

Secretary resigns from post

Emily Hall steps down, leaves president to nominate successor

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Staff Reporter

Student senators should expect a new secretary taking attendance and minutes at their next meeting.

Citing personal reasons, senior Emily Hall announced her resignation at the Student Senate meeting Oct. 9.

Hall, who will graduate in December, said she is overwhelmed with classes and interviews for medical school.

Sophomore Mark Kirtland, Student Senate president, said he will interview candidates this week and nominate a successor.

Until Senate confirms a successor, Hall might serve as secretary pro tem.

Hall said she hopes her successor will take the job seriously.

"It would be my hope that whoever is appointed as the new secretary places as important a role on attendance as I have," Hall said.

Last year Senate faced attendance problems, as several meetings lacked quorum.

"We've had problems with secretaries keeping track of absences," Hall said. "I believe that if you're elected, you need to be there. You have a responsibility to students."

Voting and nonvoting senators are allowed three unexcused absences and 10 total absences, according to the Senate's standing rules.

Senators are required to attend weekly meetings, work on assigned committees, complete one office hour a week and attend the semester retreat.

If a senator submits an excuse note online or on paper, the secretary can count the absence as excused.

Hall said the secretary can excuse senators in the event of a serious illness, a family emergency or another Student Senate event.

"We don't want being a part of Senate to interfere with being a part of something else," Hall said.

Hall said that recommending a senator's removal because of exceeding the limit rests solely with the Senate secretary.

She said she tries to be flexible as long as a senator talks to her.

Two voting senators have lost their voting positions for missing too many meetings.

Junior Eric Wooten was removed Oct. 2. Last month, Wooten cast the deciding vote passing a resolution objecting to the unannounced increase of residence hall laundry facility prices.

He was not available for comment.

Junior Grant Tower resigned Sept. 18 after exceeding the limit. He said he had not read the policy when he ran for the position in April.

"It never occurred to me that if I miss three meetings, I'm gone," Tower said. "It's ridiculous."

Tower, who works some weekends in Kansas City, Mo.,



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Sophomores Mindy Maness and Brandon Large vote on a name for the Senate's vision document Monday.

said he did not submit excuse notes but thinks he still was serving students.

"I was still going to meetings, but I just couldn't make it to all of them," Tower said. "I was elected to represent the students."

Hall said senators should

take attendance seriously.

"We are working with members of the faculty and administration of the University, and our attendance reflects the actions of all students," Hall said.

The Senate appointed Tower to an associate senator position shortly after his resignation.

Tower still serves as parking appeals chairman and on the student affairs committee.

He said he still feels active in Senate despite not having voting status.

"There's a loss of an incentive," Tower said. "I don't have to go to required events."

ITS provides weekly stress-free technology break

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Unbeknown to many students, Information Technology Services hosts study breaks every week.

Each Friday from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., ITS offers Tech Break, a one-hour workshop complete with snacks and technology talk among Truman faculty, staff and students. Tech Break topics range from introducing new types of technology to campus to explaining how to customize technological services to answering questions about technology issues.

The workshops that began last March are the collaborative effort of a team from ITS, Human Resources and Pickler Memorial Library.

"Our whole idea was to offer a little break for people to relax and to give us a chance to introduce little tidbits of technology to the campus, one at a time," said Tim Warren, executive director of ITS. "It's still sort of a grassroots project, a nice service to provide to the campus."

Tech Break began as a way to teach faculty and staff how to customize programs like Microsoft Outlook and Microsoft Word, Warren said.

The workshops were originally from 2 to 3 p.m., but the Tech Break committee changed the time this year because it conflicted with Monday, Wednesday and Friday classes that typically begin on the half-hour. Now, with the time change, ITS is looking to get students involved in Tech Break.

"I don't think we've really mass communicated it before and that's something we need to start doing," Warren said. "The big picture now is, what would students like to see? Maybe we have the expertise to do it, maybe we have to go out and find it. The whole idea is to get a little bit of technology knowledge out there."

Starting this week, Tech Break will be publicized on the TruView campus announcements, said Diane Richmond, Web services manager. Richmond said all students should feel welcome to participate, even if they have little or no previous technological knowledge.

"In fact, that's more the audiences we're looking for," Richmond said. "Tech Break is really an overview to help us find out what people are interested in, what we can be doing for you."

The Tech Break committee selects topics six weeks in advance and meets this week to decide the next group of work-

shops. The members hope to incorporate more subjects of interest to students and plan on rescheduling the two workshops that were canceled in September, both of which are student-oriented.

Junior Rebecca Hadley, Student Senate technology chairperson, said she encourages students to start attending Tech Break.

"Even if the information session doesn't have to do with exactly something you're interested in, they'll answer your questions about anything," Hadley said. "The fact that they're taking the time to do this really says something, I think. Students should definitely take advantage of this."

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