Mayor Detweiler replaces Glen Moritz as mayor of Kirksville

Most progressive member of the city council was running for re-election, so it wasn’t something we could have a benefit for the student body as newly elected head of Student Government.

Mayor Richard Detweiler said all the main challenges moving forward will be to accomplish all the tasks and projects they have talked about. He said they already have taken care of some of it.

“Molly and I are already on the right track,” Detweiler said. “We already kind of have our executioncal ideas together. We’re getting our committee chairs together. So, it’s one of those things where we’re really already putting together our team . . . to put all on all these we promised.”

Detweiler said one of the first issues they plan to address is the student attendance policy. He said they already have drafted a resolution to try and make any University-sponsored event an excused event for students, so students would be allowed to make up the assignments they have missed in class.

The mayor said the most important thing for and Detweiler is to make sure they appoint experienced committee chairs, so they want to make sure they have a low turnover rate during the past and continue drawing ideas. She said she will focus on finding both members of Senate to keep the experience they bring.

Treasurer said that and Detweiler campaigned with a platform that promised to put Greek Life and Residence Life representatives in Student Government. Since then, she and Detweiler have talked about adding even more representative roles. She said and Detweiler would like to have representatives from different campus organizations within the Senate, or for organizations to know they can approach Student Government with their concerns. “We’re going to recruit a lot of positions outside of Student Government,” said. “I think that will kind of help with the cohesion of the University.”

Turner said a focus on unity among represented students will take precedence.

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determining the capital's representation in the legislature.

“I was hoping to continue but there’s a lot of people interested in the position,” Detweiler said. “I had the privilege to come and run the city of Kirksville and their support. "We’re a great place to live, raise a family , work and go to school," Detweiler said.

“The mayor is ceremonial and they don’t have any power and has only one vote on city issues, but what distinguishes the position is the mayor presides over meetings and is elected by simple majority of the five council members in a municipal election. Kirksville voters cast their ballots for the Mayor during 2008.

City Manager Mari Macomber said as the mayor has no veto power over the council. "The mayor is ceremonial and they have one vote like every other member of the council," Macomber said.

Molly and I are already on the right track. We’re going to put on all those events we promised."

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Campus mourns former Truman President’s death

The flag on Truman State’s campus flies at half-staff April 10. The Governor declared April 10 a city-wide remembrance day in honor of Charles McCain. McCain was a former University President and was the founder of the Pershing Scholarship.