're still waiting for stickers to come in.
  - iv) Ghenima: We're still working on getting pronouns on class rosters. I plan on talking to Information Technology Services this week. We're also writing a resolution on that.
- c) Environmental Affairs Committee
  - i) Warner: The vineyard has been ripped up, so planting the seeds we ordered for the farm prairie will be happening in early April since the ground was too frozen for the last date. The planting will be done by Dr. Bob Johnson—not us.
  - ii) Warner: Earth Week freebies are ordered and they will be here soon.
  - iii) Warner: Please sign up to table for Earth Week.
  - iv) Warner: Our committee has planned the event for Tuesday of Earth Week.
  - v) Warner: Shout out to Ethan for working with Sodexo in getting a Meatless Monday project going in the dining halls!
  - vi) Warner: I'm going to reach out to The Index/Truman Today about adding a sustainability tip of the week.
- d) External Affairs Committee
  - i) Denkla: I needed a bit of help from our body. We are working on an idea with the local high school student council to bring them here so they can see what we do. We are struggling with coming up with things to do for the high schoolers to do and how to get involved with our student government. I'm open to suggestions.
    - (1) Bono: Maybe we could find a little bit of time during Spring Retreat for a Q&A session and have high school students attend.
  - ii) Cook: Do you want us to talk about this now and brainstorm events? Or, do you want us to think about events and message you if we have ideas?

(1) Denklau: You can just message me if you have suggestions.

- e) Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee
    - i) Humphreys: Health, Wellness, and Safety Week was a success! We just announced prize winners for the drawings on Instagram.
    - ii) Humphreys: Thank you to everyone for tabling, especially Ethan, Kennedy, and Lucas (plus anyone else who I didn't see) for tabling since they aren't obligated to help.
    - iii) Humphreys: Thank you to Kennedy for helping with the Planetarium show.
    - iv) Humphreys: Thank you to Alexa for making the slideshow, that was a lot of work, and I really appreciate it.
    - v) Humphreys: Next up is Wellness Wednesday on April 12th, which is a part of Student Appreciation Week.
  - f) Sexual Assault Prevention Designee
    - i) Zelk: Denim Day will be held on April 29th, and the Title IX office has agreed to fund most of it. Money motion will be coming soon once exact prices and compensation has been figured out.
    - ii) Zelk: The lactation room location has been decided on, and it will be in the SUB Down Under, located behind the ATM machines and next to the men's bathroom.
  - g) Student Affairs Committee
    - i) O'Reilly: We have 20 stickers! There are 180 more where these came from, and they'll be coming soon.
    - ii) O'Reilly: Will be ordering food from Sodexo with the funds we approved last week and talking to Laura about getting coffee vouchers.
    - iii) O'Reilly: Also, we figured out how much stickers were going to cost, which is roughly \$70.
    - iv) O'Reilly: I will be sending out a spreadsheet to sign up for tabling sometime this week because one week from Tuesday is Student Appreciation Week!
  - h) Purple Friday Committee
    - i) Cooper: No report.
  - i) Parking Appeals Committee
    - i) Sitze: No report.
  - j) Athletic Fee Accountability Committee
  - k) Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee
- 8) Auxiliary Reports**
- a) Speaker
    - i) Stout: Elections are quickly approaching. We have an informational meeting on April 5th for everyone planning on running, and that includes those of you running for reelection. The posters for that are in the office. If anyone has free time during their office hours this week, please help me by hanging them up around campus.

- ii) Stout: Get your friends to run for Student Government! There will be a recruitment accolade at Spring Retreat. If you're in an organization, send a message to your group chats to get people to run.
- iii) Stout: People should join the flag football team! I'll be playing, and Colleen will too.
- b) Board of Governors Representative
- c) Organizational Representatives
  - i) FAC Representative
  - ii) RHA Representative
  - iii) SAB Representative
- d) Black Student Representative

**9) Announcements**

- a) Williams: I'm hosting a fundraiser for the Adair County Humane Society this week in the Student Union Building from 10 AM to 2 PM. You can donate litter boxes, toys, beds, and blankets.
- b) Humphreys: The Community of College Entrepreneurs is having a fundraiser this Friday in the Ryle Lounge from 4 PM to 8 PM. Please sign up and bring items that you want to sell— you'll get 50% of all proceeds.
- c) O'Reilly: Come to College Democrats tomorrow night for game night.

**Adjourned: 5:40 PM**