

# UMKC STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION



## EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION

TO THE STUDENTS OF UMKC, GREETINGS:

**WHEREAS**, the University of Missouri-Kansas City Student Government Association acknowledges the historical significance and ongoing impact of street names that reflect our city's past, including those named after individuals who upheld systems of slavery and oppression;

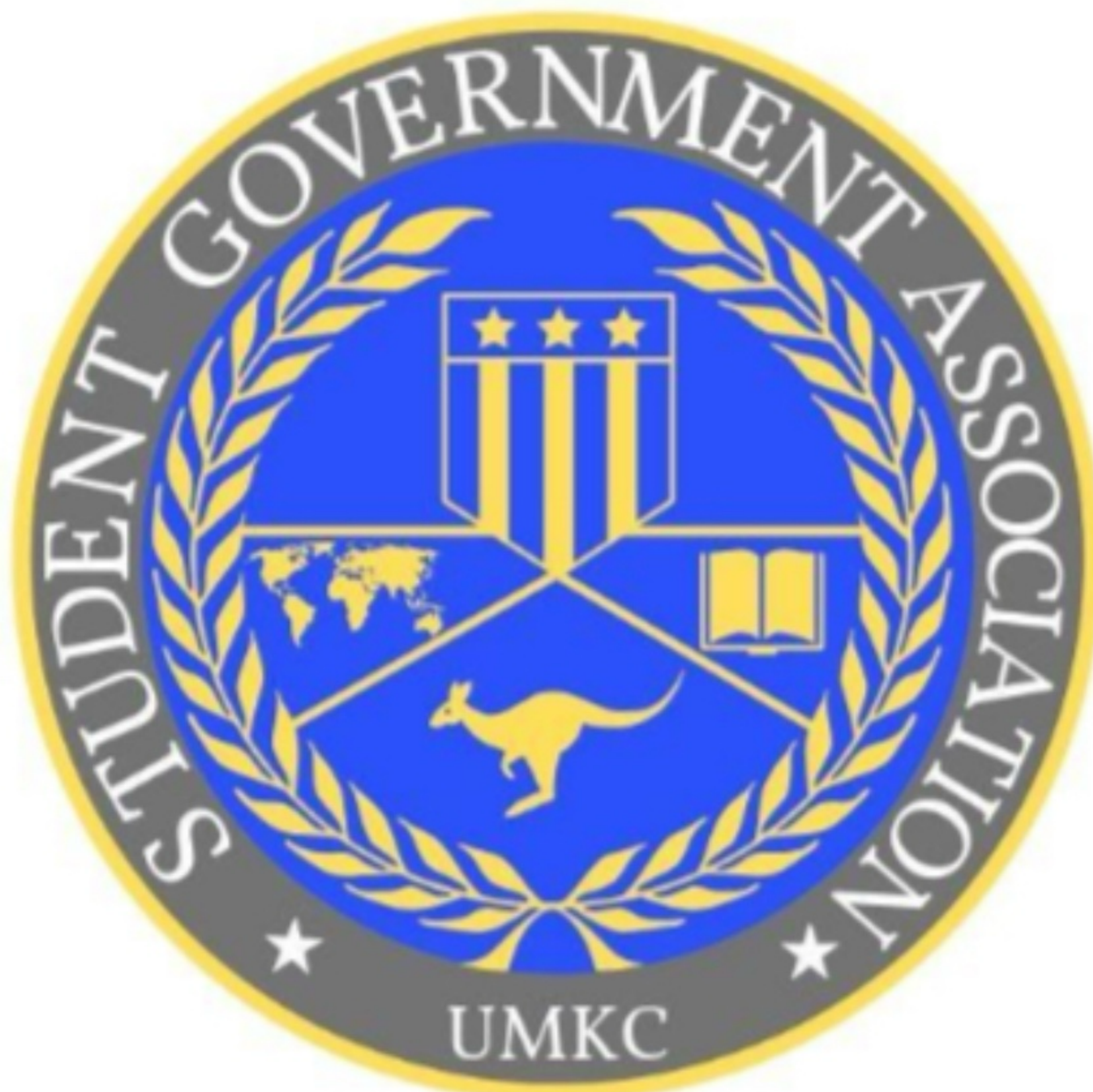
**WHEREAS**, Troost Avenue, named after Benoist Troost—a known slave owner—represents a legacy that stands in contrast to the values of equality, inclusion, and justice upheld by the University of Missouri-Kansas City and its students;

**WHEREAS**, both the Volker and Health Sciences campuses of UMKC sit along Troost Avenue, and we recognize the influence that this name and its history have on our community's collective consciousness;

**WHEREAS**, the Student Government Association stands in solidarity with community leaders, activists, and residents who have long advocated for the renaming of Troost Avenue to "Truth Avenue" as a symbol of healing, reconciliation, and progress;

**WHEREAS**, renaming Troost Avenue to Truth Avenue would be a meaningful and intentional step forward in addressing the generational harm caused by racial injustice and would reflect the inclusive spirit of our university and city;

THEREFORE, I, JUSTICE HORN, PRESIDENT OF STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION, hereby proclaim our full support for the efforts to rename Troost Avenue to Truth Avenue and affirm our commitment to standing on the side of truth, justice, and equity for all members of our community.



## Truth over Troost

BY THE PRESIDENT: \_\_\_\_\_

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Justice Horn", written over a horizontal line.