

Board of Governors discusses smoking ban

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Three major issues will be discussed at the Board of Governors meeting Saturday, including a resolution on campus smoking regulations after the first resolution was tabled at the August meeting.

The new resolution, which would take a majority vote to pass, is not a complete smoking ban like the original resolution but instead would limit smoking on campus to 25 feet from any building. If passed, the resolution will be implemented August 2011.

Senior Lucas Freeland, student representative to the Board of Governors, said the new resolution arose from communication between board members.

"President Paino made sure to contact all the Board members to talk over different options, and this was the resolution that came out of those discussions," Freeland said.

President Troy Paino said the new resolution was proposed because it was obvious there wasn't going to be a consensus among Board members on a full smoking ban. He said questions arose during the August meeting about enforcement of the full ban and whether the Board wanted to regulate people's actions to such a degree.

"At a time like this, it's my first year as president for one, two there are so many critical issues facing the University," Paino said. "I didn't want to divide the Board on this issue. I really wanted to try to bring them along and find a consensus. That was only my criterion in moving forward."

Paino said Governor Potter thought the Board owed it to students to address the issue

Board of Governors	Tentative Meeting Dates	
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	Saturday, December 4, 2010	Truman Campus: Conference Room SUB
	Saturday, February 5, 2011	Truman Campus TBA
	Saturday, April 9, 2011	Truman Campus TBA
	Friday and Saturday, June 17-18, 2011	Truman Campus TBA
	Saturday, August 6, 2011	Truman Campus TBA
	Friday, October 7, 2011	Truman Campus TBA

in some way.

"[Potter] felt the board needed to make a step, even a modest step, in the direction of further restricting smoking on campus," Paino said.

Student Senate President Isaac Robinson said he is unsatisfied with the compromise.

"I disagree with them wholeheartedly on this change," Robinson said. "I think it's taking the easy way out. I see it personally as a lack of courage, a lack of will to get things done and a complete disregard for every constituency group that lives and breathes on this campus every day."

Robinson said Student Senate passed two resolutions in the past two semesters in support of a full smoking ban and that everyone they've talked to on campus was in support of it.

"No one has been consulted on [the new resolution], I don't believe," he said. "I know I haven't been, and Student Senate has not. I honestly see it as taking the easy way out."

Paino said the Board also is looking at price increases for room and board in residence halls. The average increase will be 3.7 percent, but Ryle Hall will increase a little

more than average because its room and board stayed the same this year. Centennial Hall will increase slightly less than the other halls because the Board is going to discuss the approval to do architectural design on the building so the renovations can start next year.

"The tentative plan is to break the Centennial renovations into three parts," Paino said. "We did the Ryle renovation in two parts — we did the north end of Ryle last year and the south end this year. We'll probably break up Centennial into thirds and do the renovations over three years."

Man charged with assault of DPS officer

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A Kansas man has been charged with assaulting a Truman Department of Public Safety officer.

Austin Kirby, 22, was charged Nov. 19 with assault of a law enforcement official in the second degree, resisting arrest for a felony, property damage in the second degree and peace disturbance. The incident, which occurred Nov. 19, began when an officer responded to a harassment report outside of Magruder Hall.

Director of DPS Tom Johnson said Kirby was on Truman's campus with three coworkers to hang posters for a company in Kansas. He said the men were required to take pictures of themselves at the locations to prove to their employer that they had been there. The men asked a Truman student to pose with them in a photograph outside of Pickler Memorial Library, and they began swearing at

her when she refused, according to the probable cause statement. Johnson said the student then reported the incident to DPS.

Johnson said that when a DPS officer confronted the group, Kirby refused to produce identification, would not cooperate and assumed an aggressive stance against the officer.

Kirby then cursed and began walking backward away from the officer, who ordered him to stop and grabbed his jacket. Kirby then struck the officer and hit her twice in the cheek and nose, all of which was reported in the probable cause statement.

Johnson said that after the altercation with the officer, Kirby escaped across campus. He said the officer pursued Kirby and called for backup from the Kirksville Police Department, who apprehended Kirby near the Student Recreation Center. Johnson said the officer's uniform was ripped and she was taken to the emergency room for safety precautions, but that she is fine.

Kirby faces up to seven years in the Missouri Department of Corrections and/or a fine of up to \$5,000 for the class C felony of assault of a law enforcement official. He faces up to four years in the Missouri Department of Corrections and/or a fine of up to \$5,000 for the class D felony of resisting arrest. He also faces up to six months in the Missouri Department of

Corrections and/or a fine of up to \$500 for each of the class B misdemeanors of property damage and peace disturbance.

All charges were pressed by DPS except the peace disturbance charge, which was pressed by the Truman student.

Johnson said there has not been a similar assault on an officer during his time at the University.

"We've had officers that have had to get physical with people, but never to this extent," Johnson said. "Fortunately, nobody was seriously hurt."

Johnson said the officer's action of grabbing Kirby's clothing can be standard procedure, depending on the situation.

"We need to know who they are, especially if it's going to be an issue with safety," Johnson said. "It's a matter of trying to keep the campus safe. I mean, if we've got somebody out there that's reporting a crime in progress, we investigate that. We need to know who ... this person is and what they're doing here."

Johnson said that if Kirby had cooperated with the officer, he likely would have been removed from campus with a warning for trespassing.

Johnson said there have been other cases of resisting arrest at Truman, but that it usually consists of the suspect fleeing from an officer.

"Usually they don't get actively involved [with] trying to fight an officer," he said.



Austin Kirby

NEWS IN BRIEF

Translator speaks at conference

Shawn Joyce, professional translator and Truman alumnus, will be the keynote speaker at the English & Linguistics Senior Seminar conference from noon to 1:20 p.m. today and 9:30 to 10:20 p.m. Friday in the SUB Georgian Rooms. Today's topic is "Building on Your Degree: Foreign Languages and Linguistics in the Working World," and Friday's is titled "Translation and Localization as a Career." Joyce graduated from the University with a linguistics degree in 2006.

Discussion confronts racial perceptions

Phi Beta Sigma will host "Changing Perceptions" from 8:30 to 10 tonight in Magruder Hall 2001. The open discussion will focus on overcoming stereotypes of the black student as portrayed in the media.

True Men hosts winter concert

The a cappella group True Men will perform holiday songs and other selections from 8 to 9:15 p.m. Friday in Baldwin Auditorium. The group's latest album will be on sale.

Exhibit displays thesis projects

The BFA/BA Thesis Exhibit will be on display Dec. 6 to 10 in the Truman State University Art Gallery. The exhibit features student work. A public reception will be held 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Art Gallery. Admission is free.

Holiday Lights warm up the night

The annual Holiday Lights a cappella event will take place from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday on the steps of the Kirk Memorial Building. True Men, Minor Detail and Sweet Nothings will perform holiday songs. Free hot chocolate and cookies will be served. The event is sponsored by the Student Activities Board.

'Girl with the Dragon Tattoo' to screen

"Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" will be screened at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the SUB Georgian Room B. The Swedish film follows a troubled young woman who helps a journalist solve a 40-year-old missing persons' case. The event is sponsored by Sigma Sigma Sigma and the Women's Resource Center.

Tournament supports scholarship

A kickball tournament will run from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday in Pershing Arena. Sign-ups will be available from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. today and Friday at a table in the Student Union Building. The entry fee is \$15 for a team of 6 to 10 people. Proceeds go to a textbook scholarship for one Truman student. The event is sponsored by Phi Beta Sigma, Zeta Phi Beta and Beta Theta Pi.

CRIME REPORTS

11/18 Sophomore Joseph Aschman was issued a Missouri Complaint and Summons for minor in possession of alcohol and was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

11/19 A bicycle was reported stolen from outside Violette Hall.

11/19 A theft of less than \$500 from Violette Hall was reported.

11/19 A theft of less than \$500 from the Ryle Cafeteria was reported.

11/20 A theft of less than \$500 from the parking lot south of Campbell Apartments was reported.

11/28 Sophomore Harold Eychaner was issued a Missouri Complaint and Summons for minor in possession of alcohol.

11/28 Sophomore Julia Judlin was issued a Missouri Complaint and Summons for minor in possession of alcohol.

11/28 Sophomore Cole Brendel was issued a Missouri Complaint and Summons for minor in possession of alcohol.

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