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Many students venture to Truman in hope to receive an education that is among the best available. In some ways, their expectations are met. But they get the most bang for their buck when they come here in hopes to improve the testing procedures and incorporate the scenario of their educational experience. For how can a student truly learn if he isn't challenged to grow? In some ways, it appears that we are doing more to detract from the student experience. If we truly believe in this concept, then we must take a look at the very core of our educational experience. In my opinion, the Student Activities Board has been in charge of this argument for far too long, but in a student's mind, it is only a game of chicken. In undergraduate studies, I have come to realize that I am in charge of my education. In the classroom, we must be challenged to think of new and innovative ways of learning if we are to be a better student. Unfortunately, students have not been exactly encouraged to think in this capacity. I think that our education is nothing more than a standard curriculum that is required of us. This curriculum is taught in the same way as the majority of the student body. We then have no problem with it. 

According to the reporting, students responding to the survey considered the following information: the general level of stress, the amount of time required for work, and the number of classes that they were responsible for. The survey also included questions about the involvement of the student body in the decision-making process and the amount of time spent on extracurricular activities. 

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Both should refund if Senate must

Should FAC and SAB offer activities fee refunds? 

No one can argue against FAC and SAB offering free referrals to their students. This idea is nothing new to Truman students. Its main purpose is to help students who have been pushed to the limit. Many students have received both free referrals and financial aid through the Missouri Department of Higher Education. Some students have been able to use this money to improve their academic experience. 

Regarding the 2007 Budget Review Committee, “We have seen the Senate come in terms of organization and coordination. The Senate has been very helpful.” Students are not only pleased with Senate, but also with the results of the recent election. Senate has not had the chance to be argued in many years. 

The decision to make refunds available for both FAC and SAB is a positive step in the right direction. 

Read more about the Budget Review Committee in today's news article, “Budget Review Committee.”

The two other organizations that receive activities fee funding, SAB and FAC, were also asked if they would consider refunding fees for their students. They both said no. They believed that their organizations should continue to operate and provide students with the best possible experience. 

The fact that students are not being given the opportunity to vote on whether or not to use their activities fee funding is a concern. For example, if a student wanted to use his activities fee funding to attend a concert instead of buying books, he would not have the right to do so. This is a problem that needs to be addressed. 

The Senate's decision to not refund activities fee funding is a bad one. However, students should not be given the opportunity to make such decisions. Instead, it is the Senate's role to make these decisions on behalf of the students. 

Read more about the Senate's decision to not refund activities fee funding in today's news article, “Senate Refuses to Refund Activities Fee.”

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