**Student Government Association**

**Murray State University**

*Minutes***|** 11.10.21

**Come to order at 4:30 PM**

**Attendance: 46**

**Voting Members in Attendance: 37 members of senate**

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

**Approval of last meeting’s minutes: Motion to approve last week’s minutes by Reem Turkmani and seconded by Emma Renfro. Motion passed.**

Guests:

* Ashley Ireland (Interim Provost)
  + Fall 2022 – There will be a new University Studies core set of course. For students who begin in the coming fall, it will start with them.
  + The university studies committee is charged to look over the university studies every 6 years.
  + New university studies requirements go from a minimum of 37 to 32 credit hours. There is one course in every category.
  + All departments are revising their curriculum to fit this core group of requirements.
  + This change also includes a lot more options for students to fulfill their university studies course.
  + Presdent Jackson put together a commission on academic advising. He charged us to make potential changing about advising. Ashley is one of the co-chairs with Peggy Whaley to do that. We have worked for several months. Next month, we will ask for a lot of information about advising. This will help improve the process and re-arrangement of advising.
  + [Aireland@murraystate.edu](mailto:Aireland@murraystate.edu) for specific recommendations about advising changes!

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

* Upload Vaccine card if you have not yet to be in the two drawings for $2500.
* Get vaccinated if you have not!
* Senior Breakfast is this coming Tuesday at 8am in the Curris Center ballroom.
* Veteran’s Day tomorrow. If you know any veterans, thank them for their service.
* This is a high stress time! If you need resources (Psychological Center, Counseling Center, etc.), please utilize them. If you know of someone who is struggling, make sure they take advantage of the resources.

Kade Gambill (CSI Office Coordinator):

* Make sure to get your headshots in when you can!

Dining Services:

* Veterans Day special at Starbucks. Free tall brewed coffee or $2 off any other coffee drink.
* 11/18 is our Holiday Meal at Winslow.
* Almost Midnight Breakfast is 12/5 with a Winter Wonderland.
* If you go to any Racer sporting events, you can use flex dollars for the concession stand.

Auxiliary Services:

* Dr. R does so much with this university! Another committee that he is chairing and that Mr. Looney is involved in is regarding the barriers for students coming to college. They are studying what the barriers are for coming to college or continuing in college. Think about the experiences you went through as you applied vs other universities. How was the experience with MSU different or better compared to other universities? Provide feedback to [dlooney1@murraystate.edu](mailto:dlooney1@murraystate.edu).
  + Suggestion per senate chair: Application fees, graduation fees, parking fees, etc. are a huge hurdle.

Facilities Management Representative:

* November 15 will begin heat in the academic buildings. It will take at least a week.
* A lot of the buildings in the quad and Sparks are on central steam. All the other newer buildings are on their own boilers.

**Executive Board Reports**

Ian Puckett (President):

* Last meeting of the semester is next week!
* Committee preferences form will be discussed by Ellie McGowan.

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

* Last novelty event. Aroma Jars from 11-3pm.
* Last CAB event is Curris center Christmas on December 1 at 4:30.

Amy Krazl (Vice President of Administration):

* Please send excuses 24 hours before last meeting next week.

**Branch Reports**

Jay Taggart (President of Residential College Association):

* Dec 4 is hanging of the green. Theme is Christmas Around the World.

**Senate Chair Reports**

Chief of Staff:

* If you need to fill out the preference sheet for committees, please email Ellie or Amy.
* Some committees are super popular and some are not. If there is any chance that you might want to change your preferences, please see Ellie.
* Committee assignments will go out once all senators are accounted for.

Publications and Public Relations:

* Cori Hack and Taryn Hamilton.
* Have your organizations repost the stories!

University Affairs:

* Thank you for volunteering at the blood drive! We got 43 more units of blood than was our goal (143 units).

Enrollment Management and Student Success:

* Freshman Council – last meeting is next week
* Stay at Thanksgiving Break: Housing will close but there is temporary housing for those that cannot go home. They must indicate to housing that they would like to remain but they can stay in certain residential colleges. If you live in Clark, you can reside in your room because it will be open. Otherwise, if your building is not open, the student will be moved to another building with an empty room.

**Motion to adjourn meeting by Hunter Book and seconded by Caryl Lyn Akers. Motion Passed. Adjourn at 5:03 PM.**