

**Truman State University Student Government  
Twentieth Session of the 2023-2024 General Body  
February 25th, 2024**

**Convened: 5:01pm**

**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
  - v) Oath of Office

**2) Executive Reports**

- a) President
  - i) O'Reilly: I don't have much to report this week -- the vision document is still going, so please please try to leave your comments early in the week so that the committee has time to work through them. Mairin and I will be meeting with Sydney from the Index tomorrow at 2:30. If anyone wants to join and talk about upcoming student government things, just slack me and I'll send you the details! Thanks Owen for showing us the new less pollutant lights that were installed by pershing -- they seem super cool and I'm never really on that side of campus, so really good to know about. Otherwise, faculty forums are going on for associate dean and chairs right now, and I encourage you to attend, especially those for your department. Also, I will not be here next weekend as I will be playing frisbee in St. Louis. If there's anything you need from me, just let me know. Otherwise, have a great week!
- b) Vice President
- c) Treasurer
  - i) Denklau: We'll be addressing a money motion today. Please let me know if you have any expenses or financial matters to discuss.
- d) Secretary
  - i) Zelk: I've been engaged in some housekeeping tasks in our Google Drive over the past week, focusing on enhancing security measures. Firstly, I've revamped our "Guide Books and Resources" folder, moving it to a more prominent position, adding new guides, and organizing existing materials to improve accessibility.

- ii) Additionally, I'd like to bring to your attention our Google Calendar, which you may not have been aware of. I believe it would be beneficial for us to start utilizing this tool. Everyone will have access to it via the link in Slack, and members of the executive committee have administrative privileges, allowing them to add or remove events. If you're a committee chair, I encourage you to add your meeting times to this calendar. Additionally, please feel free to include any StuGov-related events such as tabling events or wellness week activities.
- iii) Lastly, I've had a discussion with Alicia regarding the standing rules concerning office hours. We've agreed that this matter will be addressed and updated during the next GovDocs meeting.
- iv) Thank you for your attention to these matters, and please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

e) IT Director

f) Legislative Director

- i) Morrison: The footage from the Bulldog Eats episode looks really good!

### 3) Advisor Reports

a) Staff Advisor

b) Faculty Advisor

### 4) New Business

a) [AFAC Slate](#) (O'Reilly)

- i) O'Reilly: This document is in Excel format, so if you encounter any issues opening it, please let me know. It contains our club sports slate. We've received numerous requests from club sports, which is fantastic as we typically don't receive many requests from them. The only item requested that hasn't been funded is a scoreboard for the water polo team. We have one in storage that we can provide to them. We're requesting the full 10% allocation, which exceeds the allocated amount, to cover shipping costs for bulky items such as saddles for the equestrian team. Any unused funds will roll over into next year's budget.

(1) Discussion

(a) Seim: I think it looks great, if we can fund them then we should fund them!

(b) Bates: What are some of the things that groups asked for?

(i) O'Reilly:

(ii) The cheer team requested new pom poms, while the equestrian team requested a significant amount of new equipment. It's important to note that this equipment serves both the team and classes, and it's designed to last a long time. Additionally, TSUnami requested a whiteboard, and we also received

requests for a wagon, lacrosse sticks for new players, bleachers and equipment for Bullets, sweatshirts with Truman branding for the soccer team, balls and bags for the volleyball team, and equipment for the water polo team. The wrestling team requested maintenance supplies for their mats, and there are several other requests beyond these.

(2) *First Read*

(a) Manalang: Why are we suspending the standing rules?

(i) O'Reilly: The teams are eager to start utilizing the allocated funds as soon as possible. Considering the lack of questions and the urgency expressed by the teams, I believe it's important to move forward with passing this motion promptly.

(3) *Second Read*

b) [Merch Money Motion](#) (Denklau)

i) Denklau: Here's the final cost for the StuGov shirts. They're going to look fantastic, and they'll be designed exactly as shown in the picture. The cost falls within the range of what we've been allotted for merchandise, so we're all set on that front.

ii) *Passed*

c) [Spring 2024 Elections Handbook](#) (Stout/O'Reilly)

i) O'Reilly: Hello everyone, I'm pleased to report that my debate team continues to achieve great success. Regarding the template, it follows the same format as the previous two semesters. This handbook applies to all members running for an elected position. If you have any important feedback, please leave a comment on the document, and I'll address them before the second read. I would appreciate it if we could pass this week so our PR team has ample time to distribute it with all the relevant details.

ii) *First Read*

**5) Old Business**

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**6) Discussion Items**

a) [Vision Document; Mental Health and Wellness & Campus Safety and Security](#)  
(Warner)

i) Humphereys: Mairin wanted me to present this, changes have been made based on comments.

ii) O'Reilly: I've reviewed this document with Mairin this week, and I want to give her credit for putting in a significant amount of effort to gather information. She reached out to Ryan Nelly, Chief Siefert, and Marcia, who have provided valuable input and made numerous edits and comments.

- iii)** We've added a paragraph on how students can access resources, including making resources publicly available. This section has been strengthened since the last time we reviewed it.
  - (1) Phillips: Can we hear more about the mental health awareness program you mentioned?
    - (a) Humphereys: Over winter break, I completed a course focused on enhancing students' well-being, mental health, and satisfaction with life. This course presented several effective strategies supported by data. It's worth noting that many students can access this course for free.
    - (b) I recommend considering its integration into the Psychology department's curriculum at Truman. Structuring it as a formal class may increase interest and participation among students.
  - (2) O'Reilly: We'll go through this again as a committee, then we will see if it can be discussed next week.
  - (3) Humphereys: Another reason I suggested integrating the course into the Psychology department's curriculum is because I wanted it to be accessible to everyone. However, Dr. Judd mentioned that there could be staffing challenges. If we were to offer it as a formal class, it would require a student to guide others through the course, which could potentially alleviate some of the staffing concerns.

## 7) Committee Reports

- a) Academic Affairs Committee
  - i)** Nieymeyer: The nominations for academic accolades have closed, we will start that this week.
    - (1) Bates: How many did you get?
      - (a) Nieyemeyer: I have not looked yet.
      - (b) Bates: Could you check and let me know?
      - (c) Niemeyer: Will do.
- b) Diversity and Inclusion Committee
  - i)** Phillips: We held our Black History Month/Purple Friday tabling event last week, and it was a great success. We were able to raise awareness about slam poetry, and more people learned about this art form.
  - ii)** Just a reminder, the slam poetry event is taking place this Friday at Baldwin from 6-8 pm in room 114.
  - iii)** Additionally, we are actively working on planning Diversity Month in April and are dedicated to ensuring its success.
- c) Environmental Affairs Committee
  - i)** Schadler: Remember our plan to install a rain garden? We met with Yvette, and she mentioned that while we've invested in projects before, this

particular endeavor will require a significant amount of funding. As a solution, we're exploring the idea of allowing people to adopt a spot on campus. We're working on establishing a system to ensure consistency and longevity for these adopted spots over the years.

- ii)** In addition to the rain garden, we're also working on getting water fountains installed on campus. We're collaborating with Sodexo now that there are more people involved. Another initiative we're pursuing is installing a statue where people can wash out their cups before recycling them. I'm excited for the toothbrushes and menstrual cups to arrive!
- d) External Affairs Committee
  - i)** Jacobson: I'm thrilled! Filming was a blast, and we had an amazing time. The feedback from the viewers has been fantastic so far. The food was simply outstanding!
  - ii)** Be on the lookout for the trailer, which will be released this weekend, and the full video will follow later in the week. I'm counting on all of you to help hype it up and generate as much excitement and engagement as possible. Let's get those clicks and shares rolling in! Go Dogs!
- e) Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee
  - i)** Humphreys: We don't have many new updates at the moment. Our main focus is on planning for HWS week and preparing the money motion for it. Fortunately, we have enough funds to cover the cost of a virtual speaker, but I still need to discuss the details with Tyana.
  - ii)** If we find that we don't have enough funds from that source, I'll reach out to others tonight to explore additional options. We still need to obtain posters for the event as well.
  - iii)** Regarding the RHA meeting, if we struggle to find attendees, we may need to consider passing a resolution instead.
- f) Student Affairs Committee
- g) Purple Friday Committee
  - i)** Dotson: We're going to have a giveaway the week of March 3rd. Go Dogs! 🐾
- h) Parking Appeals Committee
  - i)** Mullen: We just got our first batch of parking appeals! The first priority is taking care of that, and the second priority is finding out why that took so long.
- i) Athletic Fee Accountability Committee
  - i)** O'Reilly: Thanks for passing the slate tonight. We will be bringing forward the varsity/NCAA slate by the end of march.
- j) Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Committee
  - i)** O'Reilly: Good news! The deadline for ESFAC applications has been extended for another week. If you have any proposals you'd like to submit,

now is the perfect opportunity to do so. We genuinely want to utilize this money, so please don't hesitate to share your ideas and submit your proposals. Thank you!

k) Vision Documents Ad Hoc Committee

**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**

**Adjourned: 5:27pm**