

**Truman State University Student Government  
Sixteenth Session of the 2023-2024 General Body  
January 21st, 2024**

**Convened: 5:00**

**1) Preliminary Items**

- a) Roll Call
- b) Gallery Business
- c) Changes to the Agenda
- d) Approval of Previous Minutes
- e) Appointment & Resignation

**i) Resignations**

- (1) Stout: We have a few resignations today for various reasons due to many reasons, such as internships, jobs, and busy schedules. I encourage you to message these people individually with any questions, as I know they will still respond to messages on slack.
- (2) Star Alexander as Student at Large on Vision Documents
- (3) Kennedy Cooper as Senior Senator/Diversity & Inclusion Chair
- (4) Logan Metten as Voting Senator
- (5) Santino Bono as Associate Senator
- (6) Jesse Fields as Incoming Senator

**ii) Designations**

**iii) Major Appointments**

- (1) Adli Jacobs as External Affairs Chair
  - (a) O'Reilly: Mike has graduated, which means that he can no longer serve on this body as the Senior Senator or External Affairs Chair. Mairin and I talked to Adli this week about External Affairs, and he has some really awesome ideas about how to revive the committee and give it some direction. He also said he wants to add associate senators to give them more people power, and I think that's a great step.
- (2) Mairin Warner as Vision Documents Vice Chair
  - (a) O'Reilly: Kennedy is still serving as the Vision Docs chair, but they are going to be pretty busy with work this semester, so we're appointing Mairin as Vice Chair of Vision Docs. She will help with giving reports at meetings if Kennedy can't be there and being there to support Kennedy as well. Mairin served as Vice Chair of Environmental Affairs last year when people were getting busy with schoolwork, so I know that she'll be a great resource.

1. Warner: If you have questions please message me about it, or ask me about it now.
2. *Closed session 5:03-5:04*
3. *Appointed by unanimous consent*

**iv) Minor Appointments**

(1) Marcia Humphreys; Alex Peterson as Voting Senators on the Vision Documents Committee

(a) O'Reilly: Seeing as there have been a couple resignations on the vision docs committee, we want people who are passionate about this, and these people are passionate and willing to help us get to the finish line.

(b) Peterson: Can't wait to help out with the vision docs

(c) Humphreys

(d) *Questions*

(e) Deklau: What parts of the doc do you hope to work on /contribute to this?

(i) Humphreys: Over the winter break, I dedicated a substantial amount of time to revising and refining various sections. I hope that most of the suggested improvements will be incorporated, as I diligently aimed to maintain the original intent behind them. I included certain comments in the margins which I believed could further elaborate upon those points.

(ii) My primary focus will be on enhancing the technology-related segments. Additionally, I intend to delve into matters pertaining to diversity, particularly regarding the resources available to international students. I engaged in conversations with students, and as a result, I have gathered minor details to enhance this section based on the insights gained from these discussions.

(iii) Regarding the section concerning mental health, it appears to be in great shape, particularly in its examination of campus security. Furthermore, I wish to highlight that Savannah brought to my attention that the sliding scale applies not only to the university counseling services but also to the health center. Consequently, I have made the necessary revisions to that paragraph, as well as incorporating several other adjustments throughout the document.

(iv) Peterson: I am a member of the academic affairs committee, and I am also the president of the RHA. I think I have the experience and resources to provide a good perspective to this committee.

(v) *Appointed: 5:08pm*

(2) Logan Metten as Associate Senator on Student Affairs

v) Oath of Office

vi) *Oath of Office given - 5:09pm*

## 2) Executive Reports

a) President

- i) O'Reilly: Welcome back! So happy to see all of you and I can't wait to see what we accomplish this semester
- ii) Laura is on maternity leave but still available on Slack if you need her. We also have Johnny as a great resource, so don't be afraid to reach out to him.
- iii) The lactation space is moving along -- there are walls up and I saw people working on it last week. This is a project that we helped fund last year, and it's located on the bottom floor of the sub right next to the boy's bathroom if anyone wants to check it out.
- iv) Ryan Nely is out on paternity leave. As far as I know, Title IX violations will be handled by the Office of Citizenship and Community Standards, but Mairin and I will be checking in with President Thomas this week to make sure that's correct.
- v) Shoutout to Health, Wellness, and Safety and Rehana for working on the post about the sliding scale at the health center -- I've heard from people that it's really helpful, and you all did a great job at clarifying something that's confused a bunch of people.
- vi) AFAC is meeting this week to review project proposals. If you know anyone that wants to submit a proposal, it is open until Monday at noon. Slack me and I'll send you the form.
- vii) Mairin and I meet with President Thomas on Tuesdays, so if there's anything that you all want us to address with her, try to get it to us by noon on Tuesday.
- viii) Reorganization will still be something to pay attention to this semester. The plan is supposed to be set by now, but I'll let you know about any developments after we meet with President Thomas this week.
- ix) I think that's all I've got -- I'm excited to get to work and see what we do this semester. Let me know if there's anything you all need.

b) Vice President

- i) Warner: Welcome back, thank you all for being here! As you may have seen, I sent a general reflection form in the slack. There's a place to leave comments about the positions in the future. Excomm meetings every

monday at 5:30 in the SUB down under. These meetings are available for the general body.

c) Treasurer

- i) Denklaus: I've got three things to chat about today. First up, we've got an appropriations slate happening today, and I'm really looking forward to it. Next on the list, we've got the spring budget coming up, and there are a few things I need to think about, so keep an eye out for that. If I have any questions about our budget or if I'm thinking about making some cuts, I'll definitely have a chat with you about it.
- ii) Lastly, we're starting to brainstorm our merchandise plans for the upcoming semester. We've got price quotes for different items, and it looks like we'll go over budget if we go for anything besides shirts. If we decide to go for crewnecks as well, we'll exceed the budget by \$96.57. Here's an idea: how about we consider taking \$12 from each committee (except for parking appeals, appropriations, and vision docs) to cover this expense, if you're okay with it? However, it's likely that we'll stick with just T-shirts to stay within budget.

(1) Stout: What does it look like if people want crewnecks and not T-Shirts?

(a) Denklaus: We would still be about \$70 over budget.

(i) Stout: Ok Cool.

d) Secretary

- i) Zelk: Hey all! I've got a bit of a longer report today, so bear with me, I just want to address a couple important things before we kick off the semester. Firstly, I have decided to make some big changes to the office hour policy. Last semester I received a lot of really great feedback from you guys, and also I heard a lot of people expressing their frustrations with the current rules. I want you to know that I have been listening to you and I take your feedback very seriously. So starting this week you will now be allowed to fulfill your office hour requirement by doing any kind of service or volunteer work for the student government. So for example if you table with Samantha for purple friday, that's an office hour. If you talk to faculty or administration to coordinate some kind of event, like how Marcia talked to John Stewart to coordinate Sodexo stuff, that's an office hour. If your committee is having a big event like Wellness Week, or Denim Day, that's an office hour! Of course, if you already enjoy spending your office hours in the office, you can still totally do that; all I'm doing is giving you guys more options on how you'd like to spend your time. If you have any questions on what does or doesn't qualify as an office hour, please feel free to reach out to me on slack and I will let you know.

- ii) Also, the process of signing up for an office hour has been made a lot more simple. You no longer have to actually sign up, you just have to sign in. And, all of that is going to be done completely online. If you take a look in the important links chat in slack, you will notice a new office hour sign in form. The way this is going to work, is that once you have finished serving your office hours, you're going to fill this out. It's going to ask your name, the date, and where you served your hour. Once you've done this you'll be completely good to go and that'll count for your attendance. I know this is a lot of new information, so feel free to reach out to me on slack if you have any questions. I'm hoping this new process will make your lives a lot less stressful this coming semester.
- iii) Finally, I want to quickly direct your attention back to the important links chat in slack where you will notice a new contact information form. Excomm is working on a lot of things behind the scenes right now, such as name placards, merch designs, birthday stuff but we can't do any of that unless we have this information, so please double check and make sure you've filled this out. And that's all from me, thanks!
- iv) Manalang: Why does our banner ID need to be on the form?
  - (1) Stout: We need to have that to send to the registrar.

e) PR Director

- i) Syed: Right now I'm working on a fall semester recoup, so please respond to my message if I've sent you one!
- ii) Heitzman: I'm working on T-shirt stuff, so let me know if you have any questions regarding that!
- iii) Stout: Was there a merch design that was selected?
  - (1) Ray: Yes, the most popular one was the quarter zip one.

f) IT Director

- i) Williams: Happy to be back guys, so if you guys have any questions regarding the Student Government website or technology, please let me know as I'm submitting a work order form soon.

g) Legislative Director

**3) Advisor Reports**

- a) Staff Advisor
- b) Faculty Advisor

**4) New Business**

- a) [A Resolution in Support of the Continued Efforts to promote the Health, Wellness, and Safety Resources on Campus](#) (Humphreys)
  - i) Humphreys: This resolution highlights that our committee successfully created the sliding scale graphic and recognizes it as a successful initiative. We are committed to continuing the promotion of campus resources related to HWS.

(1) Peterson: It talks about a series of interviews regarding directors of departments. Are they down with this?

(2) Humphreys: Yes!

(3) *Questions*

(4) Denklau: Looks good! As usual, great work from you and your committee.

(5) *First Read - 5:21pm*

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

i) Denklau: The Google Development Student Club, in collaboration with the Student Entrepreneurs, is organizing a hackathon event. This will be a three-day hackathon hosted on Truman's campus. I met with Laura and Johnny before they left for break, and while they are still finalizing the plan with potential updates to come, I am currently fully comfortable with providing them complete funding support.

ii) I believe it would be great for our name to be associated with this initiative and let the campus community know that we are actively supporting their endeavors. I will stay in touch with them and offer assistance as needed as time goes on, and I foresee no issues with our continued involvement in this project.

iii) Bartz: In the proposal documents, it talks about needing 10 thousand dollars, what happens if they don't get that money?

(1) Denklau: Nothing really, they need to ask for reimbursement, we're not just handing them money.

iv) Discussion:

(1) Warner: I feel comfortable with this if Joe does. Move to appropriate by unanimous consent.

(2) *Appropriated by unanimous consent*

**5) Old Business**

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**6) Discussion Items**

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**7) Committee Reports**

a) Academic Affairs Committee

i) Peterson: Welcome back, everyone! As we kick off the new semester, I want to mention that we have sent out some surveys that we'll be reviewing. If you have any feedback regarding academic accolades, please don't hesitate to reach out and share your thoughts with me. Your input is greatly appreciated!

b) Diversity and Inclusion Committee

c) Environmental Affairs Committee

d) External Affairs Committee

- e) Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee
  - i) Humphereys: Welcome back to school! I'm glad you made it through the break. I've been busy reading the vision document and planning for the upcoming semester. One idea I had is to create a serenity room that could serve multiple functions, such as a prayer room and a place for relaxation and mindfulness activities. It would be a space designed to promote a sense of calm and well-being.
  - ii) I've also been in contact with another motivational speaker who seems like a promising option. We might be able to have him as a virtual keynote speaker. He focuses on important topics like mental health and suicide prevention, which are highly relevant and valuable.
  - iii) Rehana has done a fantastic job designing stickers for HWS week, which is a great addition to our plans. Looking ahead, we have several projects in the pipeline, including menstrual cup distribution and HWS week. During HWS week, two areas I'd like to focus on are ergonomics and gratitude. Developing a mindset of gratitude can help us appreciate the little things in our day-to-day lives. For instance, I'm truly grateful for my laptop, as it enables me to accomplish so much, and not everyone has access to one.
- f) Student Affairs Committee
  - i) Manalang: There's not much to report at the moment, but in the upcoming weeks, we have some important resolutions on the horizon. These resolutions will address ADA accessibility and the removal of people's addresses from Outlook within the IT department. Additionally, we will be introducing a new meeting time for the Student Affairs Committee to streamline our processes and ensure better efficiency. Stay tuned for more updates!
- g) Purple Friday Committee
  - i) Dotson: Hello, everyone! I'm thrilled about this semester and all the exciting things ahead. We've got some great giveaway items ready, and we're aiming to kick off our giveaways this Friday. In addition, we'll be launching Instagram online giveaways, and I would really appreciate it if more people from the body could participate in these events. Let's make this semester a success – Go Bulldogs!
- h) Parking Appeals Committee
- i) Mullen: There isn't much to report at the moment. Before the break, we had a meeting with Laura and Johnny to discuss what improvements we'd like to see in the process of parking appeals. We're committed to continuing our efforts to make this process better and more efficient.
- j) Athletic Fee Accountability Committee
- k) Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee
- l) Vision Documents Ad Hoc Committee

- i) Warner: Firstly, if I haven't reached out to you but you're interested in being part of the committee, please do let me know. Secondly, we're changing our approach by presenting the document in smaller sections to the body instead of presenting the entire document at once. This way, we can ensure that the body has the opportunity to thoroughly read and engage with the content, as it can be less intimidating in smaller portions. If you'd like to read or simply join in on these discussions, your participation would be greatly appreciated!

## 8) Auxiliary Reports

### a) Speaker

- i) Stout: I have two updates for you. Firstly, the GovDocs committee is likely to hold meetings on Saturdays via Zoom. If anyone is interested in attending these meetings, please feel free to join in. These meetings won't occur weekly, typically happening around five times per semester.
- ii) Secondly, I won't be available next Sunday, but Owen, our sole senior senator, has kindly volunteered to act as the pro tempore senator during that time. I would greatly appreciate it if you could submit agenda items earlier than Saturday, as this would help with our planning and preparation.
- iii) As always, don't hesitate to reach out via Slack if you have any questions, comments, or concerns. Your input is valuable!

### b) Board of Governors Representative

- i) Schnake: Our first meeting of the semester with a new chair will take place not this weekend, but the following one. If you have any specific items or topics you'd like to discuss or see addressed, please feel free to send me a Slack message.
- ii) Regarding the process for selecting candidates, as we all know, bureaucracy can often be time-consuming. The installation of a new representative hinges on the response from the governor's office, and we hope to receive that response by May. Let's hope for a quicker resolution to expedite the process.

### c) Organizational Representatives

- i) FAC Representative
  - (1) Denklau: FAC is looking for members, if you want to join hit me up! If you're looking for funding for the fall, go ahead and send in an application!
- ii) RHA Representative
- iii) SAB Representative

## 9) Announcements

**10) Payton: College Dems Meeting tomorrow! Be there or be square**

**11) Humphereys: Just a reminder that the Chinese Language Association will be holding meetings at 7 pm in Baldwin. They are currently working on organizing**



**the Lunar New Year event, scheduled for February 17th. Seating for this event will begin at 5 pm, and it will be on a first-come, first-served basis.**

**Adjourned: 5:34pm**