**Student Government Association**

**Murray State University**

*Minutes***|** 11.17.21

**Come to order at 4:42 PM**

**Attendance: 43**

**Voting Members in Attendance: 30 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.**

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

* Good luck on exams! Thank you for all you do.

Kade Gambill (CSI Office Coordinator):

* Fill out evaluation please!

Dining Services:

* Holiday meal at Winslow tomorrow at 4. Dining will shut down at 2 in order to get prepared.
* December 5th is Almost Midnight Breakfast. This is open to all students, regardless of meal plan.
* Dining is hiring! Please apply or tell your friends to do so. Very flexible with schedules and competitive with wages.

Auxiliary Services:

* Thank you to Michael for sitting on the P3 committee.
* Interviews were just completed today.
* Plan that was requested is a proposal for 2 residential style buildings that will have 300 beds each, an apartment style living with 100 beds, and a new dining hall.
* They wanted these ideas to be delivered this by Fall of 2023.
* Breaking ground will begin hopefully summer or fall of 2022.
* Spaces that will be built on starting now: The old Springer lot in front of Wellness Center. North of Richmond, between College Courts and Richmond. Regents and White location.
* Will dorms ever be built on the academic side of campus? Students liked that there is an academic and residential side. There probably won’t be much migration of academic living. However, we very much value students living on campus. There are statistics that show students

Facilities Management Representative:

* Freshmen in Richmond and Clark are concerned about elevators in these buildings. How often are elevators checked? They are checked regularly and are up to date, but he will update us.
* Check water temperature in Richmond. He will get back with us.
* Is there any way to put in a cross walk at the BCM/IM fields. That may be a city issue, but it can be looked into.

**Executive Board Reports**

Ian Puckett (President):

* Spring 2022 Mask Policy
* No definitive answers yet
	+ We are a state-funded institution, so a large part of what we do will be based off of decisions made in Frankfort
	+ We have reached a 61% vaccination rate **based off voluntary uploads**of COVID-19 Vaccination cards
		- We estimate that our numbers are in the 70s, which is not quite to 80%, but we are very pleased
* If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Ian
* Upcoming Goals for Spring 2022
* Mental Health
	+ Focusing on empowering students, equipping them with coping strategies, and looking into securing more funding for mental health programs
		- We recently received a $70,000 grant for mental health services during COVID-19, but we need more to further enhance our services
	+ Working closely with Racers Empower, Active Minds, etc.
* Diversity and Inclusion
	+ Looking at enhancing the diversity of our recruitment
		- The Office of Recruitment is working on increasing their focus on multicultural recruitment, and I would like to assist in any way that I can so we can increase our diversity on campus
	+ I intend to reach out to student organizations such as Black Student Council, the International Student Organization, LGBTQ+ Alliance, etc. to see about potential programming opportunities, etc.
		- I intend to work with all students on campus to further enhance our diversity and inclusion efforts on campus
* SGA will move back to video and/or audio recordings of our meetings
* Our meetings are open to the public to begin with, and this would further improve our transparency to the student body
* Next election dates: Traditionally the week before spring break.
* Committee assignments will be emailed in the minutes.

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

* December 1st
	+ 11-3 Holiday Stuff A Pet & left-over aroma jars
	+ 4:30 Curris Center Christmas

Walt Steely (Vice President of Finance):

* Let Walt know if there are any questions for the budget.
* Is there room in the budget for the mental health campaign?
	+ It can be looked into!

Amy Krazl (Vice President of Administration):

* Thanks for sending in excuses so faithfully this semester! Please continue to be timely next semester.

**Branch Reports**

Chelsea Jones (President of Residential College Association):

* December 4 from 11-2pm – Hanging of the Green
	+ Tables from residential colleges will be here
	+ For kids and students!

**Senate Chair Reports**

Chief of Staff:

* Committee assignments read by Ian in Ellie’s absence.

Publications and Public Relations:

* Please take your headshots!

Government Relations:

* Dalton will be graduating this semester. We will miss you! He will be working in WKU’s radio in Bowling Green.

Enrollment Management and Student Success:

* Closing session with the Freshman council was yesterday, and it went well. Ian came and it was great!

Committee Reports:

Announcements:

* Please fill vacancies in Senate and in CAB! Tell everyone you know!

**Motion to adjourn meeting by Reem Turkmani and seconded by Reis Witte. Motion Passed. Adjourn at 5:18 PM.**