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Freshman Thomas Boettcher uses PowerPoint to help him deliver a speech in his public speaking class.

## CURRICULUM | Introductory courses like health and public speaking to be revised

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would like to have well being, we want the institution to be cognizant of and supportive of well-being," Lantz said.

Lantz said the HES department is working on a proposal that would reorganize the lifetime health and fitness requirement to allow students to explore specific topics in an engaged environment.

"What we're proposing is a series of well-being seminars that students would be able to select from, relative to what they thought was most [relevant] to their lives," Lantz said. "In other words, what elements of their lives did they need the most support in."

Each seminar would be eight weeks in length, one credit each, with a maximum of three and would require one physical activity

and one health course.

"We're currently debating as to whether the third would be an online module that provided a great deal of breadth," he said.

Lantz said that although this new proposal would generate fewer enrollment credits, professors who currently teach Health 195 would have the option to teach a general health-related course or a more in-depth seminar.

The curriculum committee also is working with the communication department to revise Comm 170.

Professor Jay Self said the curriculum committee suggested fusing English 190 and comm 170 together in a first year interdisciplinary seminar.

"There are many different proposals," Self said. "They could be three hours, six hours,

one semester, two semesters — there's a number of proposals out there."

Self said students should voice their opinions about the writing as critical thinking and public speaking courses.

"Students need to speak up," he said. "If they thought that those were valuable courses and they want to save them, then they should make their opinion known."

Sophomore Lara Leonard said she supports keeping public speaking as is in the curriculum.

"My public speaking class was beneficial," Leonard said. "It was just basic entry level, but I felt that it could help me in the future in life just calming my nerves when I give public speeches, but the health class was just basic information that I already knew."

## RESTRUCTURING | College of Arts and Sciences to be split into three smaller schools

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"Deans are there to make sure that departments flourish, and [ensure] that there's direction and coordination," Davenport said. "When you're coordinating and directing 19 departments, that's a challenge."

Currently the College of Arts and Sciences has one dean and two associate deans. With the change, each college would have a single dean, so the total number of administrative staff would remain the same.

Faculty Senate president James Guffey said he does not expect the reorganization to have any significant impact on stu-

dents or faculty.

"I believe that, as far as me as an individual faculty member is concerned, it's not going to make a big difference," Guffey said. "The actual steps haven't changed — the number of layers haven't changed."

Guffey said the biggest possible advantage to the restructure is the dean will be able to better concentrate on and meet the specific needs of each department.

"That doesn't mean that the current dean, Dean Davenport, has let us down or has done a poor job," Guffey said. "It's just simply a matter of fact that if you're able to concentrate on a smaller por-

tion, you should be able to watch things a little more closely."

Paino said the sooner this process happens the better, because the administration still is in the process of setting policies in line with the reorganization of two years ago, which introduced the departmental system.

"If I waited much longer, what we have would become pretty institutionalized and entrenched, and I think it would create more upheaval," Paino said. "In terms of setting up policy that is consistent with the new structure, job responsibilities, administrative issues, updating handbooks, board policy, we're still work-

ing through that, so while we're working through it, now's the time to [make adjustments]."

Paino said he probably will post a notice of vacancy by the end of Thursday asking for applications, which will be due in early April. He said he plans to have open forums for both students and faculty to ask questions and provide opinions.

"Ultimately, the president and I will make the final decision, but we want to get the input of everyone," Paino said.

He said he plans to make the start date July 1, with an announcement possibly as early as May 1.

## CRASH | Professors said to be in good condition, expected to return home within week

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Some of the professors' classes have been cancelled and faculty members and graduate students have taught the rest temporarily. Palmer said the pair soon might be well enough to run their classes from

home and that she expects them back at Truman next fall.

"I wouldn't be surprised if Dr. Reschly [was] able to come back some time this semester," Palmer said.

Neither Rose nor Reschly will be able

to take visitors or calls, but Palmer said well-wishers can drop off get well cards in the purple box in the social science department's mailroom, and she will deliver them this weekend.

## NETWORKING | Officials debate whether online communication is healthy

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that found blogging to be positively related to a person's happiness.

Grohol said that in addition to using the Internet for socializing, the information from the Internet can increase a person's health.

"The information one reads on the Internet could lead one to have a healthier diet, which could reduce their cholesterol level," he said.

Lynne Henderson, director of the Shyness Institute, said she thinks there is insufficient information to decide whether or not Sigman's report is correct.

"So much of the data isn't in yet, I think he may have a point that there may be things that happen face-to-face that don't happen when you're only online, but he's assuming that it's either or, where it seems to be a real mix," Henderson said.

Henderson said Sigman's article raises a good point in that the Internet use doesn't allow enough face-to-face interaction.

"If somebody is very lonely, interacting on the Internet is better than no interaction," she said. "The open question is, does loneliness lead to more Internet use, or does more Internet use lead to loneliness?"

Senior Emily Meyer said she checks her Facebook account five or six times a day. Meyer said she thinks social networking sites like Facebook don't take away time that she could be using to socialize face-to-face and instead thinks they have benefited her social life.

"I think it works really well in connecting with old friends who you wouldn't necessarily be able to contact or see everyday," she said.

Meyer also said she thinks negative health effects from using social networking sites depend on the person.

"It depends on how far you take it," she said. "I mean, I'm sure for some people [there are negative health effects], but I don't sit on there all day, so not for me."

## PROBATION | Sig Tau and Tri-Sigma must comply with alcohol-related sanctions

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set of risk-management procedures regarding greek-sponsored parties where alcohol is served by March 28.

The second sanction requires Tri-Sigma to host a workshop where the Executive Board of Truman's chapter will review their alcohol policy, revise risk-management procedures, student conduct code rules, Greek living conduct code and statewide and local laws related to alcohol. This must be completed by April 20.

Bailey said Tri-Sigma also will bring in someone to train their members in alcohol responsibility, putting special focus on making sure new members know the policies.

"The real problem the University had with the whole situation is that it's our job to look after our members, and we failed in that instance," Bailey said. "So we're looking to make sure it doesn't happen again."

Sig Tau's Jan. 30 hearing resulted in three sanctions, including a year-long probation ending Jan. 30, 2010. Their three violations included two alcohol and drug-related misconducts: their organization provided alcohol, and a minor had an alcoholic beverage on their property.

"We're completely redoing [our risk-management policy],"

Sig Tau president senior Ryan Cochran said. "We just started from scratch. ... I think really the only way that you can take care of a problem like this would be to redo your risk-management policy and make sure that you're watching for people that are underage and make sure they're not coming into your parties. That's about all you can do."

Cochran said they already have completed the task of revising their policy.

Greek Life director Beth Tuttle said she thinks it's beneficial for organizations to review and improve risk-management policies because as new members take office, they might overlook aspects of these policies.

"Organizations also need to make sure they're paying attention as far as regarding the details about what makes something a 'fill-in-the-blank' event," she said. "So how many people does it take to be there from their organization before it's considered to be their organization's event even if they maybe didn't plan the event or are not hosting the event or whatever. So they just need to make sure they're taking care of each other and that they're paying attention to the policies that have been set for them by their national office."

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