

**Truman State University Student Government  
Eighteenth Session of the 2023-2024 General Body  
February 12th, 2024**

**Convened: 5:33pm**

**1) Preliminary Items**

- a) Roll Call
- b) Gallery Business
  - i) Schadler: I aspire to become an Associate Senator, having previously served as the Chair of Environmental Affairs.
  - ii) Berliner: I was recruited to be an associate senator, and I am here to be appointed today.
- c) Changes to the Agenda
- d) Approval of Previous Minutes
- e) Appointment & Resignation
  - i) Resignations
  - ii) Designations
  - iii) Major Appointments
    - (1) Jessie Philips as Diversity and Inclusion Chair
      - (a) Warner: Jesse and I have talked about this position many times. Jesse stepped in when I was the interim chair and did a great job.
      - (b) Phillips: I'm Jessie, you guys know me. I know the ins and outs very well. We have two big events coming up, and I want to make sure they get done and done well.
      - (c) *Closed Session 6:13-6:14 pm*
      - (d) *Appointed*
  - iv) Minor Appointments
    - (1) Mason Berliner as an Associate Senator on External Affairs
      - (a) O'Reilly: I interviewed him, and Mason has a real passion for student government. We're excited to have him join us.
      - (b) Berliner: My name is Mason Berliner. I have two cats, I've played hockey my whole life, and that's about it.
        - (i) Strub: Are you ready to get external?
          1. Berliner: Sure
      - (c) Seim: Is there anything you're looking to do, or projects to work on?
        - (i) Berliner: Adli gave me tasks to work on. I want to start by helping with the camera work for the Restaurant project.

(d) *Appointed - 5:37pm*

(2) Molly Schaedler as an Associate Senator on Environmental Affairs

(a) Schadler: I've been in Student Government for a couple of semesters and I'm excited to take on this chair responsibility. I think it will be easier to work on my big projects from this position.

(b) *Appointed - 5:38pm*

v) Oath of Office

vi) *Oath of Office Given - 5:39pm; AND 6:15pm*

## 2) **Executive Reports**

a) President

b) Vice President

c) Treasurer

d) Secretary

e) PR Director

i) Morrison: I just wanted to ask if there's a committee that wants to be featured in our shadow box. No worries if it's too late to add; I can just send a general message on Slack later!

f) IT Director

i) Williams: Updates have been made to the website, including a new header image and a revamped Welcome page. More edits are expected this week.

g) Legislative Director

## 3) **Advisor Reports**

a) Staff Advisor

b) Faculty Advisor

## 4) **New Business**

a) [A Resolution in Support of Truman State University's Nursing Department to Train Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners \(SANE\) \(Seim\)](#)

i) Seim: This resolution is something Kennedy began working on last semester. However, the nurse who was initially involved decided to leave Kirksville and is no longer participating. Dr. Waller recently received a grant and, in May, she will be hosting a SANE training at the nursing simulation center. Hopefully, many nurses will attend, and it is in support of that effort.

ii) O'Reilly: I talked to Brynna about this earlier in the semester, and she has been really excited about this.

iii) Strub: This is a good resolution, I know we had been pushing for this in the past, and we had been trying to get the SANE nurse.

iv) McElhany: Just a quick note, I noticed that your bullet point on rape comes from a source that's not reputable.

(1) Strub: Point of information: I had the same question. The numbers are not from the FBI website, but including data from them would enhance our presentation.

v) *First Read - 5:56pm*

b) [A Resolution Emphasizing the Importance of Sustainability and the Necessity of a New Recycling Facility for Paper and Cardboard](#) (Seim)

i) Seim: Lucas and I collaborated on this, highlighting that Community Opportunities, which used to recycle all of our paper and cardboard, has gone out of business. This is essentially a call to action for us to adopt a recycling service. We still have recycling options for plastics 1 and 2, as well as aluminum. Hopefully, we can secure a new service soon.

ii) *First Read - 5:58pm*

c) [Bamboo Toothbrush Money Motion](#) (Seim)

i) Seim: We're planning to collaborate on Purple Friday with the Environmental Affairs to introduce a genius idea: bamboo toothbrushes. They're eco-friendly, and who wouldn't want a toothbrush that supports our team spirit with "Go Dogs!" printed on it? This initiative will be a joint effort between us. Available font options for the print include Times New Roman and Comic Sans. That's all I have to say about that. Go Dogs!

(1) Strub: Is there any way we can get the StuGov logo on there?

(2) Seim: I don't know where that is or how I could do that but I would want to.

(3) O'Reilly: POC, It's on the drive but In the past when we put the logo on small things it came out too small to see.

(4) Schnake: Just out of pure curiosity, what makes bamboo more recyclable?

(a) Seim: Basically, every toothbrush people use is mechanical or plastic, so the idea behind bamboo toothbrushes is that it's biodegradable.

(b) Adli: This is a great idea, since people at Truman don't always brush their teeth.

d) [Vision Document: University Mission & Vision; Academic Affairs](#) (Warner)

i) Dotson: I believe these are initiatives that students really want to see implemented, as I've often encountered requests for such actions.

ii) Phillips: I was really impressed by all of this.

iii) McElhany: Just a couple of comments. I do think this section has significantly improved. However, I urge you to revisit the scholarship renewal section. Consider discussing renewal and retention. Making a case that maintaining scholarships here is challenging, and therefore less likely to retain students, could help faculty focus on improving retention. I know the full document includes various recommendations from our dialogues, so please ensure it

accurately reflects the student government's stance on the S&S section. Lastly, my concern lies with the academic accolades section. I'm not entirely convinced that the responsibilities of this student government should be included in the document to the university.

**iv)** Strub: When I hear students discuss the S&S section, there's often confusion about what's actually happening. The classes don't seem to teach specific skills, and this section doesn't directly address many of the issues freshmen are facing.

(1) Warner: Point of information: All the findings in the dialogue section were also reflected in the survey. However, if you have any feedback or comments, I would be more than happy to include them.

**v)** *First Read - 6:06pm*

e) [Women's Slam Poetry Food Money Motion](#) (Philips)

**i)** Phillips: We're arranging food for the slam poetry event, and one challenge we faced was trying to ensure variety while maintaining a tight budget, so we have money left over for diversity month..

**ii)** Dtoson: Free food? I'm gonna be there.

f) [A Resolution Urging the Adjustment of Student Addresses to be Excluded in the Outlook Email System at Truman State University](#) (Holder)

**i)** Holder: Without displaying every student's address, which has been a concern among students, we're in the process of drafting a resolution about this issue.

**ii)** Strub: I think this is a good step forward, as I was previously able to easily look up people's information.

**iii)** Holder: This was brought up at a second meeting, and we were told that if enough students complained then they would try to do something about it.

**iv)** *First Read - 6:09pm*

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

**i)** Denklau: So, we received another appropriations application, and I'm really happy about it. This one is from Kryshna, who wants to organize a cultural wedding event in the SUB Activities room. One of my main concerns was that they might charge students to attend the event if they couldn't secure enough funding. However, I think they've worked with the CDI to receive additional funding. Other than that, I really like this application.

(1) Warner: I think this sounds like a super fun event. I know Krishna; he would not put on an event that was not worthwhile.

## 5) Old Business

a) [Spring 2024 Budget](#) (Denklau)

**i)** Denklau: Welcome back to the budget discussion. Many people have reviewed this, and I've spoken extensively with Laura about it. The most significant change is the reduction of the marketing budget, which has been

reallocated to PR, in line with new initiatives in external affairs. Aside from that, there have been no changes. I've received requests to move money around, but I didn't want to consider that at the moment. I understand there are concerns about the reserves being high, but with Truman's attendance being low, it's important to have funds available for future bodies to operate.

(1) Seim: There's just some odd numbers, like \$128 for student copy services and stuff. Is that just leftover money?

(a) Dencklau: That's just the leftover from last semester, so you will see some weird amounts because of that.

(b) Strub: External affairs got money, woo!

(2) *Budget Passes - 5:43pm*

b) [AFAC Slate 1](#) (Burwell/O'Reilly)

i) O'Reilly: Ok guys, we're back at discussing the AFAC slate. We haven't had much luck getting detailed information from the athletic director. What we received was a list of various athletic equipment, including funds for a net, shot put, and discus areas. We haven't received an exact cost estimate, which is why we're aiming high with a budget of \$20,000. I'm confident we won't spend all that money, though.

(1) Strub: Do we know why the athletics director has been unresponsive?

(a) O'Reilly: Many people have tried to reach him, but apparently, he does not check his email very often or hasn't been in his office recently. Usually, he is very responsive, but I am unsure why that's not the case now.

(b) Stem: Despite being unresponsive, I feel like this makes sense and all the updates are necessary.

(c) Warner: This is a drop in the huge ocean of AFAC funding, and they're probably not even going to hit this amount so I feel very confident with that.

(d) Strub: I don't feel confident allocating this money if he doesn't show the respect deserving of a \$20,000 allocation. I agree that the funds will probably be spent correctly and well, but the fact of the matter is, if we're not treated with the respect associated with such an amount, then it shouldn't be granted.

(e) Nieymeyer: I know a lot of people on the track and field club and they need this equipment.

(2) *Slate Approved*

c) [A Resolution Urging for a Comprehensive Review of ADA Compliance and Accessibility at Truman State University](#) (Baum)

- i) Baum: This resolution requests the university to review ADA compliance, which previously received positive feedback.
- ii) O'Reilly: Lucas has been very passionate about this before. I'm fully in favor of this. We've talked to Sue about this, and she is in support as well. Strub: I also agree with this.
- iii) *Passed - 6:12pm*

**6) Discussion Items**

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**7) Committee Reports**

- a) Academic Affairs Committee
- b) Diversity and Inclusion Committee
- c) Environmental Affairs Committee
- d) External Affairs Committee
- e) Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee

i) Humphereys: We're in the process of editing the interview with Ryan Nely, and I've scheduled another interview with Chief Seifert. Savannah is coordinating a collaboration with Mizzou's extension office and the Truman Serve Center on a nutrition workshop. She's also creating a booklet of healthy recipes using ingredients from the dining hall and C-store. Nuraiyum is working on installing water filters in the kitchens of West Campus. Additionally, we're planning a self-defense seminar led by a DPS officer. I had a meeting with Tyana Lange about the TELUS app and am disappointed in the mental health resources for non-native English speakers. The current system only offers a party line with a translator, a TELUS employee, and a student. There are no Russian-speaking therapists in TELUS, and hiring one externally would incur costs. Lange's response to subsidizing mental health support for international students was discouraging, implying it wouldn't be fair to domestic students. I am frustrated and want better resources for our international students. Lastly, we're securing funding for a speaker on mental wellness and suicide prevention for HWS week.

f) Student Affairs Committee

i) Manalang: Whiteboard, Outlook, accessibility, and Student Appreciation Week planning are ongoing. We still need to request additional funding.

g) Purple Friday Committee

i) Dotson: We are tabling in Magruder this Wednesday for Valentine's Day, so please, please sign up! Next Friday, we will be hosting a tabling event for Black History Month and a giveaway, so keep an eye out for more information on that! Go Dawgs!

h) Parking Appeals Committee

i) Athletic Fee Accountability Committee

- j) Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee
- k) Vision Documents Ad Hoc Committee
  - i) Warner: Thank you all for starting the process of reviewing the document today. The sections to be discussed on Sunday are: Diversity & Inclusion, Environmental, and External. Please review these sections and leave comments prior to the meeting.

**8) Auxiliary Reports**

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

**9) Announcements**

- a) Warner: Thank you for the great conversation about vision documents. Next week, we are reading Diversity & Inclusion, Environmental.
- b) O'Reilly: Thank you guys, you did great today.

**Adjourned: 6:16pm**