

**FORUM** | Provost Paino fielded questions from students and faculty during the presidential forum last week

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their concerns.

"I think that one of the most important traits in a president is ... [to] have that open door policy that I know [Paino] has now as provost," said Isaac Robinson, Student Senate vice president.

"I think that another big element of being a president is also with community outreach and dealing with community leaders, ... especially with a community the size of Kirksville," Robinson said.

Underhill said Paino's background as a lawyer and his speaking ability will help him represent the University externally, especially to legislators.

"I think that will really help increase everything from funding to Truman to awareness of Truman," Underhill said.

James Guffey, Faculty Senate president and member of the Presidential Search Committee, said he trusts Paino's ability to balance the increased responsibility of external communication that comes with being president with continued internal communication with faculty and students.

"I don't have any question about

being able to communicate with him [or] being able to approach him," Guffey said. "And if I have concerns that I need to share with him, I have every confidence that I'll be able to do so as effectively as I do now."

Initially, two finalists were invited to the forum, but the other finalist did not accept the invitation. Guffey said the Search Committee decided to continue with Paino as the lone finalist because its members thought he was the best candidate for the job.

Robinson said he trusts in the committee's decision not to go back to search for another finalist and that although Paino is the only remaining finalist, it does not necessarily mean that he already has the job.

Guffey said the Search Committee meets this week to discuss its final recommendation.

"As a member of the committee, it'll be my job when we meet again to take all of the feedback [from the forums] and pull it together to summarize it," Guffey said.

The Committee then will make a final recommendation to the Board of Governors, who will decide whether to accept it. Guffey said the Board of Governors hopes to announce a final decision sometime next month.

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Student Senate  
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Student Senate voted down an amendment at last Sunday's meeting for itemization of spending.

**CITY** | David Mountain, Kevin Alm were disqualified from Kirksville's City Council race for not paying their 2009 taxes

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2008 taxes, not his 2009 taxes. He said he owes \$125 and the late penalty fee.

"I didn't pay in December because we didn't have the money because we had other things to do," he said.

Mountain said the situation was unfair and wrong, and he plans to run again in 2011.

"I'm gonna make sure everything is paid up in full and see what kind of excuse they come up with this time," Mountain said. "[The Kirksville government] is trying to

keep the same people in there instead of getting new people to run the city. They're not running the city like they should be."

Brumbaugh said this was not true and that, as city clerk, she would not have the right to disqualify a candidate if they met the requirements.

Alm said he also thought the situation was unfair and that any citizen should be able to run regardless of their monetary status.

"I'm just like everybody else, being underpaid and trying to catch

up with a lot of bills," he said. "It should be none of the city's business. It shouldn't matter who you are or what you are."

Alm, who was also disqualified from the race in 2009 because he did not pay his 2008 personal property taxes, said he doesn't plan to run again in the future.

If they meet all of the qualifications, both Mountain and Alm can run in the next election.

Tony Fajkus and incumbents Richard Detweiler and Aaron Rodgerson remain on the ballot.

**SENATE** | Student Senate voted against a amendment proposed by President JoEllen Flanagan to make Senate spending more transparent

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dents' money responsibly"

Flanagan said she wants the Senate to be responsible because all its funding comes from the student body. Students pay \$4 a year to fund the Senate.

Flanagan said junior Joey Shelton, chairman of External Affairs, tried to pass a resolution for Truman at the Capitol for \$3,400. Senate adviser Scott

Alberts asked Shelton to itemize the money, and when he did it, didn't mathematically add up, Flanagan said. Shelton voted against passing the resolution.

"My reasoning for voting against it was that it didn't have anything to do, in my mind, with Senate spending money responsibly," Shelton said. "Because in order to spend anything you have to bud-

get it once, and the budget is viewed extensively by Senate. Everybody is asked questions. I'm the chairman of External Affairs, and I was asked questions about all of my events like, 'What are you going to be spending this money on, and why are you budgeting it?'"

Shelton said he voted against the amendment because it makes planning events more

difficult. He said it's more difficult because drafting a resolution is tough, and a resolution can't be passed without a first and second read without suspending the rules.

"It will take two weeks to do the first reading and the second reading, and a lot of times you really need the money sooner than that," Shelton said.

**PAINO** | Paino offers ideas for covering funding gap, says he won't sacrifice admission standards to increase enrollment

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showcased some of the skills that made him a successful trial lawyer — he won his first jury trial while still in law school — during the student forum, displaying humor, knowledge and poise.

More importantly, he refrained from putting his foot in his mouth. As the lone finalist to appear at the forum — and with the Board of Governors hoping to officially name the next president in February — it was fairly obvious that as long as Paino didn't fart into the microphone or whip students and faculty into an uproar, the gig was his.

Paino achieved this. When former Student Senate President Lizz Esfeld asked about the possibility of designating certain areas/events on campus as "wet," Paino walked the alcohol tightrope nicely. Paino said he would enjoy discussing that possibility with students if selected as president, and he pointed out that he is not morally opposed to drinking, as he himself enjoys a glass of wine every now and again. Yet he followed that by saying,

"There's a long history of this campus being a dry campus, and that history is there for a reason."

Essentially, Paino remained noncommittal, which was probably a wise move. As Paino said during the forum, it ultimately would be the Board of Governors' responsibility to make any alterations to the University's dry campus policy. And with a few Board members in the crowd Thursday — Board members who will help determine Paino's presidential fate — it was in Paino's best interest to tap dance his way around the hot button alcohol issue rather than commit headfirst.

Nevertheless, Paino did provide insightful remarks on some of the issues he would face as president. In regard to the multimillion-dollar funding cut the University will receive from the state during the next

two years, Paino demonstrated his experience by noting that he already has worked with deans during his time as provost to cut \$1.3 million from the budget. His target was to eliminate \$1.4 million, so he has almost achieved his goal.

Paino also presented ideas for further closing the funding gap, saying he hoped to increase Truman's enrollment via recruiting efforts such as the Truman Institute. But Paino remained realistic and acknowledged that tough decisions would have to be

made, and some faculty would no doubt be cut.

"About 75 percent of our budget is wrapped up in personnel," Paino said. "You want to avoid layoffs if you can possibly do that, [but]

"You want to avoid layoffs if you can possibly do that, [but] obviously we're having to trim the staff and the size of the faculty."

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