**Student Government Association**

**Murray State University**

*Minutes***|** 10.20.21

**Come to order at 4:33 PM**

**Attendance: 46**

**Voting Members in Attendance: 33**

**Quorum: (amount needed for votes) 25**

**Approval of last meeting’s minutes: Motion to approve last week’s minutes by Caryl Lyn Akers and seconded by Michael Brown. Motion passed.**

Old Business: none

New Business:

* Veterans Video. Made video thanking veterans for service.
* Abortion Protest- not affiliated with MSU, cannot deny entrance to university due to free speech. Counseling services on campus can help anyone affected or hurt by the protests. Ian recommends warning students two weeks before these groups come to campus. Chief Gentry was very proud of student’s response to protest.

Opened for discussion:

Ty Allen: Judicial board cannot remove free speech zone. Make sure counter protests do not include hate speech or fighting words. If SGA members are caught participating in violent protest they will be removed from office.

Reem: Does free speech circle have to be in the walkway in front of Blackburn/carr health?

Dr: Jackson: Free speech zone used to be the entire campus. We have to respect first amendment right. Different places were discussed for location. Legally, has to be in a high traffic area. This group wants you to engage with them, I’ve told students to ignore them and do not engage with them. You may not agree but have to respect right to say it. Zone could be moved- but has to be moved to a prominent spot.

Student guest: Adequately prepare students to know when groups will be on campus, a schedule of free speech zone users, students did not consent to see images

Emma Renfro: Let office of recruitment know to prepare tours

Caryl Lyn: University put out a sign saying these are not the views of the university.

Elaina Gilly: Have SGA release a statement. Would it be possible to have counselors at demonstrations? Who would be in charge of the alert system and how much information would be sent out?

Dr. Jackson: Concern about alerting beforehand causing groups to grow in size and become out of hand.

Connor Washburn: Would it have to go out for every group?

Student guest: Read statement on behalf of students in opposition of the demonstration. Called SGA to action. Requests facilitation of alert system. Requests formation of counseling and care team in response to protests.

Reem: can we get more counseling signs? In general

Student guest: Warning signs in places other than just the walkway that way students coming from all directions are adequately warned.

Luke Wyatt: freshman council- can students register free speech zone or only outside groups? How do they?

Dr. Jackson: Yes anyone can. There is a registration process through the office of student affairs.

Student guest: title six and title nine being applied to visitors.

Ty Allen: Are you asking about prosecuting them? Or how is applies to them? Policies put in place on campus are applied to any person on campus whether they are a student, faculty, or visitor. Have to act on current policy or make new policy. Cannot act on extenuating circumstances.

Reagan Johnson: Is there any noise level requirements? My class was disrupted two weeks in a row.

Dr. Robertson: Cannot disrupt classes, report it and it will be shut down.

Guests:

* 1st Generation Student celebration November 4th 11-1pm CC Ballroom
* Carrie McGinnis
  + Tents at tent city will be open during the game instead of closing up at the start of the game- golf carts can help unload tents from 1:30-2:00 or tents have to be taken down within hour after game over. Everyone needs to be respectful of opposing team and coaches. Adhere to tailgating policy. All music has to be cut off at 1:40pm.

Mrs. Jeanie Morgan (Advisor to SGA and Student Organizations):

* Extremely important that everyone helps with parade line up
* Everyone is assigned a star of where to stand
* We will give everyone paper directions and a lanyard
* Everyone be at municipal parking lot at 7:30
* Cars will be lined up at 8 prefer cars and float get there before, parade starts at 9:30 whether people are there or not.
* SGA Photo at 1:30 by scoreboard

Dr. Bob Jackson (President of Murray State University):

(presented by Jeanie)

* Goodies- When was the first homecoming? 1931 – Cameron Woods won cup
* Free coffee tickets- everyone gets one.

Dr. Don Robertson (Vice President of Student Affairs):

Remind everyone about flu shot clinic on 27th and 28th

Kade Gambill (CSI Office Coordinator):

* Trivia is cancelled tomorrow.

Dining Services:

* Tomorrow at winslow eat an apple day – candy and caramel apples.
* Doing customer satisfaction survey thru the 30th- 40in smart tv as prize.
* Caryl Lyn Akers: Grubhub has not worked for Einstein this week.
* Ellie McGowan: Placing a grubhub order and it is cancelled after.
  + Looking into that- was an issue before with labor issues but should be resolved now.
* Caryl Lyn: Can food truck be open later?
  + Short term - No. Can look into it for next semester.
* Cole Wyatt: will there be more options on the food truck?
  + Chef Joey is working on some weekly specials

Auxiliary Services:

* Update on P3. Michael is doing a great job.

Facilities Management Representative:

* Will be transitioning to heat in dorms as they vote on when they want heat turned on. Second week of November is tentative date for heat on in academic buildings.

**Executive Board Reports**

Ian Puckett (President):

* Reiterate Jeanie’s point about homecoming.
* No dress code for Saturday. Thank you for open discussion- we will take action on what we can.

Molly Logsdon (Executive Vice President and President of Campus Activities Board):

* Stuff-A-Horse tomorrow from 11-3

Walt Steely (Vice President of Finance):

* We were one of the organizations to win the incentives for vaccine cards, so thank you for doing that.

**Branch Reports**

Ty Allen (Chief Justice):

* If you hear rumors of cases going on campus, stop them. If you have questions contact me and I will let you know as much as I can. If the entire campus needs to be notified, they will be. Do not give comments to media outlets.

Chelsea Jones (President of Residential College Association):

* NRHH won 6 OTMs, most out of any university in south Atlantic region.
* Lobby decorations are due this Friday.
* Trick or treat between res halls on the 29th, open to anyone.

**Senate Chair Reports**

Chief of Staff:

* Still working on drafting information on committees.

Elections Ways and Means:

* Not present- homecoming king and queen elections are open. They close at 11:59 tomorrow.

Diversity and Inclusion:

* Student Affairs was dismissive of student call about anti-abortion demonstration and felt hurt by this. We need to emotionally support our students. Please be more aware of people’s feelings. As a student body, let’s be there for each other a little more.

Enrollment Management and Student Success:

* Dr. R attended freshman council meeting and discussed Curris Center renovation. Most likely will begin this summer. Will be done in stages.
* Concerns and requests in front of franklin trash is overflowing.
* Winslow pizza is a big hit with freshman.

**Motion to adjourn meeting by Hunter Book and seconded by Emma Renfro. Motion Passed. Adjourn at 5:47 PM.**