

**TRUMAN STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT
THIRD SESSION OF THE 2020-2021 GENERAL BODY
July 12, 2020
Called to Order 5:05 p.m.**

1) Preliminary Items

- a) Roll Call
- b) Approval of Minutes
 - i) Approved
- c) Gallery Introductions/Business
 - i) N/A
- d) Membership Appointment/Resignation
 - i) N/A
- e) Oath of Office
- f) Changes to the Agenda
 - i) N/A

2) Auxiliary Reports

- a) Speaker of the Student Senate
 - i) Trying to get in touch/plan a meeting with Dr. Edwards and Laura for fall elections
 - ii) Look into how to reach students on campus
- b) Faculty Advisor
 - i) Moving forward for the summer
 - ii) Faculty received same info students received
 - iii) Lots of discussion about attendance policy
 - iv) Different faculty groups looking at issues of diversity and inclusion
- c) Staff Advisor
 - i) Katie: Do we have more than \$0?
 - (1) We had \$0 in our account as of last week; in the process of figuring out why
 - ii) Lots of questions regarding very long email last week (particularly in terms of student organizations)
 - (1) No correspondence yet with organizations
 - (2) Still waiting on concrete plans for this
 - (3) Planning as if we will have vibrant community on campus, but groups are encouraged to start considering how events can safely happen on campus
 - iii) Union
 - (1) Likely that some classes will be held in the Union building
 - (2) Looking for how to support the Union as a flexible space while also supporting academic needs
 - iv) Dr. Edwards: Follow up
 - (1) Lots of faculty members receiving ongoing information on class size and classroom changes
 - (2) Professors working to accommodate room sizes for specific classes
 - v) Laura:
 - (1) Students are hopeful we will be back to normal
 - (2) May have some pushback against social distancing in terms of events
 - (3) Baldwin maximum capacity at 6ft is 244, for example
 - vi) Shania: Will social distancing/spread guidelines be provided by the U&I?
 - (1) Laura: we will follow guidelines that the university sets/reiterate what the university requires
 - vii) Tori: For students with preexisting medical conditions, will there be certain accommodations?
 - (1) Laura: They will need to contact Disability Services

- (2) Dr. Edwards: Possibly buying cameras for every classroom so that students can participate from a distance
 - viii) Sam: Scholarship job changes?**
 - (1) Laura: Likely no changes to hour requirements; workplace accommodations are different from classroom accommodations; some positions may be impossible to do remotely
 - (2) Dr. Edwards: Professors have been told that scholarship hours will remain in place; contact professors you work with to arrange a safe way to continue research or grading work
 - d) Diversity Committee**
 - i)** Playing it by ear to see what conversations are happening at the university level
 - ii)** ABC petition asked Dr. Thomas to respond by the 15th -- keeping an eye on that
 - e) Environmental Affairs Committee**
 - i)** Working on state parks brochure
 - f) External Affairs Committee**
 - i)** Shoutout to Shania for ideas for projects -- looking into these ideas
 - ii)** Katie: What kinds of projects?
 - (1) Reforms related to standardizing voter registration through orientation process
 - (2) Making sure voting locations are standardized (all students can vote on campus)
 - g) Health, Wellness, and Safety Co-Committee**
 - i)** Thanks to everyone who voted on the resolution last week
 - (1) Will go to faculty senate this week, expect it to pass
 - ii)** Tori and Adam meeting this week to get the ball rolling for the semester
- 3) Executive Reports**
- a) Treasurer**
 - i)** PR Video will be sent out this week
 - ii)** Compiled a document guide for spending money, will send out this semester
 - iii)** Laura:
 - (1) Some activities that were financially bound from last session to this session; consider whether or not we can still proceed with these or if we need to adapt
 - (2) We have a little over \$10,000 that will roll over from last year
 - iv)** Shania: How do we adapt resolutions?
 - (1) Emily: I will look into how to make this process as quick and easy as possible
 - b) Secretary**
 - i)** Working on documents for the upcoming year
 - c) The President and Vice President of the Student Association**
 - i)** Summer report:
 - (1) What Josh and Katie have been doing:
 - (a) Working hard to get everything ready and working with the changes
 - (b) Meeting every other week with Dr. Thomas as well as our advisors about policy changes
 - (c) Also meeting with Dr. Gooch about academic calendar/how to make this easier for students
 - (i) Potential dead zone over fall break
 - (ii) Lowering requirements for scholarship retention (GPA)
 - (d) Meetings regarding Athletics fee
 - (e) Staying up to date on faculty governance
 - (f) Lots of communication from students
 - (i) Responding and directing to help and answer questions

- (2) Ad hoc:
 - (a) Public statement on racial justice
 - (b) Attendance policy resolution
 - (c) PR video
 - (d) Survey to help identify concerns for fall
- (3) In Progress:
 - (a) GPA requirements for scholarships
 - (b) DPS data accessibility
 - (c) Bertha Thomas and ABC diversity issues
 - (d) How to message information to students and stay on top of student concerns
 - (e) Election and organization procedures
- (4) Approach for this semester:
 - (a) New rules and calendar (mask, social distancing, etc.)
 - (b) What can we control? (Perspective, flexibility/creativity)
 - (c) We are well prepared to help students this fall!
 - (i) How can we adapt?
- (5) Responsibilities for members:
 - (a) Katie and Josh:
 - (i) Be the hardest working members of the organization at all times
 - (ii) Bring solutions, listen/respond to constructive criticism, support all members
 - (b) Chairs and Exec:
 - (i) Consider goals and actionable plans for fall
 - 1. This year will be important for policy
 - (ii) Keep committee members informed and engaged, lead across committees
 - (c) Everyone:
 - (i) Support each other and the organization
 - (ii) Follow up with communication
 - (iii) Help identify problems and solutions

4) New Business

a) [A Resolution Allocating the Budget for Truman Week](#) (Alexander)

i) Move to first read

- (1) We will hopefully be able to come back for Truman Days
- (2) Looking to order facemasks, scratch pads, and frisbees
 - (a) What would be a good thing to put on a facemask?
- (3) Student housing, UNI involvement, collaboration with FAC and SAB

ii) Discussion:

- (1) Dr. Edwards: Facemasks with facial expressions
- (2) Shania: We probably shouldn't put StuGov logo right on the front of the mask - more than one design potentially?
- (3) Tori: Masks where you can see someone's lips - may help hearing impaired students
- (4) Shania: Do we know anything else about Truman Days? (When sign ups would happen, expectations, etc.)
 - (a) Laura:
 - (i) How we will adapt to 250 capacity is a major concern
 - (ii) Move-in extended, considering how we can reduce contact between people during move-in process

- (iii) Anything that poses a risk that can't be altered will be postponed, everything still being examined
 - (b) Dr. Edwards:
 - (i) Everything is still being considered, having to come up with new solutions
 - iii) Motion to suspend standing rules and second read and pass resolution
 - (1) Vote to suspend standing rules: 13-0-0
 - iv) Passed by unanimous consent
- b) [A Resolution Denouncing SEVP Guidance for Fall 2020](#) (Alexander)**
- i) First read:
 - (1) SEVP released guidelines that international students would not be able to remain in the US if taking all online courses
 - (a) Does not currently pose an issue with hybrid plans, but potential concerns if we go fully online
 - (2) Dr. Thomas has assured that the university will support international students if this situation does arise
 - (3) Adam: What effect will this resolution have?
 - (a) Have directed the resolution to the director of the SEVP
 - (b) Important to contribute to this dialogue
 - (4) Shania: Petition going around that is similar to this resolution - do we want to mention this petition or otherwise pair with it?
 - (5) Sam: Have you considered sending the resolution to MO US senators?
 - (a) This was the original intention
 - (b) Would perhaps be more helpful to direct towards the head of the program itself
 - (6) Kiren: Could help support legislation potentially
 - (7) Caroline Goldsby: Dr. Thomas's plans for international students if we do go fully online?
 - (a) Dr. Thomas is hesitant to make a formal plan in case the SEVP makes a ruling that these plans do not count
 - ii) Discussion:
 - (1) Jesse: Important to get something on social media about this to show support for international students
 - (2) Dr. Edwards: Should perhaps send to Kevin Minch and Janet Gooch
 - (3) Shania: We should consider the petition that has the support of the other universities -- would also like to have this petition mentioned in the resolution if the goals align
 - (4) Sam: Include US Representative as well (Graves)
 - (5) Will be second reading and voting as an online vote soon
- c) A Discussion Item Over Fall 2020 Planning (Alexander)**
- i) Shania:
 - (1) How will events work?
 - (2) Making a list of types of things we might be able to do outside of events (collaborations, webinars)
 - (3) Can we continue tabling?
 - ii) Dr. Edwards:
 - (1) Other safety concerns (e.g. office hours)
 - (2) What are best practices for helping students?

- (3) How to communicate -- Student Research Conference's format last year was successful

5) Announcements

Adjourned 6:24 p.m.