We, the residents of Missouri Hall, hereby establish and empower the Missouri Hall Council and charge it with representing the academic, social, and residential goals of all residents in all forums. This Council shall serve as the representative and governing body for all residents, from whom the Council’s power shall be derived. The Council shall enact legislation and activities that promote the welfare of the residents, in accordance with all rules, regulations, policies, and laws of Truman State University, the administration therewith, and the Board of Governors. The Council’s actions shall foster the values of leadership, service, and community.

**Article I: The Council**

The Council shall be comprised of the House Representatives, the elected Executive Officers, and the Missouri Hall Director.

**Article II: The House Representatives**

Section I:
Each house in Missouri Hall shall be represented by residents from said house. These representatives must be in good academic standing with a cumulative Truman grade point average above 2.00.

Section II:
Each house will receive one vote on hall matters. House Representatives will decide amongst themselves how their house will vote. If a house cannot decide how to vote on a hall matter, the house will abstain from voting on said matter.

Section III:
The House Representatives shall comprise the General Body, in which all legislative authority is vested.

Section IV:
The House Representatives shall attend all scheduled and special meetings of the Council, Residence Hall Association, and the meetings of assigned committees.
ARTICLE III: THE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Section I:
The Executive Officers shall be elected by the residents of Missouri Hall. Candidates shall file for election in a method to be determined by the Council Advisor and Vice Chancellor. Candidates will then be voted upon by the residents of Missouri Hall. Officers will serve a term beginning on the first day of January and ending on the last day of December of the same year. Officers must plan to reside in Missouri Hall for both semesters of their term. Any officer selected to be a Student Advisor or Apartment Manager for the current or future semester must immediately resign.

Section II:
The Chancellor shall serve as the chief executive of the Council. The Chancellor will lead the Council by presiding over all meetings of the General Body, preparing a public agenda for the meetings of the General Body, meeting regularly with the Advisor to the Council, appointing officers and committee heads, filling vacancies, and establishing special committees. The Chancellor shall have the power to veto legislation of the Council, a veto which may be overturned by a two-thirds vote of the houses present. The Chancellor shall not vote in matters of the Council unless there is a need to break a tie vote.

Section III:
The Vice Chancellor shall serve as Acting Chancellor in the absence of the Chancellor and will take over as Chancellor should the Chancellor leave office. The Vice Chancellor shall help facilitate leadership and development within the Council by presiding over the Executive Committee Meetings, advising all committees and their chairs, and supervising and administering all elections. The Vice Chancellor may vote with his or her assigned house in matters of the Council.

Section IV:
The Treasurer shall serve as the chief financial leader for the Council. The Treasurer shall do so by publishing a weekly summary of the balanced budget, making deposits and issuing checks, and reimbursing members for incurred expenses. The Treasurer may vote with his or her assigned house in matters of the Council.

Section V:
The Secretary shall have the responsibility for generating and maintaining the records and communications of the Council. The Secretary shall keep the Council organized by recording all minutes of all General Body meetings, distributing the Chancellor's agenda for the General Body meetings at least one day prior, distributing minutes of meetings no more than four days after the adjournment of the meeting, retaining and filing copies of minutes, agendas, reports, and official documents. The Secretary may vote with his or her assigned house in matters of the Council.

Section VI:
The Council shall be advised by a member for the Truman State University faculty or staff, specifically the Missouri Hall Director, as outlined in Residence Life policy. The Advisor shall attend all meetings of the Executive Committee and General Body. The Advisor shall
serve as counsel to the Executive Committee and General Body. The Advisor shall serve as a representative of Residence Life, as well as the Parliamentarian for the Council. The Advisor shall not vote in matters of the Council.

Section VII:
The Advisor may appoint a Liaison from the Student Advisor Staff of Missouri Hall. The Student Advisor Liaison shall communicate the actions and wishes of the Hall Council and Hall Staff between both bodies. The Student Advisor Liaison may vote with his or her assigned house in matters of the Council.

ARTICLE IV: RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATION

Section I:
Members of the Council will serve concurrently as members of the campus wide Residence Hall Association. The meetings for the Council and Residence Hall Association will meet at the same time on alternating weeks.

ARTICLE V: APPOINTED OFFICERS

Section I:
Appointed Officers shall be appointed by the Chancellor and confirmed by a majority vote of the General Body. Appointed Officers must be appointed from the General Body. Examples of appointed officers include, but are not limited to, committee chairs and Student Senate Liaisons.

Section II:
The Committee Chairs shall coordinate the efforts of the various committees. The Committee Chairs shall hold regular meetings with members of the committees and coordinate their affairs with the Vice Chancellor.

Section III:
The Student Senate Liaison shall attend Student Senate meetings whenever possible and report on the activities and records of the Student Senate to the Missouri Hall Council.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS

Section I:
The General Body shall meet every other week during all weeks of the Spring and Fall academic terms. On the weeks the Council is not meeting, all members will attend the Residence Hall Association meeting.

Section II:
The Executive Committee shall meet regularly during the Spring and Fall academic terms.

Section III:
All other committees and entities of the Council shall meet by the guidelines established by their respective leaders or at the direction of the Chancellor.
**ARTICLE VII: EMERGENCY ACTION**

Section I: Though legislative authority is vested in the General Body, the Executive Committee shall have the power to meet and devise temporary measures to situations in the event the General Body cannot meet due to time constraints, location, or logistics. This shall include, but is not limited to, the drafting of policy, the passage of resolutions, and the spending of funds.

Section II: All action, whether legislative, financial, or representative in nature, shall be agreed upon by a majority of the voting members of the Executive Committee.

Section III: All action taken by the Executive Committee must follow the terms and spirit of this Constitution.

Section IV: All action taken by the Executive Committee must be reported to the General Body at the next General Body Meeting. The action taken is then subject to the review of General Body. Temporary decisions must be either upheld or overturned by a simple majority of the General Body.

Section V: Members of the Executive Committee may be brought up for censure or impeachment if the General Body finds their use of Emergency Action as excessive and/or abusive.

**ARTICLE VIII: FINANCES**

Section I: No Council member, Advisor, or resident of Missouri Hall shall be required to pay any membership fee or dues to be a part of, or participate in the activities and meetings of the Missouri Hall Council.

Section II: All expenditures for Missouri Hall Council operations and capital outlay are authorized by the Treasurer of the Missouri Hall Council. Checks must be signed by both the Treasurer and the Advisor.

Section III: The Missouri Hall Council may invest its idle funds only in low risk investments. The investment shall be no riskier than a CD insured by the FDIC. All investments must be approved by a two-thirds vote of the houses present at the Missouri Hall Council meeting. Approved investments shall be monitored by the Treasurer.
Section IV:
The Missouri Hall Council shall operate within a balanced budget as outlined by the duties of the Treasurer (Article III, Section IV). In the event of actual costs being greater than the budgeted amounts, the Treasurer shall be responsible for revising the budget to eliminate any deficits from the overall budget.

Section V:
In the event of the Missouri Hall Council becoming inactive for three or more consecutive semesters, the remaining funds of the organization shall be transferred to the “University Residence Fund” in the Truman State University Foundation.

ARTICLE IX: RISK MANAGEMENT

Section I:
The Vice Chancellor shall serve as the risk management officer for the Council. In working with the committee and project leaders, the Vice Chancellor will ensure that all planned events and meetings keep participants safe and acting within both the laws of the State of Missouri and the Policies of the Truman State University Board of Governors. Should risk occur with the Council or at a Council sponsored event, the Advisor shall be immediately contacted so the he or she may coordinate a response.

Section II:
The Missouri Hall Council fully understands and will abide by the anti-hazing policy as set forth in the Student Conduct Code of Truman State University 8.050.2. Expectations for Student Organization Conduct Section 14: Abusive affiliation.

ARTICLE X: CENSURE AND IMPEACHMENT

Section I:
The General Body shall have the power to censure any one person or group of persons in its membership for actions it deems unethical or misrepresentative. Imposing censure requires a two-thirds majority of the houses present.

Section II:
The General Body shall have the power to impeach any one person in its membership for actions it deems in violation of the Constitution. Imposing impeachment requires a majority of the houses present.

Section III:
Upon impeachment, the General Body shall have the power to remove from office any one person. Removing a member from office requires a two-thirds majority of the houses present.
ARTICLE XI: VACANCIES OF OFFICE

Section I:
When a vacancy occurs in the office of Chancellor, the Vice Chancellor shall assume the office of Chancellor and appoint a new Vice Chancellor.

Section II:
When a vacancy occurs in all other Executive and Appointed Offices, a replacement shall be appointed from the General Body by the Chancellor and confirmed by a majority vote of the General Body.

Section III:
Should there be simultaneous vacancies in the offices of Chancellor and Vice Chancellor, a new Chancellor shall be elected from and by the General Body under terms established by the Advisor.

ARTICLE XII: AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION

Section I:
Amendments to the Constitution shall be proposed and discussed at the General Body Meeting. The proposed amendment shall be published in the General Body Meeting minutes.

Section II:
The Amendment shall be voted on at the next General Body Meeting.

Section III:
All amendments must be passed with a two-thirds majority of houses present.
**ARTICLE XIII: CREATION OF A NEW CONSTITUTION**

Section I:
By a two-thirds majority of the houses present, the Council may form a Constitutional Reform Committee to draft a new Constitution.

Section II:
Upon its completion, the new Constitution shall be ratified by the Council by a two-thirds majority of houses present.

Section III:
Upon its ratification, the new Constitution shall be made public for two weeks to the residents of Missouri Hall.

Section IV:
The new Constitution must be ratified by a two-thirds majority of voting residents of Missouri Hall.

Section V:
Upon ratification by the residents, the new Constitution shall go into effect after the last day of the calendar year. Officers for the coming term shall be elected under the terms of the new Constitution.