

**Truman State University Student Government**  
**Fourth Session of the 2023-2024 General Body**  
**September 4th, 2023**

**Convened: 7:00pm**

**1) Preliminary Items**

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

(1) Kennedy Cooper as a Voting Senator on the Purple Friday Committee

(a) O'Reilly: Kennedy has been on Purple Friday every year they have been here, and Purple Friday is a very cool committee but currently only has Sam on it. I would like to have another person on the committee and Kennedy would be a perfect candidate.

(b) Cooper: I love Purple Friday and I love Truman, I would like to be on the committee.

(c) Strub: You're currently the chair of the Vision Document committee, as well as a couple other chairs, do you think you'll have time?

(i) Cooper: I only have 1 class on Friday, and I don't have very much work at those times, so I'll be totally fine!

(ii) Strub: That's all I needed to hear!

*(d) Cooper Appointed - 7:02pm*

(2) Lucas Manlanag as a Voting Senator on the Vision Docs Committee

(a) O'Reilly: Lucas is a member of Student Affairs, but it currently does not have a Vision Docs representative.

(b) Manalang: I think it would be very beneficial for me to step up as the representative on this committee to better continue planning things like the round table event.

*(c) Lucas Appointed - 7:03pm*

(3) Molly as a Voting Senator on the Vision Docs Committee

(a) O'Reilly: Molly, as we all know, is the chair of Environmental Affairs. She is very great at her job, and they need someone on the Vision Docs from that committee, so she would be the perfect candidate.

(b) Schaedler: I second that, obviously with things like climate change, it's important to have someone with an Environmental affairs perspective to be on the Vision Docs committee.

(c) *Schaedler appointed - 7:04pm*

v) Oath of Office

vi) *Oath of Office Given - 7:05pm*

## 2) Executive Reports

a) President

b) Vice President

i) Warner: Homecoming is coming up, it will be sometime in October (week before 21st) so we are establishing a homecoming committee this week; so let me know if you're interested. We are also interviewing a bunch of associates this week which is really exciting!

c) Treasurer

i) Denklau: Budget will be here next meeting, I promise, and I am still waiting to meet with the President and VP.

ii) I am also going to start my search for appropriations committee members so if you are interested in being on that please slack me.

d) Secretary

i) Zelk: Office hours start this week! If your office hour is usually on a Monday, you will need to make that up at some other point this week.

ii) When you do office hours, be sure to sign in on the clipboard in the office (usually by the computer) that way it doesn't count as an absence.

iii) If you haven't signed up for an office hour yet, please do that right now.

e) IT Director

## 3) Advisor Reports

a) Staff Advisor

i) Bates: I've been meeting with a handful of you to get things in the works: I've talked to Joseph about the budget, if you need or want time with me please send me a message. However, this week I will be very busy with Panhellenic recruitment.

ii) Bates: Friday was the big first push to get back to Purple Friday, and spirit shirts are being sold and will continue to be sold. We put a big dent in them but there are still a bunch of shirts!

- iii) Bates: Please pay attention to the academic realignment, faculty expressed concerns at SPAW about it. You will continue to see things, and there will be changes and adjustments that not everyone will be happy about.
- iv) Stout: What are the arguments from faculty about the reorganization being bad?
  - (1) Bates: I was not able to go to SPAW, but there should be recordings on the Provost website, so I would check to see if it's linked there. I know one of the main things is Health and Exercise Science being split.
  - (2) O'Reilly: Health and Exercise science are split right now, and many programs are combining into departments.
- v) Bates: We're currently at 5 schools, the reorganization would take us to three – School of Arts and Humanities, Science and Mathematics, and Business and Professional Studies.
- vi) O'Reilly: President Thomas told me she would send out the report after the long weekend, so I will let you all know when I get it.
- vii) Bates: It's important to note that the changes are based on faculty work and recommendations. The reorganization will not go into place until Fall of 2024.

#### 4) Old Business

- a) [2023 Fall Elections Handbook](#) (Stout)
  - i) Stout: There have been some changes, and some few folks pointed out some small little changes, and I have made all the changes that we talked about last time. If there are any questions, we got the SUB rooms reserved, the forms updated, but if you have any other questions please let me know.
  - ii) Bates: There is no formal COVID policy you have to follow at the present moment.
  - iii) *Second Read - 7:17pm*

#### 5) Discussion Items

- a) [Vision Documents Discussion](#) (Cooper)
  - i) *15 Minute discussion begins - 7:17pm*
  - ii) Cooper: Y'all should click on the link I put in the agenda so you can look at the questions I have prepared so this discussion doesn't go in a million different directions. I want to use this time to talk about what we want to see in the vision docs this year. If you have any questions please ask them now.
  - iii) Manalang: I know one thing I want to see in the future at Truman is that we are more handicapped accessibility. I have noticed this year that there are a lot of places a student with accessibility needs would not be able to access.
  - iv) O'Reilly: I would like to have academic advisors that are major specific starting from the time you start at Truman.

- v) Manalang: The revision of Symposiums and freshmen classes.
- vi) Denklau: Looking at different food options if possible, like maybe having brands like Chick-fil-a and Starbucks take gift cards.
- vii) Peterson: We should look at the dining hall hours.
- viii) Humphreys: People have been talking about changing the hours for the REC center, and I have had people reach out to me on Instagram. Such as having it open 24 hrs but not having it staffed after a certain time.
  - (1) Bates: Point of Clarification, I had \$155k in student employment last year, and I spent all but 4k of that; so hours are adjusted based on my payroll.
- ix) Dotson: I would like to see the expansion of pool hours.
- x) Strub: I would like to see Truman begin to allow students over the age of 21 to have alcohol on campus, and I believe it would lead to healthier decisions for alcohol.
- xi) Manalang: Adding a second door to the library.
- xii) Schaedler: I want to work on improving the culture of Truman, like Purple Friday and such. I think it would be good to have some kind of Truman pride you see at places like Mizzou such as establishing more traditions.
  - (1) Strub: On that note, maybe getting more students out to Truman events, not necessarily stuff like athletics but this could increase school spirit.
  - (2) Bates: Point of Clarification, Tailgating is already allowed in the parking lot behind the football field
- xiii) Schaedler: We could get rid of the Illuminate symposium by changing the light fixtures.
- xiv) O'Reilly: More accurately classifying writing enhanced courses, as well as increasing faculty awareness of mental health.
- xv) Owsley: I would really like Truman to have a night market for organizations to set up on the quad and sell wares.
- xvi) Strub: I would like to see some standardization, such as how many different professors have completely different grading scales.
  - (1) Savannah: Point of Clarification, Chase, what do you mean by standardization? In the syllabi, professors are already required to state their requirements for grading.
  - (2) Strub: What I mean more by that is where a B in one class might be an 80-89, vs an 82-92 in others. I would like to see standardizations for what letter grades mean in terms of percentage.
- xvii) Schaedler: I think the only gender neutral bathroom is in Barnett and Baldwin, and I would like to see more if possible.
- xviii) Peterson: More options for gender inclusive housing, as well as doing something about the elevators.

- xix)** O'Reilly: I would also like to focus on the transfer student process, and also increasing sustainability on campus.
- xx)** Philips: My long term goal is how to get students here to be excited to come back later, such as alumni interactions and getting them to share things with current students.
- xxi)** Strub: I would like to see more student involvement in club activities, as I know a lot of clubs are struggling with enrollment.
- xxii)** Manalang: More love for the commuters during orientation week, and we also didn't get a budget for working with the commuters. Also, maybe going off Missouri minimum wage for jobs on campus.
- xxiii)** Denklau: I would like to see greater Truman involvement on campus.
- xxiv)** Schaedler I don't know if there could be more parking for commuters on campus, as I know right now there doesn't seem to be a lot of options.
- xxv)** Peterson: More professional development opportunities if you're going Pre-Med or Pre-Law.
- xxvi)** Manalang: Making going to class not a part of your grade (attendance).
- xxvii)** Owlsey: Thank you all for chipping in.
- xxviii)** *Discussion ended - 7:32pm*

## 6) New Business

- a) [Elections Money Motion](#) (O'Reilly)
  - i)** O'Reilly: We are spending money on posters, we are going with 60 posters this year instead of 150 as we have never used that many in the past, and the designs are linked in the money motion.
  - ii)** *10 minutes of discussion started - 7:33pm*
  - iii)** Manalang: On the posters where it says to attend General Body meetings, are the people who went to last week's meetings allowed to use that to fulfill the attendance requirement?
    - (1) O'Reilly: No, we hadn't passed the handbook by that meeting so they will still need to show up to another one.
  - iv)** Seim: I think it looks great!
  - v)** Philips: Should we put a specific time for candidate declaration closing?
    - (1) O'Reilly: No, we never put a specific time since it's just due at midnight.
  - vi)** Denklau: I would suggest making the logo bigger.
  - vii)** Humphereys: I would suggest shifting the text on the right closer to the middle.
  - viii)** Peterson: Can we add somewhere to ask questions like the email or instagram?
    - (1) O'Reilly: Good idea!
  - ix)** Manalang: This poster looks really good!
  - x)** *Adopted by unanimous consent - 7:35pm*

- b) [AFAC Changes Resolution](#) (Cooper)
- i)** Cooper: This resolution removes the club sports rep from the AFAC committee, and creates a small committee for just club sports, and any decision has to be approved by us. I know last year when this was created there were concerns about getting it filled, so I've changed it so that people who were on this committee can be on AFAC committee as well. The only actual person we would need to find is a club sports representative, and since the committee is created for the club sports I'm sure we can find one. I don't think there will be an issue finding people for the committee.
  - ii)** Niemeyer: Has anyone contacted you about joining this committee?

    - (1) O'Reilly: I have talked to people in club sports about this, but I haven't mentioned the sub-committee.
  - iii)** Cooper: Just to clarify, the club sports representative would not exist on the AFAC committee anymore.
  - iv)** O'Reilly: I don't understand why there should be a sub-committee if the same people are going to be on it anyways.?

    - (1) Cooper: The reason I wanted to do this is the applications for AFAC are only open for a couple months. This would be an opportunity to do this if you missed the period on club sports.
    - (2) O'Reilly: The rolling deadline is weird to me because what happens if the committee has spent all their money before certain applications come in? How can we accurately judge the applications if we can't judge them against each other?
    - (3) Cooper: That is a very valid concern, but I don't think it's a big enough problem to not consider this change.
  - v)** *Discussion starts - 7:42pm*
  - vi)** Owsley: I was part of this originally and I think this change would be very beneficial.
  - vii)** Bates: I have to be with you all through this and I disagree almost completely. I say that because I feel like we're trying to fit a square peg in a round hole. This fee was facility related, not for things like funding traveling to nationals. I think that this committee has run differently almost every year because it used to be a standard application timeframe. I think there is some power in having a club sports rep to see how this impacts things beyond our NCAA competing teams. I think it's a full circle thing from an educational perspective. I don't make this budget go, but things generally take at least a year to make things happen for this. Last year there was no formal application for the committee as a whole, where in the past there was a structured application process.
  - viii)** O'Reilly: I think there obviously needs to be a way for club sports to have more of a voice. But I'm worried about separating club and varsity sports on

AFAC. I'm worried about the message this sends. I also worry about membership and recruiting committee members for the subcommittee.

- ix)** Cooper: Point of Information, when is FAC funding open?

  - (1) Bates: It varies per semester, but usually it varies around a month. Fall traditionally was looking at hearings late October early November. Usually it's the first week of April when things are due. When this fee started there were no explicit fees set aside for non NCAA projects like goals or rugby posts.
- x)** Cooper: I'm going to be honest, we're not going to be second reading this this next week, but I just want to reiterate that this was supported by the whole OAF committee. Something needs to be done about this as students have wanted a way to make this fee more accessible to them. I also want to say that the Athletics Director Jerry was very excited about this idea when I shared this with him. I think we can go forward with making some small changes but I would still like to come up with a way to split how these things are funded
- xi)** Denklau: I was going to say what Mike said, and with the FAC funding I think this would be a great way for people who are not involved with athletics to have access to the money they are paying.
- xii)** Manalang: Can't club sports get money from appropriations?

  - (1) Cooper: That would be really cool, but usually the appropriations budget is kind of small and we have to limit the projects we choose to do.
- xiii)** Owsley: I wanted to call back that there wasn't a set in stone application for how this fee is going to be used this year. I would support some way to have a formal application or work with the next chair. I also wanted to call back to how this would create more division between club and varsity sports, but I see this as giving students who are not in varsity sports a chance to get access to some of this money that we're all paying in to. I think it would really reflect well if we were able to deliver a win like this to the student body at large.
- xiv)** Seim: I have a question. Is the application time only open once a year?

  - (1) O'Reilly: Applications to be on the committee are open once every two years.
  - (2) Bates: Typically both athletic and environmental fee solicit funding applications by the end of December. Appropriations are different, based on your own standing rules.
  - (3) O'Reilly: There are different standards for each committee about when the application times are open, and depend on how well these chairs work together. These deadlines are generally out of our control and heavily depend on when the committees can get this

done. But with athletic fees, you would have to get it in at certain times to make sure it is done by the end of the season.

- xv)** Bates: Athletics fees initially started as a way to physically improve campus, and not for funding certain things that don't involve Truman as a whole.
- xvi)** O'Reilly: I see it as furthering division, not necessarily creating it. I see this subcommittee furthering the idea that club sports don't matter as much as NCAA athletics. We should consider adding another club sports representative.
- xvii)** Owsley: I disagree with adding more students to the committee as we are already having recruitment problems with AFAC. The solution should not be to just add more people to the committee, especially if the funding will not be flexible enough for the sub committee to use it in the way they would like. Another point we talked about was fixing goalposts, and that is something that will take a long time.
- xviii)** Bates: I don't fully remember anything about that, but I remember Jerry saying he didn't feel like he was equipped to fulfill club sports needs. However, I do recognize things need to be fixed.
- xix)** O'Reilly: I think one of the largest problems recruiting people to this committee is that we do not try hard enough to recruit people to this committee.
- xx)** *First Read - 8:10pm*
- c) [Resolution Establishing Ballot Language for a Mental Wellness Designee](#) (O'Reilly)
  - i)** O'Reilly: This is something me and Mairin wanted to accomplish under our administration, as we wanted to create a position to serve under the HWS committee and work toward Mental Wellness on campus. The language used here is largely based off of the Sexual Assault Prevention Designee; and how they fulfilled a unique role while working with the HWS committee.
  - ii)** Strub: What is the precedent of having a person on a committee that's not a chair serve as an executive committee member as well?
    - (1)** Cooper: Point of Information, it's in the standing rules about the Sexual Assault Prevention Designee
  - iii)** Bates: Point of Information, The SAPD was originally a committee, and it evolved to a singular position to better serve the Student Government interests.
  - iv)** *First Read - 8:14pm*
- d) [Resolution Amending the Operating Procedures for OAF](#) (O'Reilly)
  - i)** O'Reilly: This amendment just gives us more time to find people to serve on the OAF committee. The operating procedures currently say that we have to have the committee appointed by October 1st. This just isn't enough time, because there are four different people that need to meet with the



interviewee. This resolution moves the deadline to the last Sunday in October which is what AFAC does.

**ii)** Strub: Are there any people who have applied for this?

(1) O'Reilly: The applications have not opened.

**iii)** Cooper: We had a big problem last year, we got like 5 applications last year.

**iv)** Neimeyer: Is this going to take effect this year or next year?

(1) O'Reilly: This will take effect this year, and put OAF and ESFAC on the same timeline.

**v)** Bates: The timeline has to get adjusted for certain parts of the committee, and Tyana is pretty equipped. In AFAC and ESFAC there are spots that say you can start moving the committee with whatever committee there is.

**vi)** *First read - 8:18pm*

e) [Executive Order to Start Govdocs](#) (O'Reilly)

**i)** O'Reilly: Basically what this does, is it starts govdocs! Clarifying the term biannual, examining the operating procedures for fee based committees, clearly stating the duties and responsibilities of committees and executive staff. Things like formatting resolutions and cleaning out the StuGov drive. Any other adjustments viewed as important by the governing documents committee will be changed as well.

**ii)** *Executed - 8:20pm*

## 7) Committee Reports

a) Academic Affairs Committee

**i)** Niemeyer: As a committee we will have our meetings at 6 on Wednesdays at the StuGov office.

**ii)** Peterson: The civics bill failed at the faculty senate! They also talked about creating a caucus.

**iii)** Thomas: What is the caucus going to do?

(1) Peterson: That is a great question. I am not sure.

b) Diversity and Inclusion Committee

**i)** Cooper: Changed our meeting times to 7:30 on Wednesdays in the office. We will also be sending out a survey to students to gauge the feelings about current gender inclusivity policies on campus and adding gender identity to the nondiscrimination policy, and we talked a lot about collabing.

**ii)** Bates: What do you know about the safe zone program?

(1) Cooper: The safe zone program is a training program for students and staff to keep LGBTQ+ students safe. I recommend you all participate.

(2) Bates: My understanding is that the first class is to help with basic language, vocabulary, things to avoid, word choice, and she does have plans to offer a more advanced topics course. If 25% of a group's membership goes through the training, they will get recognized as a

“safe group”. I think that’s a cool option to expand within organizational support.

- c) Environmental Affairs Committee
  - i) Schaedler: We decided the meeting times, Thursdays at 4. I have also started to work with the composting thing, and I have set up meetings with faculty to talk about this.
- d) External Affairs Committee
- e) Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee
  - i) Humphreys: For the parody, I found 2 students from True Men and I will write this with their help to make sure things are factually correct. Savannah will begin to work on the sliding scale information. I will also continue to find a speaker. Committee meetings are on Wednesdays at 7pm!
- f) Student Affairs Committee
  - i) Manalang: Our committee meetings are at 6pms on Mondays. I talked to Laura about ideas for the year, and set up meeting times with Tyana.
- g) Purple Friday Committee
- h) Dotson: Meetings are at 3 on Mondays, and I found foam purple cowboy hats on 4imprint!
- i) Vision Documents Ad Hoc Committee
  - i) Cooper: Thanks for the great discussion today! I know we all have things we hate about Truman, so if we can hear all the things, we can make a great Vision Doc. If your committee does not have a rep for a vision doc, please send one. If any of yall have a friend looking for a committee to join,
  - ii) Dotson: How should we send people who are interested in contacting you?
  - iii) Cooper: Anything really, I'm very responsive.

## **8) Auxiliary Reports**

- a) Speaker
- b) Board of Governors Representative
- c) Organizational Representatives
  - i) FAC Representative  
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  - ii) RHA Representative
  - iii) SAB Representative

## **9) Announcements**

Denklau: Funding apps will open this Wednesday and are scheduled to be up the entire month of September, September and October. Let your friends know about it and if they have any questions send them to me.

Strub: Truman’s football team has its first football game this Saturday, please go!

**Adjourned: 8:32pm**