

**TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT
ELEVENTH SESSION OF THE 2020-2021 GENERAL BODY
October 11, 2020**

Called to Order: 5:00 p.m.

1) Preliminary Items

- a) Roll Call**
- b) Approval of Minutes**
 - i) Approved**
- c) Gallery Introductions/Business**
 - i) Hildana Assefa**
- d) Membership Appointment/Resignation**
 - i) Resignation of Caroline Goldsby, ESFAC Chair**
 - (1) Resigned**
 - ii) Resignation of Nick Dolson, Associate Senator on the Environmental Affairs Committee**
 - (1) Resigned**
 - iii) Appointment of Hildana Assefa as Associate Senator on the External Affairs Committee**
 - (1) Approved**
- e) Oath of Office**
- f) Changes to the Agenda**

2) Auxiliary Reports

- a) Speaker of the Student Senate**
 - i) If we have big items of discussion, please try to be in-person if you can!**
- b) Faculty Advisor**
- c) Staff Advisor**
 - i) Bates:**
 - (1) Self and Society Seminar open forum, Wednesday at 4:30**
 - (2) Due to covid-19, campus-based recycling is paused indefinitely**
 - (3) Chief Farnsworth of KPD passed away last night; impact on local law enforcement**
 - (4) Covid testing is tomorrow; link to pre-register is on health department's website**
 - (5) Drive-thru flu clinic is on Wednesday**
 - (6) Homecoming starts on Sunday!**
- d) Student Representative to the Board of Governors**
 - i) Smeltzer:**
 - (1) Next Board meeting is October 24th at 1PM in SUB Georgian rooms**
 - (2) 22nd, meeting with Academic and Student Affairs committee**
 - (3) Only one resolution being amended, in regards to gifted masters program**
- e) Athletic Fee Accountability Committee**
 - i) N/A**
- f) Student Representative to SAB**
 - i) Cochran:**
 - (1) Harvest Fest on Monday starting at 11**
 - (2) Presidential Debate Thursday, Oct. 22nd**
 - (3) Starting to plan ahead for events next semester**
- g) Academic Affairs Committee**
 - i) Purinton:**
 - (1) No report**
- h) Diversity Committee**
 - i) N/A**

- i) Environmental Affairs Committee**
 - i) Kershaw:**
 - (1)** Thanks to all who helped with Sus Fest; still have brochures to distribute
 - (2)** Still have yet to hear about setting up compost bins in res halls
 - (3)** Recycling discontinued due to pandemic; looking into how to reduce waste
 - (4)** Joint effort with Diversity Committee to show film on environmental justice
 - (5)** Tillman: Any status update on carbon neutrality?
 - (a) Kershaw: President's Sustainability Action Committee hasn't met yet this semester, so no updates as of now
- j) External Affairs Committee**
 - i) MacLeod:**
 - (1)** Resolution on the table today
 - (2)** Done with voter registration stuff; went well
 - (3)** Mike got his notary stamps; want to help students get ballots notarized
 - (4)** Meeting coming up with health dept. to discuss targeted mask mandate
- k) Student Affairs Committee**
 - i) Barge:**
 - (1)** Focusing on Student Appreciation Week
 - (a) Buying t-shirts (100 for \$500); also wanting to buy coupons from Sodexo; \$100 for posters and other advertising
 - (2)** Working with Engage (Tru100 course) to ensure students attend Freshmen projects
 - (3)** Owen emailed CIS to send representatives to Student Affairs meetings
 - (4)** Owen meeting with IT to discuss changes to email addresses
 - (5)** Possibly do a salt drive (for melting ice)
 - (6)** Alexander: Send Laura vendor for t-shirts. Can you explain more about the salt drive?
 - (a) Barge: Just something we are thinking about; would be including off-campus students; coupons to buy salt (students would need to pick it up)
- l) Health, Wellness, and Safety Co-Committee**
 - i) Barker:**
 - (1)** Advertising up for new Disability Advocate position, following up with emails
 - (2)** Josh meeting with Dr. Daley Moore regarding Campus Clear app
 - (3)** Mindfulness event with Dr. Dixon in November
 - (4)** Working on wellness brochure/handbook; each committee member researching different area of wellness
 - (5)** Bates: Potential topic to discuss with Dr. Daley Moore -- students engaging in high sexual activity and safe dating practices
 - (6)** Smith: Lights in parking lots not turning on when it is dark outside?
- m) Purple Friday Committee**
 - i) Myers:**
 - (1)** Can table in Macgruder for winter tabling
 - (2)** Planning on Halloween-themed table on the 30th; spending no more than \$99
 - (3)** Homecoming Purple Friday theme on the Quad October 16th
 - (4)** Talked with Abby White about what worked well last year; will focus more on online advertising rather than physical posters
 - (5)** German: We cannot do Snapchat takeovers this semester
- n) Parking Appeals Committee**
 - i) Paris:**

- (1) Committee will be working on report on ticketing to present towards the end of the year; will also give this information to DPS
 - o) IT Director
 - i) Sheto:
 - (1) Participated in meeting with IT Department
 - p) PR Director
 - i) Knight:
 - (1) Student Government doing formal approval process for businesses using safe covid practices; these businesses will receive certificates to display in their windows
 - (2) Posted for National Coming Out Day, Fall Commencement Speakers, World Mental Health Day, Disability Advocate position
 - (3) On ROTC Instagram, doing account takeovers; might be a good way to finish up member introductions
- 3) **Executive Reports**
 - a) Treasurer
 - i) Wren:
 - (1) Sending out sign-up sheet for Homecoming car parade (Sunday, October 18th at 4p.m.)
 - (2) Meeting with Laura tomorrow regarding budget changes and how to make these transparent
 - (3) No one on the body is allowed to spend money -- do not make agreements/contracts with anyone! Final agreement must go through Laura
 - (4) Appropriations committee
 - (a) Not funding food, events with close contact, or travel due to covid situation
 - (b) Talking with Hana about updating website to begin accepting Appropriations applications
 - (c) Still looking for Student at Large
 - b) Secretary
 - i) Will be moving to Homebase for office hour time clocks
 - (1) Caroline will be getting StuGov set up with this website and will send out information soon
 - ii) Tillman: Slack is running out of messages
 - c) The President and Vice President of the Student Association
 - i) Alexander:
 - (1) Started formal advertising for new positions
 - (2) Starting initiative with Chamber of Commerce to try to get information on safe business practices in Kirksville area
 - (3) Sent out survey to gather feedback on Presidents Roundtable
 - (4) Sending out all-school email this Friday; chairs please put in blurbs!
 - (5) Building connection with CIS
 - (a) Looking into how we can improve experience for students taking synchronous classes
 - (b) Some international students are having difficulty making connections on campus; any ideas for how to help?
 - ii) German:
 - (1) Bright Flight funding is restored!
 - (2) New Music Theory Major approved at UGC
 - (3) U-Indy responded to our homecoming video
 - (4) Apparel money motion
 - (5) Stu Gov dinners starting this week (Wednesday 5:00) -- on the Quad this week

(6) Please vote on activity for bonding on Slack, “Random” channel

4) Old Business

5) New Business

a) [Apparel Money Motion](#) (German)

- i) German: Spend \$889 on apparel; shirt for all members on the body, and quarter zips for voting members and Exec Board/Staff
- ii) Wren: Apparel cost changing from \$500, taking money from Fall Retreat, Elections, and Fall Misc.
- iii) Emily: What color are shirts and quarter zips?
 - (1) Josh: T-shirts will be purple, quarter zips either white or black
- iv) Adopted by unanimous consent

b) Student Appreciation Week Money Motion (Barge)

- i) Barge: Spend \$500 on 100 t-shirts; \$500 on 100 Sodexo coupons; \$100 on posters/other advertising
 - (1) Taking \$100 from Misc. funding
- ii) Discussion:
 - (1) Wren: There will only be 200 items to give out to a much larger student body; do we want to be spending \$1000 on 200 students
 - (a) Barge: Could do candy, think having some type of treat would be really cool; I don’t think there is anything we can do to reach every student on campus
 - (b) Myers: Would it be possible to reallocate some money from posters to stickers or other small giveaway items?
 - (c) Kershaw: We still have a ton of items in the office; we could still give this out instead of buying new things
 - (d) O. Smith: Unsure of the effectiveness of posters; chalking might be more effective
 - (e) Alexander: Also somewhat concerned about reaching students; using items we already have is a good idea; could do flyers to reduce poster budget if you want to buy smaller giveaway items
 - (f) Bates: Is shirt price a one-sided or two-sided imprint? Might consider what company might do for two-sided, one color imprint shirt and get sponsored by other organizations
 - (g) Barge: \$100 is not just for posters, but for all kinds of advertising; we are also planning on using stuff that we have; were considering sponsorships, but a little concerned about time constraints

iii) Voting: Approved 18-0-0

c) [A Resolution Encouraging Instructors Not to Hold Synchronous Classes on Election Day](#) (MacLeod)

- i) MacLeod: Discussion with Student Climate Union and other campus groups; Student Affairs co-sponsoring resolution; aimed at making sure students are able to vote on election day
 - (1) Comments on document:
 - (a) Could clear up wording on “Students may be further challenged due to COVID-19” bullet point
 - (b) Not sure if SCU should be mentioned within the body, but would also like to acknowledge their work
 - (c) Didn’t have any clear way of including classes that only meet once a week; feels a little tangential to main message
 - (d) Plans for advocating in the future also seems potentially tangential
- ii) Discussion:

- (1) Barker: Could there be more specificity in the “Whereas” section? I wouldn’t worry about including exceptions for classes that only meet on Tuesday, but might say something about having an asynchronous option
- (2) O. Smith: “Students might be further challenged due to COVID-19” -- don’t know what each precinct will look like and how it will impact students’ ability to vote. I think it’s important to keep this point here
- (3) Tillman: Some specificity would help clarify; should definitely include employment in title
- (4) Alexander: Should consider what issues professors might face to add more nuance to the resolution; should also add more specificity to the issues students might face due to COVID-19; I think it is good for us to commit to more long-term measures when we make these kinds of resolutions (including future plans in “Therefore be it resolved” section)
- (5) Wren: Acknowledging student absence is important
- (6) Meyer: In regards to specifications about this being because of the pandemic, we want to set the precedent for always supporting no classes on election day
- (7) Purinton: Could we encourage professors to do extra credit of some kind for students voting? Or, could we offer the suggestion not counting against absences?
- (8) Grandstaff: Second resolution could be less related to COVID; specifics of “Students may be further challenged” while also keeping this as a catch-all; could also note that professors will also be challenged
- (9) O. Smith: In favor of making this resolution include professors; perhaps amending language to say “especially in terms of 2020,” but all other language is generalized to all voting years
- (10) MacLeod: Look forward to workshopping this more and considering feedback; I like the idea of acknowledging long-term efforts, and Adam’s idea of developing a policy in the “Therefore” section

6) Announcements

- a) Wren: If you are interested in training for a half-marathon, would love to start a StuGov group on Monday October 19th!
- b) Tillman: This Friday and Saturday is Northstar Music Festival (nsmf.truman.edu)

Adjourned 6:20 p.m.