

Truman State University Student Government
Twenty-Seventh Session of the 2022-2023 General Body
April 10th, 2023

Convened: 7:01 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: I'll let you guys know when our next intramural sports game is.
 - ii) Cooper: I sent a link about tabling for elections. It's on the Quad. There will be "I Voted!" stickers at the table.
 - iii) Cooper: For executive committee members, reminder to start working on your end of year report.
 - iv) Cooper: Retreat is April 23rd— the Sunday after elections. We'll be in the SUB Activities Room at 12 PM. If you can't be there, please Slack me. If you've already sent me a message, please send it to me again. If you have any dietary restrictions, let me know. I want to be able to accommodate everyone.
- b) Vice President
 - i) Fox: No report.
- c) Treasurer
 - i) Owsley: Right now, Appropriations is closed so I'm wrapping up the last minute things. I got receipts in, so I'll talk to Laura about those things.
- d) Secretary
 - i) Cook: No report.
- e) PR Director
 - i) Hammock: If you could share all of the voting Instagram posts, I would appreciate it! You don't have to share all of the individual posts, but just sharing the general information would be helpful!
- f) IT Director
- g) Legislative Director

3) Advisor Reports

- a) Staff Advisor
 - i) Bates: The ballot is ready to go once Alicia has it ready. I've been doing grade checks periodically.
 - ii) Bates: I know lots of you have ordered lots of things. I don't really have updates on those items. I know things have been moving, but they've been taking a little while to get here.
- b) Faculty Advisor

4) Old Business

- a) [ADA Bathroom Resolution](#) (Manalang)
 - i) Manalang: Nothing has really changed, except I've adjusted those comments that people added on the document. I also added someone on the dissemination list that Laura recommended me add.
 - ii) Warner: This resolution looks just as good as it did last time.
 - iii) Passed through unanimous vote.

5) Discussion Items

6) New Business

- a) [Resolution in Support for Changing Tables](#) (Humphreys)
 - i) Humphreys: Alexa came up with this resolution. We're hoping that adding more changing tables will make the experience for those who are visiting campus better. Sometimes there are large families that come, as well as children for college-aged students. We think it would be helpful for them. I see comments on the side, so we'll be sure to incorporate those. If anyone has additional questions, I would be open to hearing them.
 - ii) Kershaw: What other research are you interested in including this? I know it says the current amount of changing tables is insufficient, but what other statistics back that claim up?
 - 1) Humphreys: We're going to do more research about what other colleges are doing and what they consider necessary for campuses to have. I'll also ask Alexa to see what she thinks.
 - iii) Cooper: I helped write this resolution. Part of the reason this is really important is because I've given tours to babies or toddlers that aren't potty trained yet, and there aren't many places for the parents to go. I wanted it to be read today because it is one of the last meetings that we have before transition. A lot of the questions that are commented on the document require us to send emails to other people to ask more information. We'll be getting answers to those questions soon.
 - iv) Bates: I would give some thought on priority of where you want these to be. In regards to putting a changing table in every bathroom, I don't see the community going in all buildings on a regular basis. Having it in Ophelia Parish Building, the Student Union Building, and Baldwin Hall would make

sense. Ethan put “Who deems what is important?” comment in the document, and I think that’s important. If I put one in a women’s room, I have to put it in a men’s room, too. Putting it in a neutral bathroom makes sense so you don’t have to do it to both. I think a question you’ll get is how does this benefit current students. I can tell you from Visit Days, some people will change their kids right on the floor even when I tell them that I have a changing table upstairs.

v) First read.

b) [Resolution in Support of Establishing Summer Foundation Scholarship](#)

(Humphreys)

- i) Humphreys: I came up with this because I was interested in taking classes over the summer, and I had heard there was a program called the “TruSummer Scholarship” where \$750 would be taken off of tuition. I looked at it again and found out that it isn’t being offered this summer. That threw a wrench in my plans, and I assume many others. The TruSummer Scholarship was only offered last summer because there was leftover money from a COVID-19 grant that the university was able to apply to. Instead of reinstating the TruSummer Scholarship, we are writing to establish a permanent scholarship in the summer.
- ii) Kershaw: Can you provide some background of the scholarship?
 - 1) Cooper: For the TruSummer Scholarship, it is \$750 for every student enrolled over the summer. Part of that COVID-19 relief package included giving money to universities. We had leftover money, so they decided that they would put it back into summer scholarships. I brought it up to President Thomas and she said that we don’t have enough money for it to continue. It would still be beneficial to have some sort of summer scholarship, and this is the first step to get foundational scholarships to apply in the summer. It’ll probably be a long process, but I think this resolution is a great first step.
- iii) Strub: I largely support this. I was a student who needed that summer scholarship to take summer classes, and I know there are many other students who care about this.
- iv) Bates: Have any questions been directed to the Advancement Office? I would encourage you to reach out to the Director of Financial Aid and the person overseeing foundation scholarships. There are some very specific niche scholarships that exist for the summer, but they’re not on a wide enough scope. I have one that’s set up for a person in a specific organization and on the wrestling team and a major in something specific.
 - 1) Cooper: I talked to President Thomas a couple weeks ago where I mentioned it. I suggested reinstating it and she said it wouldn’t be possible. I mentioned the foundation scholarships and she said she

didn't think there were any for the summer. I plan to talk to her again about it though.

- v) First read.
- c) [A Resolution to Offer Dedicating Part of the Environmental Sustainability Fee to the Sustainability Office as a Ballot Measure in the Spring 2023 Student Government Elections](#) (Cooper)
 - i) Cooper: This resolution is kind of a lot. I see your suggestions, and I will go through those before we second read it. This isn't us suggesting that we do this; this is so we can include it on the ballot. We aren't saying that we want to improve it, we are saying that we want students to be able to vote on it. Currently the environmental sustainability fee is \$5, and we know that the Sustainability Office uses Student Government money for a lot of programming such as Earth Week, in addition to ESFAC funding. I found out they don't have an operating budget. We brought this idea to ESFAC to see if we could give some of them the ESFAC money, that way we don't have to give them more of our money constantly and so we can just help them fund larger projects that we want to collaborate on. It would probably be beneficial so we can have our money and ESFAC can have their money, while keeping the Sustainability Office up and running.
 - ii) Denklau: As the Fees Allotment Council (FAC) representative for this decision and review committee, I think we did a really good job on deciding this decision and hopefully the students recognize the decision as being important and vote in favor of this.
 - iii) Kershaw: Where did the \$1,000 per semester come from? Was it from the ESFAC or some other place?
 - 1) Bates: I believe it was just a random number that was thrown out in the OAF discussions. From the context point, it's around the same amount of money that the Women's Resource Center is allotted. I think they talked about some of it going towards an institutional position in the Sustainability Office. They currently operate off of work study positions, volunteers, and organizations requiring their members to have service hours.
 - iv) Denklau: As Laura said, they said they would cut off a certain portion of the dues and from my perspective, the Sustainability Office as a whole seems to need this change to continue to make an impact on campus.
 - v) Denklau: This isn't really relevant to changing ballot language, but us as a Student Government who partially funds the Sustainability Office, we should support this.
 - vi) First read.
- d) [A Resolution to Offer Increasing the Student Health Fee as a Ballot Measure for the Spring 2023 Student Government Elections](#) (Cooper)

- i) Cooper: This is another ballot measure resolution, so think about what I said earlier. The reason we're doing this is because the student health fee covers 35-40% of the operating costs through Complete Family Medicine. It doesn't fully cover the costs in the contract, but we didn't want to substantially raise the fee because we didn't think it would pass and we also wanted to gradually raise it. The other benefit to this is that the contract covers donations, university contributions, and that money is used for a lot of things that a donor will donate specifically. That would allow us to use the money on things such as classroom equipment. The OAF will gradually increase this fee over time so the full contract will be covered. We're sort of already paying for this but through our tuition dollars. So it would be helpful to raise the health fee, that way our tuition can be used in a way where we're not directly funding it.
- ii) Hamill: I might not have understood, but if we're already paying for Complete Family Medicine in a different way, how does it benefit us by paying it through the fee rather than tuition?
 - 1) Cooper: Yes, we currently are paying for it, but that money could be used for other things such as scholarships and classroom materials.
 - 2) Bates: Currently what we collect in the fee covers 30% of the operational costs, and the only other way they get funding is with the university paying that gap and insurance. If insurance covers it, that's offsetting the bill for the university to pay. Some people want the Student Health Center to be fully free, but that would require a \$500 health fee. Right now, the university is paying \$90,000/month for students to get healthcare through the Student Health Center. This would make it more accessible for all students. The university's payment per month would decrease and therefore, those funds would be rerouted to other institutional funds. Because this is a contract of service, this isn't something the university can fully fund. It has to be collected through fees.
- iii) Strub: I do not support this resolution as it was written. I personally have had bad experiences with Student Health Center and Complete Family Medicine. It is giving a symbolic message to Truman that these experiences are okay. Raising the fee just continues these perpetually bad experiences and sends a message that this is okay.
- iv) Fox: I don't know if there's a way we could talk about what other things we could possibly spend money on. Maybe we can clear up that second bullet point from the bottom.
 - 1) Cooper: I think that's a great idea, Esther. I think that would be a resolution to pass later. I don't think it will fit into this specifically. We could probably specifically address that through a resolution.

- v) Bates: This is only the second time the health fee has been increased. The first time was in 2018. This was started in the early 2000s. You're probably paying a low amount compared to other universities right now. If you aren't content with Complete Family Medicine then just know it doesn't have to be that way forever. Outside vendors have to go through a bid process every 5 years— Sodexo and the bookstore are this way. We aren't necessarily locked on Complete Family Medicine, and I would encourage people to provide feedback on that.
- vi) Kershaw: Why is it \$2 and not \$3 to get us to the even \$40 mark?
 - 1) Cooper: Basically we picked \$39 and not \$40 because people are more likely to buy something that is \$3.99 instead of \$4.
- e) [Denim Day Money Motion](#) (Zelk)
 - i) Zelk: Denim Day is coming up on April 29th so I made this money motion to fund it. I split this money motion into categories. First up, there is Denim Day merchandise. I did some digging and talked to different organizations, and I found that we really don't have many stickers from previous Denim Days. We will need to order some more. This year, I wanted to order directly from the Denim Day website because 1) I wanted the money to go directly to the cause, and 2) the sticker prices are very comparable and this may even be cheaper. Second, there are denim jackets. In the past, people could write messages on denim jackets. I looked around to the thrift stores and other places, but the cheapest I found was at Walmart. We're going to get a few XXL denim jackets. Third, there will be a tabling event in the Student Union Building coordinated with the Title IX office. I've been asked to provide most of the materials. I'm going to have a jar of marbles and the numbers roughly add up to the amount of people on campus who are statistically sexually assaulted on campus. It will be divided between blue hearts, pink hearts, and then there will be 44 hearts for the gender-nonconforming population. I think a big part of Denim Day is to be visual. People will understand the effect of sexual assault when they can see it. A lot of the things go unreported. On the side, there is collaborator information. Support will come from the Title IX office— there will be stickers and pens created. I haven't talked to the U&I yet, but they have a button maker that I want to try to use. The Title IX office and Women's Resource Center will help out.
 - ii) Kershaw: I have a question about sugar cookies. How many are you going to buy?
 - 1) Zelk: The price will be for 2 dozen and it'll be used to attract people in the SUB.
 - iii) Bates: How much of your budget are you using from this?
 - 1) Zelk: I think I have \$500 left.

- 2) Bates: You don't have a miscellaneous section on there. It might be good to have one in case the prices change or shipping costs more or something comes up.
- (a) Zelk: That sounds like a good idea.
- iv) Cook: Alex, this looks amazing. Everything is really thought out and you did an amazing job planning all of this! Initially, I was going to ask the question if the Title IX office had a budget, and if they were going to help us out, but you answered that for me.
- v) Humphreys: The hearts are a really good idea too. Alex did all of this on his own, and I'm really glad you're on my committee.
- vi) Zelk: For the misc. section, can we round up to \$200?
- 1) Owsley: Yes, you could probably go up to \$215.
- vii) Approved by unanimous vote.
- f) [AFAC Changes Resolution](#) (Cooper)
- i) Cooper: There may be a lot of changes to this resolution before we have to second read it. After talking to Mike and Laura about this, we may have to make a change in the standard operating procedures (SOP). Similar to what we did with ESFAC this year. As you know, we're charged \$58 each semester for the athletics fee. The money can be allocated for things for the Student Recreation Center and club sports. In the past, we've seen it in the past from club sports. The main problem with this process is that club sports can go to nationals each semester, but AFAC only gets approved once a year. Our Appropriations budget is small and can not fund all of the club sports proposals we could get. We thought it would be good to have a committee open all year for these types of applications. It would be \$5 per person per year and any leftover money would go to AFAC. This probably won't be a ballot measure, but a revision to the rules.
- ii) Bates: In 2018, the athletics fee went back on the ballot to clarify language regarding dedicating 10% of the money for club sports. The fee has funded club sports in the past, but at that time in 2018 it wasn't clear. I suggested we look at it as SOP because we aren't changing the language. FAC funds tournaments, some equipment, and travel, so the athletics fee is generally reserved for larger projects such as the rugby goal because it's a large structural piece of equipment. I don't think the intention of the fee is to fund smaller things, but instead larger equipment that groups can't fund on their own.
- iii) Kershaw: I do worry about making another committee with fee-reviewed stuff because we have struggled to fill this in the past. Will it be filled by club sports? Student Government? Why do we think we'll be able to fill this committee when we haven't in the past?

- iv) O'Reilly: I think this is a really good idea, and this is something we've struggled with in the past and currently in TSUnami Women's Ultimate Frisbee. I think this is something that other club sports will get use out of as well. It's nice to have a rolling application deadline, instead of having it once a year.
- v) Cooper: We have not yet written rules for this committee because we're waiting for the ballot measures to be passed, and for the AFAC and us to talk about it. I think we would structure it similarly to the AFAC where there's one club sports representative, one Student Government representative, a couple students at large, and a couple of adults to oversee it like Laura or Jerry. That's the general idea I have about structuring that committee.
- vi) First read.
- g) [Spring Retreat 2023 Money Motion](#) (Cooper)
 - i) Cooper: As you guys can see, this money motion is to cover spring retreat. In the past, we've tried to provide food for everyone because it's a long day. We also have an activity that we do during retreat. It's a time for us to read the end of year reports, give superlatives, read senior resolutions, do an activity, etc. We want to provide a full meal for people, which is why we're having this money motion. For the activity, we're going to make flower pots and we'll decorate them together. I wanted to order seeds so we can actually plant things in them. We also want to buy frames for awards that e-board decides on.
 - ii) Kershaw: I'm looking forward to retreat. If you need ideas for your end of year report, look in the shared drive and website.
 - iii) O'Reilly: I am so excited to decorate flower pots at retreat! This sounds so fun.
 - iv) Approved by unanimous vote.
- h) [A Resolution to Offer Raising and Redistributing the Activities Fee as Ballot Language for the Spring 2023 Student Government Election](#) (Cooper)
 - i) Cooper: This is another ballot language resolution regarding the activities fee. The activities fee is currently \$45 and each student organization (FAC, SAB, and Student Government) gets a certain amount of money allotted to them. The issue that each of the organizations face is that our budget keeps decreasing because the student population keeps decreasing, but the demands from students increase, and therefore the amount of money needed in the budgets increase. The OAF came to an agreement to increase it to \$5 and give Student Government \$1 more, SAB \$1 more, and FAC \$1.50 more. Since OAF came to an agreement, it has to be taken to a vote and therefore, this resolution is putting it on the ballot. We need more money because a lot of the projects that we're talking about doing next year and years to come require a lot of money and having a larger budget will allow us to do that.

Colton and Norah, the President and Vice President of SAB, told us that they weren't able to host a large concert for students because of budget constraints. We all had rollover money from COVID-19 which is why we brought Noah Cyrus, and why we were able to put on big productions in the past couple of years. The FAC needs an increase because they currently can't afford funding for organizations. I see that some of you left comments on the resolution, so I'm going to talk to Norah about some of your questions because I personally don't know the ins and outs of how SAB operates. I know this is a big change, so please leave comments on the resolution if you have it.

- ii) Kershaw: Do you think it'll be an issue with students that we're bringing forward three different fee increases at once? I can see the public image having an issue with this, but I can also see people not caring.
 - 1) Cooper: I also had that concern, but I think since OAF hasn't met in the past 6 years, these fee increases have been coming for a long time. Also, Mike and I are running a separate, not Student Government affiliated, "Vote Yes" campaign. I see these fee increases are necessary to put on the types of activities that students are wanting, and we all know that inflation is a problem. If we can get that message across to people, I think that will help.
- iii) Sitze: How did we come up with these numbers specifically?
 - 1) Owsley: We came to that decision because the President of FAC, Dylan de Leon, did a mathematical equation to figure out how much each organization should get. We didn't want to raise it past \$5, and we did it in an amount that was proportional to inflation.
 - (a) Bates: Dylan split it up based on the amount of money organizations got in the past, how much of the total activities fee is given to them in terms of percentages, and then he took those numbers and divided the \$5 that way.
- iv) Bates: The fee was reviewed and up for ballot in 2020, but students, Student Government, and OAF decided that it wasn't the best idea to raise it at that time. OAF used to meet every 3 years, and when we raised it then, it only raised us up to inflation and didn't really get us ahead. OAF decided to look at all of the fees and examine if each student fee needs reviewing. For example, OAF asked Jerry Wolmering if the athletics fee was good and if they needed additional funds at the time. Jerry said no, so the athletic fee is unchanged. During COVID-19, we couldn't bring entertainers in and so for SAB, there were a lot of take-home items. But, because there's been a higher increase to attract quality performers, there's been difficulty funding for that. That's where the \$5 is coming from.

- v) Sitze: The part about increasing SAB's budget more doesn't make sense. I know they don't have a lot of rollover money, but they were still having \$30,000 rollover pre-COVID. It doesn't make sense to me because the student body is decreasing in size, so it doesn't make sense to increase their budget when the demographic is decreasing. I know the argument about not being able to do certain events, but this year we've had three concerts and a comedian come. The Student Government is talking about passing a proposal to divert part of our budget to the Sustainability Office. It would make sense to change it to be more for Student Government instead of SAB.
- 1) Bates: Point of information: They are not allowed to do things that they did last year because of safety reasons. We used to save money because SAB members would set the stage and prepare Pershing Arena, but now we aren't allowed to do that anymore. That's an expense prior to 2020 that wasn't in the scheme of the budget. I know that changes their budget. Also, each group keeps a certain amount as reserve.
 - 2) Sitze: I guess I misinterpreted how the fee is going to be broken down for the ESFAC and Sustainability Office. Even then, ESFAC is a part of Student Government, so aren't we still indirectly funding the Sustainability Office if the ballot measure is passed?
 - (a) Bates: No, ESFAC operates because they are getting money from the environmental sustainability fee that every student pays in their tuition.
 - (b) Cooper: Student Government has a say on what the ESFAC spends the fee on, but it's not because it is our money. They're separate from Student Government in terms of funding sourcing.
- vi) Cooper: I think this ballot measure is much more likely to pass than other fee increases. Students see most of the work by SAB instead of Student Government, FAC, the athletics fee, and the environmental sustainability fee. Part of the reason this is on the ballot measure is because if there's talk about SAB, they'll approve it all. In terms of the events SAB has held, in the past they've brought much bigger artists. The goal is to bring that back as we're trying to get to pre-COVID times. I sent a message to Norah in SAB to see if she can give some of her reasons for the fee increase. If she responds before the discussion is over, I'll share those reasons with you all.
- vii) Sitze: How SAB spends their money is up to them so they could split their money by having one bigger concert instead of smaller concerts. Is this fee increase going into more quality events or going towards more events overall? If their argument is that they can only run small events or one big event, that is on them to attract more people to the events.

viii) First read.

7) Committee Reports

- a) Academic Affairs Committee
 - i) Bono: Academic Accolades interviews are about to take place.
- b) Diversity and Inclusion Committee
 - i) Ghenima: We pushed the pronoun resolution to next week because I'm going to meet with the Director of the Center for Diversity and Inclusion, Vanessa Alexander, and Donna Liss from the Information Technology Services first before we discuss the resolution. We're going to meet tomorrow.
 - ii) Ghenima: We are working on our committee's end of year report.
- c) Environmental Affairs Committee
 - i) Warner: We're working to get the sustainability tip of the week in The Index for the next issue.
- d) External Affairs Committee
 - i) Denklu: No report.
- e) Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee
 - i) Humphreys: I couldn't remember if I made a report last week about spending money on a small Bluetooth speaker for a survey about the Student Health Center and University Counseling Services, so I will make it again here. That survey will be available until finals week.
- f) Sexual Assault Prevention Designee
 - i) Zelk: Thanks for passing the money motion today!
- g) Student Affairs Committee
 - i) O'Reilly: It's Student Appreciation Week! I hope that you all are very excited because I am very very excited. If you have any time this week to table, please please sign up. The only class that I care about this week is Political Thought which means I cannot table before noon on Tuesday and Thursday. Sign up to fill those slots! Come hang out! It's gonna be very very fun and it's always better when we're hanging out together. You'll even get a cool shirt! Additionally, you should share all of the Instagram posts about Student Appreciation Week so that people know what's going on.
 - ii) O'Reilly: Thanks for passing the ADA Bathroom Resolution! I'm very proud of Lucas for all of the work that he put into this, so congratulations!
- h) Purple Friday Committee
- 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: I am going to a debate tournament all week which means I will be debating all day every day. If people could send their ballot statements early this week, that would be really helpful.
- ii) Stout: I am really excited that we have 20 people who already filed for positions without much external advertising. This means we're going to have a competitive election!
- iii) Stout: Thank you Ethan for pro-tempering for our meeting today.
- b) Board of Governors Representative
- c) Organizational Representatives
 - i) FAC Representative
 - ii) RHA Representative
 - iii) SAB Representative
- d) Black Student Representative

9) **Announcements**

- a) O'Reilly: It is Student Appreciation Week this week! I hope you all table this week because I am personally unavailable to table before noon. If you are hanging out in the office sometime this week and need someone to hang out with, come to the table.
- b) Sitze: The College Democrats are doing stream cleaning this weekend, and we need people to sign up for it.
- c) Cook: If you volunteer to table for Student Appreciation Week and/or elections this week, your office hour is excused.
- d) Cook: Please send me your report by the end of the day. If you don't send me your committee report by the end of the day, it won't be in the meeting minutes.
- e) Manalang: Are we allowed to actively campaign now?
 - i) Stout: Yes.
 - (1) Manalang: Okay. Everyone vote for me next week as a Voting Senator.
- f) Humphreys: The Community of College Entrepreneurs will be selling boba tea this week.

Adjourned: 8:41 PM