The bike racks outside Barnett Hall were snowed-in on Monday, preventing students from getting to their bikes or utilizing the racks. Students were forced to walk or drive to class.

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Cody Sumter is acting voluntarily as the student representative to the Board of Governors, even though his term ended Dec. 31. This replacement still has not been selected, and he’s not sure when the new student representative will be chosen.

“It’s a tough assignment,” Sumter said. “I was appointed four months late.”

The new appointment is waiting on Gov. Jay Nixon’s office, Sumter said. The governor has to appoint a student from the slate of candidates Student Senate approved.

“It’s important that the selection be made as soon as possible,” Sumter said. “The governor’s office has interviewed the three finalists, but Truman is still waiting on the final selection, Sumter said.

“ar the review process continues to move along, and we know we are getting near the final stage,” Sumter said. “The governor wants to ensure the best candidate is appointed.”

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The governor’s office said Sumter’s keeping the job until someone is appointed is greatly appreciated.

The three finalists are junior Lucas Freeland, freshman Alexandria Witt and junior Adam Crews. Freeland said he is excited to learn the results but also concerned.

“If I do get selected, I’m fine for half of fifth year,” Freeland said. “I’m not going to be in it full time.”

Freeland said he has been selected from the finalists, but he was told he would know the results mid-January.

“I don’t think it’s a matter of who’s more qualified,” Witt said. “I don’t think it’s a matter of what the governor’s office is looking for in a candidate.”

Witt said the problem might be solved if the governor’s office and the University worked together to start the selection earlier.

“I feel like I’m hearing [the selections] up to this point,” Witt said. “So whatever happens, happens.”

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