

Truman State University Student Government
Twenty-Third Session of the 2023-2024 General Body
March 24th, 2024

Convened: 5:03pm

1) Preliminary Items

- a) Roll Call
- b) Gallery Business
 - i) O'Reilly: We don't technically have one, but we have some updates from Tyana
 - (1) Lange: The need to renegotiate the Sodexo contract was acknowledged after exploring alternatives, with seven different companies initially expressing interest. However, most withdrew, citing the competitiveness of the current Sodexo contract as a deterrent. Despite this, the renegotiation process was thorough, resulting in a contract that is currently being finalized. Sodexo has committed to remodeling some locations. A meeting with the residence life staff was conducted to inform them of the upcoming changes. The contract proposal, spanning 175 pages, promises the introduction of food trucks (with a minimum frequency of once a month and the option for additional requests) starting the Thursday of welcome week, including options from Columbia and the integration of dining dollars/vouchers.
 - (2) The plan also includes pop-up cook stations, with a dining program featuring Mongolian BBQ at both Ryle and Missouri Halls commencing this fall. This initiative aims to involve students in choosing which food outlets they prefer. Remodeling is set to begin in the summer of 2025, with the student union retail space slated for an overhaul in the summer of 2026 to potentially expand the menu and explore the integration of online ordering through the existing campus app.
 - (3) Additions to the menu will include rice bowls in the soups, salads, and spuds section, with Ryle Hall receiving a refresh in 2025. The summer of 2026 will see Missouri Hall transform into a more retail-oriented dining experience, featuring a permanent U-Cook station for stir-fries. Although details are still being finalized, offerings will likely include Qdoba and a sub shop option. A "ghost kitchen" in Missouri Hall will allow for online ordering and pickup.

- (4) By the fall of 2026, Missouri Hall is expected to feature the new retail dining setup, a convenience store, and the U-Cook station, enhancing the overall dining experience on campus.
- (a) Warner: Concerns were addressed regarding the ghost kitchen's access, specifically if entry would be granted through a single meal swipe.
 - (i) Lange: Because it's more retail, not sure how it will be priced
 - (b) Manalang: Positive sentiments were shared about the collaboration with Sodexo, and questions were raised regarding which locations will be part of the new arrangements.
 - (i) Lange: Yes, we will know by summer.
 - (c) Seim: Clarification was sought on whether the U-Cooks and retail options are housed within a single space in the dining halls and if it is currently possible to dine in the final hall.
 - (i) Lange: It was mentioned that some space will be allocated for the U-Cook and ghost kitchen initiatives, though the exact amount remains undecided. The U-Cook stations might take over the area currently occupied by the salad bar, with the ghost kitchen positioned behind it. Until these changes are implemented, the convenience store will remain in Dobson.
 - (d) O'Reilly: Isn't Dobson closing next year?
 - (i) Lange: Yes, but C-Store will still be open
 - (e) Seim: Will Missouri Hall still have a traditional dining hall?
 - (i) Lange: Currently, based on student behavior, it is believed that all the proposed initiatives can be accommodated within Ryle Hall. The aim is to minimize costs while ensuring that Sodexo can still efficiently operate their business.
 - (f) O'Reilly: The question was raised about whether the hours of operation would be extended for Ryle Hall if it becomes the sole traditional dining hall.
 - (i) Lange: The response was affirmative regarding the potential extension of operating hours for Ryle Hall if necessary. Additionally, there are plans to reinstate the food council, with a request for the student government to appoint representatives alongside other student organizations.

(g) Manalang: Will all the current staff at Missouri Hall continue their employment there following the proposed changes.

(i) Lange: Uncertainty was expressed regarding the future employment of Missouri Hall's current staff. However, it was mentioned that Sodexo has assured there will be no layoffs, although absolute guarantees cannot be provided.

(h) Seim: Are changes being made to Einsteins/Starbucks

(i) Lange: No; but we can certainly experiment with that.

(i) Bates: Mainstreet hours were adjusted for student interest as well.

(j) Manalang: How was the Truman Experience?

(i) Lange: The event was deemed a success, with an 18% no-show rate and nearly 500 attendees on campus. Feedback from both parents and students was overwhelmingly positive, marking the weekend as both fruitful and demanding. While certain aspects require adjustments, the innovative puzzle experiment, designed to encourage prospective students to collaborate and see the broader significance of choosing Truman, was particularly well-received for its engagement. Future visit days are planned to be more interactive, building on the success and learnings from this experience.

1. Stout: Thank you Tyana!

c) Changes to the Agenda

d) Approval of Previous Minutes

e) Appointment & Resignation

i) Resignations

ii) Designations

iii) Major Appointments

iv) Minor Appointments

v) Oath of Office

2) Executive Reports

a) President

i) O'Reilly: Recycling services have been successfully implemented on campus, a development met with enthusiasm. The initiative is facilitated through High Hopes, currently the sole provider in town. Despite the bins being slightly smaller than anticipated, efforts are underway to expand capacity. Additionally, there is anticipation for the arrival of new chairs this week,

following Sue's recommendations to the provost, expected to materialize in the near future.

- ii) Excomm: Members were reminded to begin preparing their end-of-year reports, with a deadline set for the Friday before the transition period. This schedule ensures there is sufficient time for the reports to be reviewed.

b) Vice President

- i) Warner: It was announced that funds will be allocated for Sodexo pizza for the upcoming meeting concerning the black student representative position.

c) Treasurer

- i) Denklau: Send stuff sooner rather than later please!

d) Secretary

e) PR Director

f) IT Director

- i) Morrison: Chris has submitted a report to the general Slack channel and has updated both committee pages. He has requested to be informed if there are any additional updates or feedback.

g) Legislative Director

- i) Strub: An intention to propose a resolution concerning PhD programs was reconsidered after it was brought to attention that the resolution might inadvertently serve as a loophole, potentially leading to unintended consequences. While the specifics are complex, it was mentioned that there are other matters at hand, albeit more suited for Executive Committee discussion.

3) Advisor Reports

a) Staff Advisor

- i) Bates: All items received from Joe have been processed at this stage. Queries were made regarding any additional giveaways.

(1) Seim: Yes, but just reusable straws & silverware that we already have.

- ii) Bates: Please inform me if there are any items that are currently unavailable in our inventory. Additionally, provide details regarding the budget and quantity required for an official price quote from Joe.

- iii) Bates: The lottery is now open for participation, and individuals can enter until the end of the month. Entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

b) Faculty Advisor

4) New Business

a) [Academic Accolades Money Motion](#) (Peterson)

- i) Peterson: Motion to allocate funds for the upcoming accolades event, which will include provisions for food and plaques. The catering will feature a Little Italy bar.

(1) Manalang: Could I have the rest of your budget?

(a) Peterson: We can discuss this later.

(2) Bryann: I love Italian food, and pasta cannolis are great; move to money!

ii) *Motion Passes*

b) [Student Appreciation Week T-Shirt Money Motion](#) (Manalang)

i) Manalang: Motion to allocate funds for the current project. I have the design ready, but I need to know the amount in the top left corner before proceeding.

(1) Phillips: Who made the design?

(a) Manalang: Maddie morris

ii) *Motion Passes*

c) ["Flag Day" Food Money Motion](#) (Phillips)

i) Phillips: Motion to allocate additional funds to enhance the food offerings for the last two events.

ii) *Motion Passes*

d) [Appropriations Slate](#) (Denklau)

i) Denklau: This is a continuation from the previous request before spring break. I propose an additional allocation of \$20 for stickers for the same event.

(1) Manalang: Where are the stickers from?

(a) Denklau: Just off of amazon or five below, something like that

(2) Strub: I think it's pretty good; motion to adopt

ii) *Motion Passes*

5) Old Business

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6) Discussion Items

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7) Committee Reports

a) Academic Affairs Committee

i) Niemeyer: Thank you for the allocation of funds. Final decisions will be made this week.

(1) Peterson: Academic Accolades will be on April 25th.

(a) Laura: Can someone email union@truman?

b) Diversity and Inclusion Committee

i) Phillips: Thank you for the funding approval. For Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) month, we have several events planned. From the 1st to the 5th, we'll display posters in the library encouraging students to write "I am" statements. Additionally, we have "Voices & Visions" and a party on the quad scheduled for Student Appreciation Week. We'll also provide flag coloring pages for printing. The final event will be a trivia night using Kahoot. The

committee has put in significant effort to write engaging questions. Lastly, ASA is considering hosting a fake wedding as a potential final event for Diversity Month.

- c) Environmental Affairs Committee
 - i) Seim: Noted, the stickers have been updated, and the menu for Earth Fest has been finalized.
- d) External Affairs Committee
 - i) Jacobs: The Chimerical Cohort extends gratitude for spreading the message about the video. Plans are underway to implement Ex Fest, aimed at students who feel disconnected, by bringing the community to them through local businesses. Go Dogs!
 - (1) Bates: Before you commit, let's chat to make sure there's no issues with contractual stuff.
- e) Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee
 - i) Humphereys: Tru Hacks, a 48-hour event, was a resounding success and the first of its kind. With 112 registered participants, including those from as far as Webster University, the event saw significant engagement. Additionally, please sign up for tabling during Health and Wellness Week. Regarding expenses, we plan to allocate less than \$100 for food.
- f) Student Affairs Committee
 - i) Manalang: As of now, we have officially exhausted our budget. However, get excited for Student Appreciation Week! Remember to sign up at the table, as only those who do will receive free coffee. No other options are available at this time.
- g) Purple Friday Committee
 - i) Dotson: We're planning to table this Friday with a giveaway! Go Dogs!
- h) Parking Appeals Committee
 - i) Mullen: As of today, we're officially caught up on all appeals. Let's hope that status remains unchanged by Thursday. That's all for now.
- i) Athletic Fee Accountability Committee
- j) Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee
 - i) Warner: We're in the process of finalizing all the projects we're funding. The first reading of the slate will be brought forward next week.
 - (1) Stout: We don't have a scheduled meeting, but we'll discuss it shortly.
- k) Vision Documents Ad Hoc Committee
 - i) Warner: In collaboration with Admin, we have decided to conclude our work. We will transfer the current documentation to the next administration and strive to ensure a smooth transition. Additionally, we aim to leave behind our notes for the next committee. I will discuss this further with Sue on Thursday.

8) Auxiliary Reports

- a) Speaker
 - i) Stout: We should plan to have the meeting on Monday at 7 PM, but I will send out a poll with multiple dates and times to ensure we can accommodate everyone's availability. Please feel free to message me on Slack if you need anything or if there's a scheduling conflict.
 - ii) Additionally, important dates for elections have been announced: they will take place from April 8th through the 12th. If you plan on running, please note the four requirements outlined in the graphic and begin working on your statement and headshot. Kindly inform the PR team in advance. Seniors are invited to attend an information session to share their experiences. Please reach out via email if you have any questions regarding the elections.
- b) Board of Governors Representative
- c) Organizational Representatives
 - i) FAC Representative
 - (1) Denklaus: Please ensure that organizations are aware that applications for funding will be closing soon. Additionally, new member applications are currently open.
 - ii) RHA Representative
 - iii) SAB Representative
 - iv) IFC Representative
- 9) **Announcements**
 - a) **Bates: There are numerous open positions for campus jobs at the moment. I encourage everyone to check out the available TRU positions. If anyone is interested, please make sure to pay attention to the opportunities.**
 - b) **Stout: We will continue to hold the Top Recruiter Award because it's a fun tradition. Encourage people to run for the award and have them mention who recruited them during the campaign. Encourage participation in both running and voting, as individuals will be recognized for their efforts.**