

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

Convened: 5:03pm

1) Preliminary Items

- a) Roll Call
- b) Gallery Business
 - i)** George: I am here to represent the Chinese Language and Culture society today.
 - ii)** Reese: I am here to be appointed as an associate senator to the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee.
 - iii)** Medlin: I am here to be appointed to the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee.
- c) Changes to the Agenda
- d) Approval of Previous Minutes
- e) Appointment & Resignation
 - i)** Resignations
 - (1) Molly Schaedler as Voting Senator/Environmental Affairs Chair
 - ii)** Designations
 - iii)** Major Appointments
 - (1) Adli Jacobs as External Affairs Chair
 - (a) O'Reilly: As we all know, Mike graduated, and he was the former chair. Marian and I talked to Adli at the beginning of the semester, and he has some really good ideas on how to move this position forward.
 - (b) Jacobs: I think external affairs are expanding. We're planning to engage with Kirksville businesses and restaurants and share that on our social media. I'm super excited; I think it's going to be a great time.
 - (c) *Questions*
 - (d) Manalrag: If you are appointed to external affairs, are you doing anything with lets get blunt?
 - (i) Jacobs: It hasn't died; it should happen within the month. I have talked to U&I about this.
 - (e) *Closed Session - 5:10 - 5:11pm*
 - (f) Appointed
 - (2) Brynna Seim as Environmental Affairs Chair

- (a) Warner: Brynna has been on the Environmental Affairs Committee, and Molly resigned. She seems to have great ideas and is really enthusiastic.
- (b) Seim: Maririn messaged me about a week ago and asked if I was interested in doing this. Honestly, I kind of have a lot going on this semester, but I can and want to do this. Right now, I'm working on putting in a raisin garden, so that's exciting. I'm also excited for Earth Week.
- (c) *Questions*
- (d) *Closed Session - 5:13 - 5:14 pm*
- (e) *Appointed*

iv) Minor Appointments

- (1) Molly Schaedler as Associate Senator on Environmental Affairs
- (2) Claire Croxton to be Appointed to environmental rep of ESFAC
 - (a) Warner: Claire is a member of Eco, among other things on campus. I have watched her from afar, and she has done a lot of great things for the committee.
 - (b) *Appointed*
- (3) Logan Metten as Associate Senator on Student Affairs
 - (a) O'Reilly: Logan has served on Student Affairs before, and now she is coming back.
 - (i) Metten: I'm excited to become an associate senator, I feel like that would be better for my time right now.
 - (b) *Appointed*
- (4) Sabra Medlin as Associate Senator on Diversity & Inclusion
 - (a) O'Reilly: We talked to Sabra a couple of weeks ago, and they said that DEI could benefit from their perspective. I'm excited to get more people, especially because it's a smaller committee right now, and I'd love to have her ideas.
 - (i) Medlin: I'm excited to work with everyone and to move forward.
 - (b) *Appointed*
- (5) Willow Reese as Associate Senator on Diversity & Inclusion
 - (a) Warner: We interviewed Willow last week, and she has great ideas, a lot of initiative, and passion. Seeing people want to join this committee is awesome.
 - (i) Reese: I'm excited to be in this position, and I have a lot of passion.
 - (b) *Appointed*

v) Oath of Office

vi) Oath of Office Given - 5:20pm

2) Executive Reports

a) President

- i) O'Reilly: If you were appointed, you may come to the table or leave. Marian and I reported to the BOG yesterday, and it went a lot smoother than we thought. AFAC is on the slate, which is really exciting. We have a lot of appointments, which is really exciting.

b) Vice President

- i) Warner: Like Colleen mentioned, we attended the BOG meeting. Sodexo's contract has been officially renewed, so they have a contract moving forward. We also do not have a recycling service at the moment, so they are currently searching for a new one. Room and board costs are going up by 4% next year.

(1) Manalang: For Sodexo, I know they wanted a student representative. My committee provided one, but they never utilized them.

(a) O'reilly: Two bids were opened but only one was actually submitted. They didn't really assemble a committee.

(b) Schnake: Sodexo was the only option initially. However, a positive development occurred when Sodexo believed another company had submitted a bid. In reality, one of the files indicated that another company submitted a bid, leading us to receive a competitive offer from them.

(c) Jacobs: So with the 3.4 million sign on bonus, what does that mean?

- (i) Schnake: For the small increase in profit, Sodexo is giving us \$3.4 million. Currently, they are working on converting the MO dining hall into a non-traditional mall-style dining hall. Also, they are providing updates to the Chick-Fil-A contract.

(2) Humphereys: What is being done about the recycling situation?

(a) Warner: There is no one picking up recycling, as the company who picked it up went out of business.

(b) Seim: What's being done about recycling right now?

(c) Bartz: What are the implications for the sustainability fee we charge to all the students?

- (i) Warner: I will try to find an answer for you.

(ii) O'Reilly: ESFAC money has been taken so far, we don't spend ESFAC money on that though. The business office is what funds that, so I don't think that it really has implications there.

c) Treasurer

i) Denklaus: I have two things coming up for today. If you need to spend money please let me know.

(1) Bartz: What's the process for amending the budget?

(a) Denklaus: I don't know the answer to that question, but I imagine we would need to vote on that.

d) Secretary

e) PR Director

i) Spry: Based on the survey we have a winner for the T-Shirts.

ii) Natalie: I'm hoping to brainstorm about new ideas, but if you guys have ideas for new content please let me know

f) IT Director

g) Legislative Director

i) Strub: Missouri's Legislature is currently facing challenges. The Senate Republicans have been in open conflict with each other, creating uncertainty about their legislative direction. As a result, the Senate is not making progress due to extensive filibustering. One of the bills under consideration aims to remove the requirement for post-secondary students to sign a DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) contract. While this may not be an immediate concern, it's something worth monitoring. If anyone in DEI has questions about this, please let me know. Additionally, there are bills proposing to create a national holiday on election day and to enable students to participate in their civic duties.

3) Advisor Reports

a) Staff Advisor

b) Faculty Advisor

4) New Business

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

i) Denklaus: Here's the budget. Reflect the amounts; these are how much you guys have left based on the rollover amount. For the executive amount, I took the leftover money from the holiday party, the gavel, and miscellaneous expenses. Other than that, not much has changed.

(1) Manalang: Do we have money allotted to roundtables? Is anyone planning to have a roundtable?

(a) Denklaus: We do not have anything allotted for that at this moment.

(2) Strub: In the executive part of the budget, what is the conference?

(a) Denklaus: I kept that in the budget based on what Laura told me.

(b) O'Reilly: In the past we have also had TedX conferences on campus, and other music events.

- (c) Strub: My other question is related to plaques; what is that funding for?
 - (i) Denklau: This is going to another building on campus that needs an upgraded plaque.
- (d) Manalang: Are we getting plaques this semester?
 - (i) O'Reilly: POI, the leadership recognition committee usually sponsors this, but I will put that on my list of things to inquire about.
- (3) Manalag: I do think if no one is having a roundtable, I think that money should be allocated to other committees.
- (4) O'Reilly: A roundtable is a method for gathering student feedback. What's most popular is a president's roundtable, where we have a guided discussion on what things are going well and what things are going poorly. We had one last year with new students, which didn't go too well. We also did it last spring. It's more historical than anything.
- (5) Bartz: Would people be cool if we used the roundtable money for student appreciation week?
- (6) Thomas: What if we spent that money with HWS week to get a speaker? There is a lot of data about the effectiveness of his speeches.
- (7) Strub: I feel that while reallocating the money is a good idea, particularly for Student Appreciation Week, when the time comes, I think we should carefully consider the costs of these activities. If we want to go that route, we should ensure we have sufficient funds allocated for each activity.
- (8) Denklau: I like the idea of using the money that's sitting there, but like Chase said, I would prefer to wait until the actual date gets closer. I would like to revisit this at a later time, as I feel the budget is solid.
- (9) Bartz: We also have \$3,000 no one is spending right now that could be used.
- (10) Seim: What would the student affairs spend that money on?
 - (a) Manalang: What we will most likely spend it on is giveaways. And stuff like that.
- (11) Denklau: I feel like if we just focus on two committees that's unfair to the rest of them.
- (12) Strub: If we decide to allocate this money today, we should revisit this later.
- (13) Peterson: Since it's a first read, we don't have to make any decisions today. But also, I'm just not sure constitutionally if there's a procedure to change a committee's budget.

(a) Denklau: The process for reappropriating any money would require a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote to happen at that time. If these committees wanted money, they could submit a proposal for this.

(14) Warner: I would say almost every committee has big events scheduled for this semester, so I would suggest reading this first and then coming back to it.

(15) Strub: If we only first read this budget today, can we pass the other money motion?

(16) Jacobs: We would greatly appreciate funding, as I am currently paying for things out of pocket.

(17) Manalang: I do think that we do not have a current SAPD, that money should be designated to HWS.

(18) O'Reilly: This money will be used for denim day.

(19) *First Read - 5:45*

b) Menstrual Cup Money Motion (Seim)

i) Seim: The menstrual cup money motion is something Environmental Affairs was considering. I think that we should proceed with it. We have ordered or want to order 300 cups in different colors and sizes.

ii) *Questions*

iii) Manalang: What made you think of menstrual cups?

(1) Seim: Well, they're great. I like them. My roommate handed them out last year, and people picked them up. You can buy a menstrual cup at Target for \$10, so it saves money and prevents waste.

iv) Strub: Do you intend to have the money come from both committees or just from environmental affairs?

v) O'Reilly: Are you ordering a standard size or just one size?

(1) Seim: We are ordering two different sizes, also in blue and purple for the school colors.

vi) Warner: The menstrual cups were handed out before, and the feedback was super awesome.

vii) O'Reilly: We had people flocking to our office, people really loved them. I think this is a really good project.

c) Appropriations Slate (Denklau)

i) Denklau: We have two applications this time around. One is from the Chinese Language and Culture Association, and the other is from TruSisters. So, let's start with the first one.

ii) Stout: Prior to questions I have to ask something important. If you have made contributions to the Chinese associate, please reveal yourself.

(1) Humphereys: Hello!

iii) Stout: Are there questions?

- (1) Humphereys: George, here is our rep for tonight, so I'll let him speak.
- (2) George: It's going to happen on February 17th, and it is an introduction to Chinese culture, like the Lunar New Year, introducing traditions, and serving food.
 - (a) Seim: Do you know what food?
- (3) Strub: Through my job with the U&I services, I've seen that when they host events like this, there's always a high level of interest. Last year, they reached fire capacity in the Georgian room, which isn't ideal but shows that people are super interested in these events. I have no problem with supporting this.
- (4) Denklau: I think this is really great, and I know funding can be really hard to secure. I feel very happy to support this. I know that with this one in particular, they have been putting time and effort into supporting diversity.
- (5) Peterson: I trust Marcia to do anything, so I support this.
- (6) Denklau: This one is from TruSisters. I know they are looking to fund a Women's History Month dinner, inviting influential people around campus. I know that this event has been really popular in the past, and they've been putting on some great events that have been well-received.
- (7) Peterson: Sounds fantastic. Motion to adopt by unanimous consent.
- (8) *Adopted by unanimous consent*

d) [AFAC Slate 1](#) (Burwell)

- i)** Burwell: We have track and field championships in May, and we will be funding it. This money will be allocated from the budget, and we will not need any new funding.
- ii)** *Questions:*
- iii)** Strub: What is the necessary funding needed?
 - (1) Burwell: We are asking for funding for various items, such as discus, field events, and other related items.
- iv)** Strub: Do we know when we decided that we will be hosting the track and field championship?
- v)** Fields: We've known since about last year based on what my friends on the team have said.
- vi)** *Discussion*
- vii)** Strub: I have some immediate concerns regarding this. This is up to \$20,000, and it comes from the money that is gathered from student fees that we pay. With that said, I don't know if I feel comfortable. I have a lot more questions than I do answers. I also want to know why it took them

until February of this year to begin work on this, especially if it's been known about for some time before this.

viii)

ix) O'Reilly: Moving this money doesn't really have anything to do with the committee, and more has to do with Jerry. When he does that, it's more up to us to decide. The timing aspect is tough, as we don't really know what goes on during those meetings. With the way that the committee functions, items for consideration are usually brought forward in the spring, but these rules have been changed.

x) Chase: I just wanted to clarify that my statements aren't particularly directed at AFAC, but more toward the athletics department for why they waited so long.

xi) Burwell: It was not so much that the committee waited so long on that. We had other timely things going on, such as not having the slate at the moment. We also had other proposals we needed to look at. Additionally, we can't spend that money until we consider all club sports proposals. Also, I know that \$20,000 seems like a lot, but in the larger aspect, it's not making a huge difference.

xii) Seim: How do we get a list of what the AFAC committee is spending the money on?

(1) O'Reilly: The improvements are stuff like adding a net to the shot put/discus areas for safety. It's more about funding the track and field department in general, and not specific items.

xiii) Bartz: I don't particularly like voting on this without an itemized list, but I think I'm going to be a yes vote on this because I believe it will be beneficial for Truman and the local economy.

xiv) O'Reilly: I would rather see money get spent than for it to roll over and not go to anything.

xv) Thomas: Since this is coming specifically from the NCAA, how much money is coming from them?

xvi) O'Reilly: The rules say you can allocate 10 or 20 percent from them, and we don't know which one that will be yet.

xvii) Strub: I feel that \$20k is a significant amount, and personally, I wish we had a better proposal from the athletics department to justify spending this money. It's more about the fact that I wish we were provided with a more detailed list so we could better understand what was intended.

xviii) Burwell: If we do vote on this tonight, that's great, but I can get a more official list from Jerry if needed. I can at least find out what the money will be spent on.

xix) Baum: I feel like there has been very good justification for why this has been presented, and I feel very comfortable with this.

- xx)** Stout: This is only a first read, so any feedback can be accepted.
- xxi)** Seim: I feel like when someone says, "I want to improve something," I always get excited about that, so I am excited for this money being used to improve the track.
- xxii)** Dotson: I think we delegate matters like these to a separate committee for a reason, so I trust that the AFAC committee knows how to put this money in the right places.
- xxiii)** Burwell: I just want to say that for the future, our slates will not be proposed like this. It was just an issue of time.
- xxiv)** *First Read - 6:04pm*
- e) [A Resolution Urging for a Comprehensive Review of ADA Compliance and Accessibility at Truman State University](#) (Manalang)
 - i)** Manalang: If you have questions about ADA, please let me know.
 - ii)** Warner: This is something that Colleen and I have talked to Lucas about, and I think it's really important.
 - iii)** Strub: I have seen Lucas talk to people about this and champion this for a while.
 - iv)** *First Read - 6:14pm*

5) Old Business

- a) [A Resolution in Support of the Continued Efforts to Promote the Health, Wellness, and Safety Resources on Campus](#) (Humphreys)
 - i)** Humphreys: I've resolved the comments and the footnotes. I added them.
 - ii)** Strub: I think this is a pretty impactful resolution. Monitoring health, wellness, and safety can benefit everyone at Truman.
 - iii)** *Adopted by unanimous consent - 6:15pm*

6) Discussion Items

- a)

7) Committee Reports

- a) Academic Affairs Committee
 - i)** Peterson: Academic affairs are going through a lot right now. If you have any questions, please slack me.
- b) Diversity and Inclusion Committee
 - i)** Warner: An event we are hoping to put on this week is discussing the Black Student Representative position and what it should entail. I defer to Jesse for the rest of my report.
 - ii)** Fields: We are working hard on Diversity Month and Purple Friday. Another event is akin to a walk-through museum, similar to an activities fair. We're reaching out to these organizations and showcasing what we've been doing since last year. If you want to help out or have any questions, please talk to me.
- c) Environmental Affairs Committee

- i) Seim: Right now, we are collaborating with the Preservation Department, and we're beginning to plan Earth Week. If you have any questions, please let me know or come to meetings.
- d) External Affairs Committee
 - i) Jacobs: We've been reaching out to businesses around Kirksville, and we've received some responses. Excitingly, Greek Corner Euros has gotten back to us, so get excited for that. If you'd like to be a part of it yourself, please hit me up.
- e) Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee
 - i) Humphereys: So, it's been a long meeting, so I'll keep it short. Tomorrow, I have a meeting with Tyana Lange, and I'm going to ask about the analytics like the general usage and stuff. Working on interviews with people in the departments. There are not enough water filtration things in West Campus, and Nuraium would like to get those set up.
- f) Student Affairs Committee
 - i) Manalang: Not much from me, but we just got our resolution first read!
- g) Purple Friday Committee
 - i) Dotson: We're working on the black history table collaboration. Go Dogs!
- h) Parking Appeals Committee
- i) Athletic Fee Accountability Committee
 - i) O'Reilly: We are meeting every week now, so we will get in touch with Jerry. Otherwise, we are just reviewing proposals right now. You will hopefully see him more.
- j) Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee
- k) Vision Documents Ad Hoc Committee
 - i) Warner: Since we are bringing this document to be discussed piece by piece, University mission and vision, as well as academic affairs, are being brought next week. Please leave any comments before the meeting; that would be great.

8) Auxiliary Reports

- a) Speaker
 - i) Stout: Hello everyone, it's time for the speaker. I was in the car for 4 hours; it was supposed to be 2 and a half. Had to come right in here to keep the body efficient and do its thing. If you need to be absent, please submit an absence request to Alex. I know you all are busy people, so please try to get stuff in on time. Please check Slack to see where we will meet.
 - ii) Board of Governors Representative
 - (1) Schnake: Marcia brought to my attention the food situation with students. Tyana assured me that there will be many more diverse options in the future, such as there being much more Halal options for food. I mentioned the Halal options. Qdoba is one of the spots

they're putting into the new hall. On the FAQ section on the website, you can find the new committee makeup on there. That is something that is to the provost's attention.

b) Organizational Representatives

- i) FAC Representative
- ii) RHA Representative
- iii) SAB Representative
- iv) IFC Representative

9) **Announcements**

Adjourned: 6:27pm