



Murray State Student Government Association

# MEETING MINUTES 1/25

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*Come to order: 4:35 pm*

*Approval of minutes: Motion by Michael Arnal Brown, seconded by Cameron Woods. Motion passed—minutes approved.*

*Quorum: 19 (24 voting members total in attendance)*

Old Business: none to report

New Business:

- Confirmation of Lexi Stone as Chief Justice; vote and confirm.
  - Motion made by Grady Ward; seconded by Jake Hicks. Motion passed. Lexi further swears in as Chief Justice.
  - Bill 89-23-R1: “Bill to adopt the Amendments to the SGA bylaws”; changes are highlighted and brought forward by the SGA exec team.
    - Motion by Cole Wells; Seconded by Grady Ward. Motion passed unanimously.
  - Bill 90-23-RI: “Bill to Adopt Amendments to the judicial board operating principles”; changes are highlighted and brought forward by the SGA exec team.
    - Motion by Cole Wyatt; seconded by Jake Hicks. Motion passed unanimously.

Announcements:

- Carbondale SIU has challenged our student section. Make sure to have school spirit and attend the games—especially as leaders in SGA. Also encourage your friends/organizations to do the same! Greek Night on February 7th—show up and show out!
- Referees are needed for IM basketball. Email [msu.intramurals@murraystate.edu](mailto:msu.intramurals@murraystate.edu) if interested.
- Sigma Alpha is having a spring recruitment week next week.
- Last day to change your meal plan is Friday, January 27th.
- Scam emails; if it doesn't come from a Murray State email address and it's about a Murray department, it is most likely a scam. Forward these emails to Ellie to get it blocked from the servers.
- Admitted student weekend is coming up on February 4th.
- AKA will be having a vision board event on February 2nd; flyer will be attached to the email.

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**Presenters/Guests**

- None for this meeting
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## **Branch Reports**

Lexi Stone, Chief Justice Elec:

- No report for this semester so far.

Nicholas Novotka (Residential College President):

- Regional Business conference on February 17th-19th.
- There will be a rebate night at Qdoba on February 2nd.
- Housing Ceremony and Banquet on April 28th.

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## **Officer Reports**

Jacob Fritts (Vice President of Finance):

- No report.

Claudia Sweeney (Vice President of Administration):

- Send excuses 24 hours in advance for the Senate meetings. In order to withhold your position in the Senate, you are required to be available each Wednesday from 4:30-5:30.
- Our regional campuses are going to start joining our meetings via zoom.

Gabe Maynard (Executive Vice President & President of Campus Activities Board):

- Puzzles were held today (Wednesday, January 25th); over 200 puzzles were made.
- February 14th: custom stickers
- Award applications are due soon.
- Succulents and Stuff-A-Pet will be held towards the end of March

Ellie McGowan (President):

- We will be meeting in Freed Curd until March (as of now)
- We are still on the 3rd floor of Curris; take the small elevator (by the recruitment office; hit the 3R button to access the offices).
- Met with Provost Todd to discuss professors straying away from finals week schedule (having tests before finals week). Hopefully this issue will be resolved.
- The exec team has been meeting with athletics in regards to student involvement at games. Make sure to attend the games and support our student athletes.
- Multiple vacancies are still available on the website to apply for.



- Board Meeting with Council on Postsecondary education this week–includes the KY board of Student Body Presidents.

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## **Director Reports**

Amya Ferguson, Diversity and Inclusion:

- Absent from meeting; no report.

Hanna Scott, Election Ways and Means:

- No report.

Emma Gage, Enrollment Management & Student Success:

- Freshman Council meeting at 5:00 on Monday in the Ohio Room

Government Relations: Position is vacant at this time.

Shana Leuking, Public Relations:

- Share SGA posts on Instagram.

Beau Osborne, University Affairs:

- Absent from meeting; No report.

Isaiah Pruitt, Chief of Staff:

- Government Relations position is vacant; let us know of any recommendations to fill this position.

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## **University Committee Reports**

President's Office, Dr. Bob Jackson/Jordan Smith:

- Absent from meeting; Welcome back to school!

Student Affairs Office, Dr. Don Robertson:

- Absent from meeting; Welcome back; excited for this semester!

Police Chief, Jeff Gentry:

- This is Chief Gentry's last meeting, due to retirement. Ryan Orr (Interim chief) will now be attending the Senate meetings.

Facilities Management, Mr. Jason Youngblood:



- Welcome back to campus!
- Issues from weather on campus during break are being resolved.
- Hopefully the SGA office will be completed soon.

Dining Services, Mr. Jim Halcolmbe & Megan Hart:

- Share the events on social media.
- The last day to update meal plans is the 27th; the blue meal plan does not include meal exchanges (need gold or premium).
- Events:
  - Late Night Learning (on campus cooking classes) will be starting February 9th with cake baking/decorating; more classes will be offered throughout the semester.
  - Valentines event: Upscale retail dinner at steak n shake. Reservations are \$15 and include dinner, a drink, a premium milkshake, and free glass.
  - The Culinary Council will now meet once a month both for an hour at lunch and at dinner (samples will be provided).

Auxiliary Services, Mr. David Looney:

- Food recommendations for the west side of campus survey will hopefully be released at the end of this week.
- P3 Project update: interest rates have become too high for the project to be continued at this point in time. However, contracts and designs are ready to go- as soon as the project becomes financially feasible, we will be able to move forward.

Advisor to SGA & Student Organizations, Mrs. Jeanie Morgan:

- Please nominate teachers and staff for the upcoming awards.
  - Max Carman Outstanding Teacher Application Due on February 8th at noon.
  - Jim Baurer Staff Service Award Application & Ralph H. Woods Award Application Due on March 8th at noon.

Center for Student Involvement Office Coordinator, Mr. Kade Gambill:

- SGA Election applications are due by Monday, February 27th at noon. The candidates meeting will be held the same day at 5pm.
- Presidential Lecture is on February 28th.

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*Motion to adjourn meeting made by Grady ward and seconded by Allen Everett .  
Motion Passed. Adjourn at 5:20pm.*