

**Truman State University Student Government**  
**Twenty Sixth Session of the 2022-2023 General Body**  
**April 2nd, 2023**

**Convened: 5:00 PM**

**1) Preliminary Items**

- a) Roll Call
- b) Gallery Business
  - i) Seim: Hi, I'm Brenna Siem. I'm here because I want to check out Student Government for the upcoming elections.
  - ii) Dodson: Hi, I'm Samantha Dodson and I also want to check out Student Government and become a Voting Senator.
  - iii) Wolmering: Hi, I'm Jerry Wolmering and I'm here to talk about the AFAC (Athletics Fee Accountability Committee) Slate.
- c) Changes to the Agenda
  - i) Motion to move AFAC Slate above Executive Reports passes.
- d) Approval of Previous Minutes
- e) Membership Appointment & Resignation
  - i) Resignations
  - ii) Major Appointments
  - iii) Minor Appointments
  - iv) Oath of Office

**2) New Business**

- a) [AFAC Slate](#) (Wolmerang)
  - i) Wolmerang: I'm here to present the list of proposals for the AFAC Slate. Feel free to ask any questions along the way. This year, the fee generated \$347,665 from tuition. About 40% of the fee is dedicated to a long-term project which are the softball fields this year. That leaves about \$198,000 for short-term proposals.
  - ii) Wolmering: The first item is the sand volleyball court outside of Dobson Hall. When that was done, there were no bleachers and no places to sit. This proposal came out of Laura's office to put some bleachers for students to use. We'll also put down some concrete and put bleachers on top of that. We are projecting about \$10,000 for that.
  - iii) Wolmering: The second item is wind screens for the tennis courts. When we redid the courts themselves last year, we realized the wind screen had some tears in it and were in bad shape. We basically took the screen down and threw what was left of it away. If you look at the wind screens now, there aren't any wind screens.

- iv) Wolmering: The next three items go together. Athletics, like many co-curricular and public activities, are streaming their events. If you follow your high schools, you can watch events on YouTube— our conference is no different. We're trying to keep that going and upgrade them. These proposals are for Synergy Sports and cameras for Pershing Arena. We have one now, and we'd like to upgrade that. They can be used for soccer, football, and at the stadium. Right now, if you watch a Truman football game online, we have someone up there operating it, but this would be updated and automated and on the field. It would be upgrading everything that comes along with streaming events, including hardwire, internet access, and baseball/softball cameras. That end of campus is spotty as far as the Wi-Fi goes, so whenever we try to stream an event, it'll kick us on and off the wi-fi. The advice we got from a few people is to hardwire it like we do at the stadium. There will be some IT work to hardwire that.
- v) Wolmering: The next item is a new baseball scoreboard and pitch clocks. The NCA has a new requirement where the pitch clocks so that the pitchers can hangout on the mound for two minutes to try to speed up the game. There are pitch clocks where the umpire and pitcher and everybody can see, so the pitcher can get the pitch off in time. The scoreboards will be upgraded along with the pitch clocks.
- vi) Wolmering: The next item is updating the javelin runway/shot put area. We have an area that is up behind the Stokes Stadium parking lot. Track and Field has a lot of events from javelin to shot put to discus to hammer throw. Our javelin runway needs to be resurfaced. If you walk up there, it is very noticeable that it isn't safe to run on.
- vii) Wolmering: The next item is a new tarp to cover the wood floor in Pershing. When there are events in Pershing outside of athletics, such as graduation and concerts, they use a tarp to cover the wood floor. The tarp is about 30 years old. The Physical Plant came to me and said that it's time to put in a new tarp for the university to have and use it.
- viii) Wolmering: The next item is weight room equipment— really our dumbbells. They're about 12 years old and need to be updated. It's getting old and it looks bad. It's used by many people, so we're requesting money to be able to upgrade it.
- ix) Wolmering: The last item is something we always put on there which is annual maintenance. In the summertime, we do a lot of things to upgrade and maintain stuff before students get here. If there's an emergency repair that has to happen, we use it for that.
- x) Sitze: The Synergy sports video that you have listed— can you explain that a little bit?

- 1) Wolmering: Synergy is a company specific to the video we use now. Synergy is the name of the company and it is specific to use— now, what basketball and football use is for film exchange. Our opponent can use it to download game films. Coaches are allowed to watch film in the future, so if I'm playing your team Saturday, I can watch past games of yours on film through Synergy. It's just us trying to keep up-to-date with technology.
- xi) Kershaw: With the cost estimates you provided, does that factor in the possibility of them coming in over budget? I assume you put it a bit over the exact costs.
  - 1) Wolmering: Yeah, I try to do that, especially with how costs have gone up. For example, when Laura Bates told me about the Dodson bleachers, I estimated \$3,000 and I talked to Physical Plant about it. I would hope that most of these are on the high end. The Synergy project is the exact number. There were times where we ran into estimates and anything over \$5,000 had to be bid out through the university bidding process. We're trying to be better about implementing a buffer.
- xii) Sitze: I'm assuming a lot of the maintenance you have on here also goes through the Physical Plant, or does it go through someone else?
  - 1) Wolmering: Yeah, most things are done through the Physical Plant. The wood floor, I will order it directly. If something breaks, the Physical Plant is the first person to assess it to see what can be done to fix it. Last year, on the day of a volleyball match, the wire busted. The guy who installed it, we had to call them for that. A lot of times we go through Kenny McKim in the Physical Plant office for maintenance issues.
    - (a) Sitze: Is the large amount of the \$20,000 going back to the Physical Plant or is it internalized costs?
      - (i) Wolmering: It mostly will be external. For example, with the wood floor, a company will come in and it's about \$3,000 to \$4,000 to do that. That's about 15% of the budget right there. We cut a check to them. Obviously when the Physical Plant can do things, they don't charge us for the labor. If the Physical Plant comes in and says they can fix something that they need a part for, we pay for the part.
- xiii) Humphreys: Do you think these improvements will draw more students to the university?
  - 1) Wolmering: Anytime we can maintain nice things, it will attract students. The student activities fee has transformed. I was telling

Kennedy this through the organizational activities fee review board (OAF) meeting. I wish I could have a powerpoint of before and after the fee was implemented. Going back to when the fee started in 2007, there weren't a lot of projects that we did on this scale. I did find the powerpoint that I gave to the students to view before this fee was voted on. I don't know if it's worth seeing, but I could send it to you. We didn't have lights, and things like that. It would be cool to have a before and after. I feel like the fee transformed things, so obviously it's to keep things maintained. Sometimes we need to spend money to improve things so that it doesn't turn into an eye sore. Maintaining the wood floor so that it looks nice does help in recruiting. I'm all for keeping things looking nice.

- xiv) Sitze: For the weight room upgrade, is that specifically for the athletes' training room or the Student Recreation Center?
- 1) Wolmering: This is for the one in Pershing Hall. There are some classes that do participate in that weight room through health and exercise science. When you get into heavy weights, classes don't really use that. The Student Recreation Center has a weight room open for the student body. There is actually another weight room in Pershing Hall that they use for different types of classes, and they are upgrading that on their own, too. This would be for the dumbbells in Pershing Hall on the south side of the floors. It is mainly student athletes, but there are some classes that use that.
- xv) Kershaw: Were there any projects this year you considered including, but decided not to?
- 1) Wolmering: Yeah, I mean \$347,000 is a lot of money. We were talking about this at the OAF meeting, the enrollment numbers affect a lot. Back in 2015-2016, the student fee was \$620,000. We can spend \$10 million if we had it, but obviously we had to pick and choose. Because the softball project was the long term one, we didn't want to get in the weeds on bigger projects at this point until we finished that. The other thing is the soccer fields— we couldn't even play on it last fall. Anything that could've gone bad, went bad. Fortunately, we have soccer lines at Stokes Stadium, so both of our soccer teams had to be at Stokes Stadium more. I think if we had two more soccer fields, they would still be used every day. Most of the time they're streaming lights on it for things like ROTC, Ultimate Frisbee, and club sports use it. We're hoping to do bigger and better things... things that need to be done to upgrade stuff. If we were to spend money on everything, that takes pretty much all of our budget.

- xvi) Sitze: The majority of the budget is the video streaming for athletics. How is this going to change the university for the better? In a sense for the students itself, in addition to the video exchange for coaches. Also, why would you pick this in contrast to the field and how do you think that plays out for the student body?
- 1) Wolmering: Obviously, most of the facilities athletics use are shared. Most of the time there is a greater benefit to it. When we talked about the softball and baseball field, that's more of a specific project. The stadium is a multi-purpose field, even though people think of it as a football field. The reality is that football uses it about 25% of the time. We have track and field and other sports using it. It depends on the area. Obviously we would love to turf the soccer field too, but that will take a lot more than \$50,000 and it will take a long time. At this point, we need to go through softball and then move on to something else. We lack indoor space as a student body for activities. We're getting requests all the time to use it, you know we have basketball games in Pershing Hall. We're all fighting for space to do our events and activities. We look at everything we need to do and feel like these projects are of priority, and we can do a lot more with these projects.
- xvii) Cooper: I met with Jerry when he was putting this slate together, and I think all of these projects seem worthwhile. Some of them are things we have been meaning to do for a while and haven't gotten around to do, and others are things that I think would be very helpful. I think the video camera for sports games is a good idea because that way, students can watch it— family, friends, people at home could watch it. Also, it can help us to have better reporting of our games and hopefully do better in future games because we'll be able to see how we play.
- xviii) Strub: I think these are all worthwhile projects to spend money on. Video streaming in particular is a big one. I would love to support Truman Athletics more, and being able to watch games virtually will definitely allow me to do that and get me more involved with Truman State University. Everything else seems really good. The pitch clock is mandatory and it's a worthwhile change so that we can actually participate in NCAA baseball and softball. I strongly support this.
- xix) First read.
- xx) Motion to suspend the standing rules to second read and pass this slate.
- xxi) Kershaw: Thank you for coming and answering all of our questions today. We appreciate your time. My only initial concern was about the small rollover amount, but if you factored in a lot of extra costs for each of the

projects, I don't see that it's much of a concern. I feel good about passing this today.

xxii) Ghenima: These are things we really need in order to improve.

xxiii) Slate passes by unanimous vote.

### 3) Executive Reports

#### a) President

i) Cooper: As you know, this weekend is Easter and we don't have school on Monday. We won't have our meeting on Sunday, and instead we will have the meeting next week on Monday at 5 PM and it'll likely be in the Planetarium.

ii) Cooper: We only have two or three more actual meetings after this. If you have money you want to spend, resolutions to be passed, or anything like that, you need to get it on the agenda for next week.

#### b) Vice President

i) Fox: No report.

#### c) Treasurer

i) Owsley: Applications for appropriations funds are officially closed. Today, we will have our last slate that we will consider.

ii) Owsley: I'm going to start working on the end of year report for whoever the next Treasurer will be. To that end, if you are interested in being Treasurer, reach out to me and we can talk about the position. I'm working on finishing these last couple of FRFs that we have.

#### d) Secretary

i) Cook: I said I would send the minutes out last week and I did not. I will absolutely get them sent out today.

#### e) PR Director

#### f) IT Director

#### g) Legislative Director

### 4) Advisor Reports

#### a) Staff Advisor

i) Bates: Did you all get the faculty potential reorganization document? Make sure to read that. From informal conversations, it doesn't look like anything dramatic has been proposed. Reorganization within the academics staff will be a pretty big conversation from the faculty perspective.

ii) Bates: I know Symposium Seminar stuff is dramatic as well right now because there aren't enough faculty to teach those courses.

iii) Bates: Iowa Wesleyan University is announced closing at the end of the academic year. That leaves about a thousand students currently attending that school with no place to go right now. I know several Iowa-based schools trying to provide opportunities to transfer students. I know we're having conversations about how we want to reach out to students. I believe

Admissions is going to a transfer day event so their students can learn about institutions within a close proximity. It presents some interesting opportunities for student transfers.

(1) Cook: Why is the university closing?

(a) Bates: They applied for a grant from the state and the state of Iowa decided not to grant it. I read that they really needed that money to open their doors, which was a red flag to the state. Supposedly, they took a \$26 million loan through the USDA, so the USDA will actually take over their campus come the end of May because the university can't repay it.

iv) Bates: Marcia, your vest showed up, so I have those two prizes. I already communicated with Colleen about her items.

v) Bates: Also pay attention to what's going on in the Missouri Legislature. They're looking to cut the budget of public libraries. I know you all passed a resolution last week related to diversity, equity, and inclusion matters. Those are all up for conversation pretty quick, so pay attention to it.

b) Faculty Advisor

## 5) Old Business

a) [Light Pollution Resolution](#) (Hamill)

i) Hamill: The only thing I changed is that I added the environmental effects to back it up. I didn't make any other changes because that was the only concern I got from the last time we talked about it.

ii) Cook: I left a comment about the dissemination list. Did you take a look at that?

1) Hamill: I did. Dr. Gokhale works closely with all of the environmental organizations, so they know about this resolution already. For the other suggestions, I tried to look for them but I couldn't find them.

(a) Cook: If you just put their information on there, I can try to look for their contact information.

(i) Hamill: Not their contact information, but their title. Like Dave Rector, I don't know what he does.

(1) Bates: Dave Rector is the Director of Finances.

a. Cook: Oh, well maybe you can keep it off.

(ii) Hamill: Like for Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee (ESFAC) Chair, I don't remember his name.

(1) Cook: The only reason why I suggested adding ESFAC Chair to the list is because I

know we passed something in their slate about light pollution, but Drew Arends was actually at the meeting where we talked about your resolution, so I think you could leave him off, too.

iii) Humphreys: I still recommend taking off the point about the circadian rhythms being disrupted because I don't think it's a terribly strong point. I mentioned in the comments on the side that I think Truman could solve this issue by giving people eye masks to sleep at night. I think that's a much cheaper solution. They could say that this part of the resolution would be solved without having to spend money on a light pollution project. So, I recommend taking that part out because it is a weaker link. It takes just one weak link to snap a very strong chain.

1) Sitze: I see your comments on the side, but I have to disagree and side with Owen because it isn't the role of the students to fix the problem that the university created. There are some possibilities that there are cheaper solutions, and I would applaud the university if they can find a cheaper replacement, but not eye masks because this is an issue that affects more than people on campus. I'm sure there is student housing across the street that feels the effect of lights on campus, especially Campbell Apartments. In addition to that, if we leave this window in here— which I don't think is a window— that invites them to address this issue. If they can solve this issue, even if that isn't the biggest thing, I don't think there's anything wrong with leaving it in the resolution.

2) Warner: I agree with Jay and Owen on this. I think it is another reason why light pollution on campus should be addressed. It's not like *the* reason. I think handing out eye masks will create a lot of waste. I remember those purple masks they handed out in Fall 2020, everybody threw those away. I think it would cause the same kind of thing. It isn't addressing the bigger problem which says a lot about the university if they chose to go with that option instead of fixing light pollution. Any evidence we have to back up why light pollution should be addressed, should stay on the resolution.

(a) Sitze: Even if we have eye masks, that doesn't change the fact that there is still an extremely bright light when you're not sleeping that still affects your circadian rhythm. It's the point that it is annoying to have these lights in your eyes even when you're not trying to sleep.

3) Fox: I agree that eye masks aren't a simple solution to this, people can lose them sometimes and it would be hard to rely on that as the



source of solution. Light pollution definitely does need to be addressed. I don't think we should totally dismiss that, though. I think that while we're working towards this larger problem, we could still explore eye masks and look at something else to alleviate the problem. I do think what we're doing now is not enough.

iv) Denklau: Towards the point that says "The light that shines in Stokes Stadium also shines in the students' windows", I looked at the survey where you asked that. I just want to make a point that there probably are reasons why the lights are on at Stokes. I know that groups practice there and they utilize it. I'm not quite certain what you define as "being at night." So I don't know if I find that a strong point.

1) Sitze: There's a lot of sports that practice at the stadium. Frisbee sometimes starts at 10 PM and sometimes they don't get out until 11:30 PM. I think putting in something about having lights on at night and having them not impact students off the field would be beneficial to put in there. It's not just about having the lights on at night, but the radiation from the light could affect people... that would be a beneficial addition.

v) Kershaw: At the bottom, before the "Therefore be it resolved" section, I don't know if the "band aid solution" line needs to be there. It also seems to be a weird formatting way to put it in. If you believe that's an important point, move it to its own bullet point or just remove it. I think it would be fine without it as well.

vi) Peterson: I definitely think addressing light pollution is going to do more for students' circadian rhythms than eye masks will. I think they're a great idea to consider, but for students with sensory problems or certain skin allergies, an eye mask isn't an option, and it isn't something that we could give to every student, whereas fixing light pollution will benefit everyone.

vii) Manalang: The bullet point that says "many students on campus aren't getting enough sleep at night," I feel like that could be a strong point, but then I feel like you have to also relate it back to the issue because it's not saying that the lights are directly causing it.

1) Humphreys: When it says "many students on campus," does that mean on campus?

(a) Hamill: Yes, but I think it's also just about college students.

viii) Kershaw: I have a suggested change to the last point if you want to look at that. I think the wording could change. Having them as separate points doesn't make too much sense. I feel like you could combine that, and still get the same information across.

ix) Passes with a vote 7-1-2.

## 6) Discussion Items

## 7) New Business

### b) [ADA Bathroom Resolution](#) (Manalang)

- i) Manalang: It was urinal dividers at first, but then while I looked at urinal dividers, I realized a lot of bathrooms on our campus aren't ADA compliant, and that was one of the reasons why we couldn't get urinal partitions in. I feel like addressing this issue first is more important than that. There should just be ADA-compliant restrooms in all buildings at the university.
- ii) Kershaw: Towards the bottom of the first page, is that a direct quote from that executive order?
  - 1) Manalang: Yes.
  - 2) Strub: If it is a direct quote, can you put the source of the quote?
- iii) Sitze: How did you find out these bathrooms were not ADA-compliant? Do you know why they weren't beforehand?
  - 1) Manalang: Me and the Student Affairs Committee and Marcia went around to half of the bathrooms at Truman State University with a wheelchair. We tested out if some bathrooms are ADA-compliant, which most of Magruder Hall, but bathrooms like Barnett Hall don't have a handicapped stall at all.
  - 2) Sitze: Isn't that illegal?
    - (a) Bates: I think some of it depends on when they're built. The Student Union Building bathrooms went in when the building was done in the 60s. Unless the bathrooms were redone, they met standard at the time and when new bathrooms came in, they were closer to standard. The second floor bathrooms near the Georgian Rooms were not added until 2007, so those are closer to being accessible because they have a handicapped stall in there. When Magruder Hall had major renovations, they added those new stalls.
    - (b) Sitze: Is the university not compelled to update bathrooms when new regulations are passed?
      - (i) Bates: That question is a bit beyond my scope, but to give you context for when I've inquired about bathroom change over in the first floor, I'm looking at a minimum of \$50,000 per bathroom. In some regards, it met code at the time. You have to get it up to the code at the time. It may be compliant because of the time it was constructed. This is me just guessing in certain places. I don't believe we are required to change the bathrooms right now.
- iv) Peterson: One thing to keep in mind is just because it is ADA-compliant doesn't mean it is handicapped accessible. ADA compliance isn't perfect for

people with disabilities, so just because it may technically fit the code, it can still be difficult to fit a wheelchair and a caregiver in there at the same time.

- v) Strub: This is a really good resolution, and I support it. Very good job getting it written.
- vi) Bates: I agree. I would offer a friendly amendment to include the interim-provost on this because you refer to academic spaces as well. If there are renovations that occur in academic spaces, they need to be in on that.
- vii) Kershaw: I left a few comments in the last section. I think you should take another look at that section and ask about what you're advocating and who should be coordinating the changes— Do you want Student Government to follow up on this process in years to come? Do you want the university to take the lead on this? I would recommend being more clear in what you're advocating for.
- viii) First read.
- c) [Appropriations Slate](#) (Owsley)
  - i) Owsley: Joseph Spalding on behalf of Kappa Alpha Psi is requesting \$450 for movie rights for a diversity-oriented film event. This was a similar request from the one made from the March 26th meeting. He has asked for \$50 less than last time, and he has substantially changed his application. In the course of that, the committee decides to recommend funding for the following reasons in the document.
  - ii) Warner: I know in the last meeting, you decided not to recommend funding because they said they would use the rest of the funding for other events for their organization, and that's not what you're supposed to do. Let's say it's less than \$450 for movie rights, would we only pay what it costs or would the money go to them?
    - 1) Owsley: If this were to be adopted, what would most likely happen after this is that I would inform the person that their appropriations slate was accepted, then I would file an FRF (much like I do for money motions) and I would make the purchase with Laura. Then I would hand the movie rights to him or tell him we've acquired it. I would handle all of the money. If it ended up being less, they wouldn't be spending all of the money.
    - 2) Owsley: Additionally, you mentioned last time he said he would spend the extra money on other things, this time, he took that out and said he would fund purchasing posters and snacks on his own. He is just looking for movie rights.
  - iii) Kershaw: What is Kappa Alpha Psi?
    - 1) Owsley: It's a historically Black fraternity on Truman's campus. Laura would have to tell me for sure, but this is their first time back on campus after a few years. Joseph is currently the only member. Part

of his application included an emphasis as this event to not just promote diversity on campus, but also promote that this organization is around now. We only have two historically Black fraternities and sororities on campus, and Joseph is one of the members of one of them, so we feel like this is important.

- 2) Bates: For context for this group, that national organization during COVID-19 put a complete moratorium nationwide so they could take no members and all of their members were seniors. For any NPHC organization, you have to have a collegiate GPA, so you can't join without having at least one semester of credits. Coming out of COVID-19 and then getting re-started takes a bit of time. Luckily Joseph met the requirements and did it this semester.
- iv) Ghenima: I think this is a great event to put money into. To encourage diversity and also just to promote this organization's events, especially since they're just coming back. They don't have the funds to start on their own, so this would help to start their organization back up.
- v) Strub: I think the application has improved a lot since last time we saw it and I see no reason as to why we shouldn't give them money.
- vi) Humphreys: Why does it say "last updated November 2021"?
  - 1) Owsley: That's the last time we updated the actual application.
- vii) Committee recommendation approved by unanimous vote.
- d) [Pronouns in Roster Resolution](#) (Ghenima)
  - i) Ghenima: Our committee has been working on this and we wanted to get it done during Diversity month. It is something that really would help our LGBTQ+ community on campus. There have been a lot of people who have been struggling with being misgendered on campus, and not being able to fix it because it is daunting to confront the professor. This would help professors because they would have this in front of them since they use rosters at the beginning of the semester. I know in the past, we worked on having [preferred] names on rosters. Adding people's pronouns would really help alleviate some of the emotional and psychological challenges that they experience.
  - ii) Peterson: Would there be a way to update your preferred name and pronouns throughout the year?
    - 1) Ghenima: I think that's going to be an IT answer.
    - 2) Cooper: This is a project that the Diversity and Inclusion Committee did last year. I met with Donna Liss, who is in charge of IT stuff at Truman, and she said that if we did this, it would be an option on TruView. I'd assume, yes, it would update the rosters, but then again, some professors print it at the beginning of the year and then never update it again.

- iii) Manalang: If they do decide to change their preferred name and pronouns, could we notify the professors?
- 1) Ghenima: I think that is something we can talk to IT about. I feel like if the name or pronouns change, they could send an email or an updated roster to the professors.
  - 2) Sitze: You can update your address at any time in TruView and it gets reflected and sent to the offices that it needs to be notified to, so I don't see why pronouns couldn't be disseminated like that.
  - 3) Bates: I know that at one point, if something got updated within our system, Blackboard wasn't updating. If a student came and said "this is my name/pronoun", they would change it in the system, but Blackboard wasn't recognizing it. That's been a while now. I don't know if switching from Blackboard to this new system will affect it. You're dealing with Truman stuff plus the contract and service. Sometimes they don't like to talk to each other. I know the Registrar uses "legal name," "legal gender/sex," etc. so there are some things where I think how you are recognized within the state sometimes comes into play.
- iv) Humphreys: My roommate has been directly affected by this.
- v) Strub: I also know many people who have had to deal with confronting their professors about this. People shouldn't have to go through it, so I strongly support this resolution.
- vi) Sitze: I know people that are in programs that are notoriously very not open to that kind of ideology, so they don't even ask at the beginning of class. Some professors try to ask what students' preferred pronouns are, but sometimes people don't because the notion isn't as accepted. Providing this would give a way for people to know what their pronouns are. I think this would be a positive addition to Truman's campus.
- 1) Ghenima: We realize, too, that just putting it on the rosters won't necessarily help the whole class knowing a student's pronouns. That's why on the bottom, we provided more recommendations for professors.
- vii) Owsley: Especially given some of the laws going around in our state right now, it is very important that we demonstrate as a Student Government and as a university a commitment to people of all genders, and show that we support this.
- viii) Ghenima: If anyone has any updated statistics or numbers, we are struggling to find things after 2016 or 2018, so any kind of numbers would be great to add on here.

- 1) Sitze: Is the survey we still use still in the drive, and is there anything stopping us from updating the survey and sending it out? I know it would be super short notice.
  - (a) Cooper: That survey was done from 2015, and the drive doesn't go back that far.
  - (b) Bates: Surveys weren't the place for that.
- 2) Sitze: If we could send out another survey that would give us demographics for that, I think that could be an option. For this particular resolution— I know we would have to put it off— but is that not an option?
  - (a) Bates: I would look at places like the ACLU and Trevor Project to see if there are any benchmarks for yourself that are related to pronouns because I think those would be good places. It sounds like you have several people in the room who have individuals they know that have been impacted by this. It may be an opportunity to share those narratives and give you some thematic pieces. We don't want to use them as a cornerstone, but it might help you get some direction with specific narratives from students at Truman.
- 3) Ghenima: Kennedy recommended talking to Admissions because they might have some numbers and statistics that may help. I'll also probably talk to the Center for Diversity and Inclusion to see if that will help.
- ix) Zelk: I also support this. I know certain departments will say things like "We don't have time or money for that right now." I think this is inexpensive, if not free. I'm sure most modern universities already have the option to add your pronouns. This isn't the first time the IT Department has gotten this request to add this stuff, so I think passing this resolution would show them that there is an interest and it is important.
- x) First read.

## 8) Committee Reports

- a) Academic Affairs Committee
- b) Diversity and Inclusion Committee
  - i) Ghenima: We had our Diversity Workshop this week, and it went really well. We made a feedback form and we hope to have it as a yearly thing.
  - ii) Ghenima: We're still waiting on pronoun stickers to put in the LGBTQ+ Resource Center.
  - iii) Ghenima: We're working with the Environmental Affairs Committee on the resolution and we might be working with the Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee for a project this month.
- c) Environmental Affairs Committee

- i) Warner: My biggest thing is I created two surveys— one for first year students and one for graduating seniors about Truman’s sustainability actions, and how aware the student body is of those. If they were introduced to things like that, and as a senior, how did they learn about our efforts just to see how our committee can improve on that.
  - ii) Warner: Molly is reaching out to The Index and Truman Today to try to get a sustainability tip of the week. If you have an in for that, reach out to me.
  - iii) Warner: All of the slots are filled for Earth Fest tabling, but the event will only be until 5:30 PM instead of 6 PM.
  - iv) Warner: Our Earth Week event is 04/18 from 11 AM to 1 PM on the Quad. Cards, leaves of change, etc.
  - v) Warner: Earth Fest is on 04/21 from 3 PM to 5:30 PM.
- d) External Affairs Committee
  - i) Denklau: Following the passing of the resolution of diversity, equity, and inclusion education, I emailed the major college campuses in Missouri asking their Student Governments to pass a similar resolution. I’ll let you know if someone contacts us back, and what the general response is.
- e) Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee
  - i) Humphreys: We will be sending out a survey to figure out student awareness of the Student Health Center and University Counseling Services. Also we will be spending \$40 for the bluetooth speaker which will be the prize for taking this survey. This survey will gauge student interest in having online scheduling for these places.
  - ii) Humphreys: We’re working on two resolutions right now and we’ll also be working on an event with Yasmine’s committee.
- f) Sexual Assault Prevention Designee
  - i) Zelk: Sorry I wasn’t able to be here last week so shout out to Alexis for giving my report.
  - ii) Zelk: Denim Day is going to be April 19th. Something I wanted to bring up quickly is stickers. I know in the past, we’ve had stickers that say “Ask me why I’m wearing denim”. I know the Women’s Resource Center has extras, but I don’t know if we have extras. If not, that’s fine because the Title IX office is going to be printing some.
    - (1) Bates: Ryan is the one who gave all of us Denim Day stickers last year. We just printed a few sheets and gave it to people.
      - (a) Zelk: Okay, he said that he didn’t know if there were any extras, but he’d be willing to reprint some.
        - (i) Bates: Yeah, I know him and Tyana walked around and passed out sheets of stickers.
  - iii) Zelk: Do we have a button maker?

(1) Bates: You can rent one from Union and Involvement. We have three of them.

(2) Zelk: Okay, I thought that might be kind of fun.

**iv)** Zelk: Two days before Denim Day, the Title IX and I are working together where we're renting the Quad to have a flag event. We're going to put flags with positive messages in the ground. In the past, that event has been used to share stories of sexual assault. Ryan Nely specifically asked if it would be okay to have it be more of a positive message-focused event. He has offered to help fund stickers and flags. I will have money motions written up and presented at the next meeting.

g) Student Affairs Committee

h) Purple Friday Committee

i) Parking Appeals Committee

**i)** Sitze: No report.

j) Athletic Fee Accountability Committee

k) Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee

## 9) Auxiliary Reports

a) Speaker

**i)** Stout: The candidate declaration form opens tomorrow at 8 AM. Anyone interested in running for Student Government must declare for office. The form is available on the website as well. I'll be sending it to all of my organizations as well.

**ii)** Stout: Wednesday night is Information Night at 7 PM in SUB Room 3203. This is a mandatory meeting for anyone who wants to run for office. If you cannot make it, please let me know and we will talk about it. If you can't make it, it doesn't mean you can't run, you just have to fulfill an alternate requirement. There is a requirement to attend a Student Government meeting in order to run.

**iii)** Stout: If you want to recruit people to run, send me a message with who those people are. That might boost your points for the recruitment accolade that we will be giving at Retreat.

(1) Cook: If you recruited people in the past and they're still on the body, can we get credit for that?

(a) Stout: No.

b) Board of Governors Representative

c) Organizational Representatives

**i)** FAC Representative

**ii)** RHA Representative

**iii)** SAB Representative

d) Black Student Representative

## 10) Announcements



- a) Bates: The Union and Involvement and the Student Recreation Center have several jobs open right now if you're looking for a position. We are hiring in intramurals, weight rooms, fitness classes which requires a 20-minute audition, client management, graphic design, organizational development, technology, finance, and some more openings within a week.
- b) Sitze: Come to College Democrats tomorrow night at 8 PM for a powerpoint night.
- c) Ghenima: The Center for International Students is hiring and we're looking for cultural integration leaders for international students to integrate into the community. Please apply for that position.
- d) Ghenima: The Center for Diversity and Inclusion, Center for International Students, and the Student Activities Board are working to put together a prom. It is international-themed to encourage international students to go and highlight different cultures. You should go! It is free and it is fun.
- e) Warner: I'm going to send two forms in Slack if you could look out for things like grammatical errors.
- f) Kershaw: If you're staying in Kirksville this summer, Upward Bound is looking for people to work for their summer academy if you want to work with high school students who are trying to get into college. It is a great job and it pays more than minimum wage.
- g) Owsley: Laura's impassioned plea reminded me that if you want to work with me at organizational development specifically, we are hiring at the Union. If you like constitutions, come work for me.
- h) Zelk: Over the summer, the Title IX website is going to undergo website renovations. Ryan Nely wanted student suggestions, he asked me to ask you all any suggestions. It is very out-of-date right now.

**Adjourned: 6:17 PM**