

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT
GENERAL MEETING
September 9, 2018
Called to Order: 5:01 p.m.**

Preliminary Items

- a. Roll Call
- b. Approval of Minutes
- c. Gallery Introductions/Business
 - i. KYRA COOPER RETURNS
- d. Membership Appointment/Resignation/Removals
 - i. Appointment of Nils Palumbo to I.T. Director (Leppanen)
 1. Approved
 - ii. Resignation of Remy McClain as Senator and Parking Appeals Chair (Leppanen)
 - iii. Resignation of Chester Pelsang as Senator (Leppanen)
 - iv. Resignation of Sarah Holtmeyer as Senator (Leppanen)
- e. Oath of Office
- f. Changes to the Agenda
 - i. Motion to move Senior Resolutions ahead of reports. (Wissler)

Auxiliary Reports

- a. Speaker of the Student Senate
 - i. Elections are a week from tomorrow! 12 people came to the info meeting last week!
 - ii. We had our first Rules Revision meeting on Wednesday and we will be first reading the resolution on absences.
- b. Student Representative to the Board of Governors
- c. Faculty Advisor
- d. Staff Advisor
- e. Academic Affairs Chair
 - i. I have a meeting with Admissions this week to talk about our idea.
 - ii. I have a meeting with Dr. Gooch soon.
 - iii. The committees for Dialogues are starting, so make sure you are getting emails if you are serving on one of those.
- f. TEDx Ad Hoc Committee Chair
 - i. We have our banner up! We also have the posters up!
 - ii. We still need applications and the deadline is Saturday. Please please please encourage anyone you know to apply. We are very short on professors.
 - iii. KP's dad got us lumber for the letters!
 - iv. We are probably also going to be on KTRM, so that's cool.
 - v. We are looking for a student who may want to build a sculpture for our stage. We cannot pay them, and may or may not be able to pay for the materials.
 - vi. If anyone knows how to bypass Sodexo in the SUB, please let me know.
 1. Leppanen: there is a waiver.
 - vii. Basically have worked out how audience selection will work - the week before members of my committee will be in the office. We will be handing out tickets to the first 60 or so students. There will be tickets open for the viewing party after that. The other tickets will be for speakers, important people, etc.
 - viii. Questions: DeWitt: Why are you not going through Sodexo? A: We are looking for sponsorships to save money. Wimms: Have you talked to Carol about advertising TEDx? A: We got in the international student newsletter, but I will talk to her. Kolok: is our office hour sheet public? Do we have hours on our website? A: We will talk to the IT Director. Slama: Katie, is it ok that I asked Jenna Fischer on twitter to come speak?
- g. Parking Ad Hoc Committee Chair
 - i. I had a meeting with Keaton and Deanna and we had a really good talk.
 - ii. I will be working on things this week!

- h. External Affairs Chair**
 - i. We are still waiting on quad approval for the 18-20 of September voting registration drive.
 - 1. I will be getting in contact with the dems and the reps this week.
 - 2. We are working on slips of paper that will help people know how to register and will walk them through the process.
 - ii. We talked about an event in October for bonding with FAC and SAB.
 - iii. I will be calling the high school again to try to get in contact with their Student Council.
- i. Environmental Affairs Chair**
 - i. No report.
- j. Student Affairs Chair**
 - i. I have a meeting with Donna Liss and Laura.
 - ii. I have a meeting with Dr. Stoskopf soon.
- k. Diversity Chair**
 - i. No report.
- l. Appropriations Committee Chair**
- m. Athletic Fee Accountability Chair**
 - i. We appointed a female rep last week and are still looking for a male varsity rep. I have contacted all the coaches, etc, and still haven't gotten any interest. We need them pretty soon though.
- n. Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Chair**
- o. Health, Wellness and Safety Chair**
 - i. I emailed Brenda Higgins to meet with her about things you have brought to me.
 - ii. Everything else is in the works.
- p. Sexual Assault Prevention Committee Chair**
- q. SAB Representative**
- r. FAC Representative**
- s. Public Relations Director**
- t. Legislative Director**
 - i. Check the email for the report.
 - ii. <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1C27vWxqsYDLcNiP2pZphau3XAVPUXvPhSxASP/TNS-nk/edit>
- u. Parking Appeals Committee Chair**
- v. Purple Friday Subcommittee Chair**
 - i. I have two people that filled out the form for my committee. I will interview them at some point this week.
 - ii. Will be emailing the Show Girls as well.
 - iii. I will be talking to Laura about the photo booth idea.
 - iv. I have heard about quite a few athletes that are not happy with the new absence policy with the university, so I may be looking into that.

Executive Reports

- a. Treasurer**
 - i. Please fill out the forms if you are spending money. When you fill it out, please put the title of the event and the date that the event is taking place. Makes my life easier. The pink part will come to you when the bill has been paid.
 - ii. If you turn in original receipts, do not use highlighter on them. Use pen. Highlighter makes things disappears
 - iii.
- b. Secretary**
 - i. Please email me if you are going to be absent!
- c. President and Vice President of the Student Association**
 - i. We had our 2nd meeting with Dr. Thomas!

1. Inclement weather: They wanted to keep it vague on purpose to account for tornados, etc. in addition to freezing rain. She has a very similar approach to ours.
2. Wrestling and Tennis: We talked about this at ExComm. Come and talk with us if you want to know more. We had a very candid conversation with her. There is a lot of misinformation out there about what went down. One of the biggest things was the process and the timing, and she addressed all of our concerns. All of the students that wanted to transfer were able to, and the scholarships are still being maintained. There is a t-shirt debacle with wrestling that came down to the team violating copyright. Essentially, we feel a lot more comfortable with how this was handled from her side. Each department was given a cut and a timeline and most departments handled this and we haven't even noticed the cuts. Athletics was a much more pressing matter and the decision to announce was left to Jerry. We don't know why or when that decision was made. More of an issue with how it was handled rather than how the process works. We will no longer be writing a resolution concerning the process. Any of you may feel free to write a resolution, however. Our personal concerns were assuaged.
 - ii. New Member handbook will be coming next week. Please review it beforehand to make this easier. We will be talking about it at ExComm.
 - iii. Faculty Senate - there is a lot of talk about symposium timing. If you have concerns or ideas, let us know.
 - iv. PHRE is trying to create a new major, a BS degree for the department.
 - v. COMM 170 - sad news. They will no longer be offering the test-out option. The committee gave them two options: fee based test out, or to get rid of it. The department decided that they do not have the resources or time to continue this. This is bad timing because UGC is next Thursday and we do not have time to write a resolution. The most we can do is talk at UGC as an upset student. We have exhausted our options.
 - vi. I have retreat times! Retreat is Sunday, Sept. 23 starting at noon in the CSI complex to 4 ish. Then the meeting will be business professional. We will have lunch and then refreshments at the meeting.
 - vii. The video will be put on social media, so share that!

New Business

- a. Remy McClain Senior Resolution
- b. Chester Pelsang Senior Resolution
- c. Sarah Holtmeyer Senior Resolution
- d. First Read: A Resolution Amending the Standing Rules of Student Government: Attendance and Absences (Barker)
 - i. First, Deanna, Keaton, Maura and myself got together, and then Rules Revision came together to work on the absence policy. A lot of this isn't new; it's more consolidation than anything. There are a couple of times where clauses are repeated, I am aware. We decided to keep the policy the same for voting and exec board members. We talked about this extensively at ExComm. Associate members are allowed 1 unexcused absence and 3 total absences. The reasoning is that they are required to go to less. Other positions are bound by the president's decision.
 - ii. Many statements are for clarity, esp. those directed at attending ExComm, office hours, and retreats.
 - iii. Excuse policy is new and written by Maura - blame her. Just kidding, I support it. We decided to define excused absence and leave unexcused absences vague after much discussion. We are leaving unexcused up to the secretary because each body may have different ideas, and it is something that the body can ask the secretary before they are appointed.

- iv. There is a new section in the removal process about the secretary notifying those who have reached their maximum amount of absences to let them know that they can no longer miss meetings.
- v. Section 4, Clause 5 is very confusing. If someone has unexcused absences they are brought down to one. If they exceed 5 total, it depends on what they have as to what is lowered. Someone with 6 total absences (1 unexcused, 5 excused) is brought down to 4 excused, one unexcused.
- vi. Questions: Wissler: You would be pardoned if you are brought before the body and their appeal is upheld?
- vii. Discussion: Schmidt: Suggestion on Clause 5. Tillman: It is very confusing to have something that says when you have 6 you go down to 4. Paris: I disagree because you are giving the person a little bit of leeway after they are pardoned. Holt: It makes a lot of sense, but it does not make sense in our rules. Either make it clear or get rid of the difference between excused and unexcused. Deck: So you are brought up for removal after 2 unexcused absences? A: Yes.
- viii. We'll talk more at ExComm.
- ix. First read.
- e. Money Motion for \$400 for Food for the Fall Retreat (Schmidt)
 - i. I motion to spend no more than \$400 no later than October 31st for fall retreat food.

Announcements

- 1. Volleyball game tomorrow - 5:20!
- 2. Claire McCaskill is coming tomorrow - 5 p.m. in Violette 1000.

Adjourned 6:29 p.m.

Links

[Standing Rules Changes- Attendance and Absences...](#)

[Remy McClain Senior Resolution](#)