**Student Government Association**

**Murray State University**

*Minutes***|** 2.9.22

**Come to order at 4:32 PM**

**Attendance: 35**

**Voting Members in Attendance: 22 members of senate**

**Quorum:**

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

New Business:

* Gov’t Relations committee to order to draft the letters. See Gov’t Relations report below for more information.

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

* Dr. Jackson has been in Frankfurt since the beginning of the semester, so he apologizes for missing the SGA meetings.
* February 17 and 24th will be BIG basketball games! Come out!
* Presidential lecture is Wednesday February 23rd, W. Earl Brown. He will be the first alum to be a speaker. It will be a great night, please attend. He’s been in movies such as Scream, Something About Mary, and more.
* Architectural renderings of the Curris Center will be available soon.

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

* Two dates to remember: February 11 is the scholarship deadline so make sure to apply! It’s been extended!
* Admitted student weekend is rescheduled for February 19th. There will be a lot of prospective students on campus. Make sure to greet them!
* This month is Black History Month, so encourage you to support those activities going on.

Kade Gambill (CSI Office Coordinator):

* Reiterating applying for elections!

Dining Services:

* February 14th: an awesome Valentine’s dinner in the Curris Center Ballroom. Please RSVP if you’d like to go! It will be an awesome wait-staffed dinner. It will cost a meal swipe + $8 flex.
* February 22, there will be a dinner at Winslow celebrating Black History Month. There will be a trivia night, partnering with Dr. Carthell and the Multicultural Affairs office.
* The yearly survey is starting February 14th. You could win a TV or $500!
* Valentine’s specials
* Super Bowl foods on Sunday February 13th. Cincinnati chili is the special!
* Pony Express is back!! Weekly specials starting now.

Auxiliary Services:

* Decisions when weather is apparent in regarding dining. Jim goes around and picks up workers to serve at Winslow during bad weather. Thanks to him and his team! There are a lot of behind the scenes things that go on.

Facilities Management Representative:

* Jason youngblood would have more details about the renderings that may be coming.

**Executive Board Reports**

Ian Puckett (President):

* Scholarship deadline has been extended to February 11 at 4:30pm.
* Run for elections! February 28 at noon. Must attend meeting if running at 4pm. No campaigning before the meeting on the 28th.
* March 14 and 15th are elections. Vote on myGate.
* Closing vacancy filling until next term.

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

* Next CAB event 3/9: Custom Puzzles
* Going to NACA next week to look for more events to bring to campus

**Senate Chair Reports**

Chief of Staff:

* If you are new to SGA, please stay after the meeting to be added to a committee.
* If you feel negatively about your committee assignments, please discuss those concerns with Ellie at any time.

Publications and Public Relations:

* Student organizations did an excellent job sharing the SGA posts.
* Committee: please fill out the survey that Sarah sent!
* Cole Wyatt, Cameron Woods and Reis Witte will be the highlights this week.

University Affairs:

* To the University Affairs committee, Retiazsha will be sending out a message to meet next week.

Government Relations:

* The committee will be sending letters to Higher Education officials thanking for their budget proposals. Letter of thanks to Rep. Imes for the government relations committee. Senator Howell will also receive a letter of thanks. Third, the letters of concern regarding House Bills 130 and 290 will be sent by 2/18.
* Bill discussion with the Senate:
	+ Bill #1 (House Bill 130) discussion: Abolishes free speech zones. Any students or public can come on campus to speak anywhere that they want as long as they are speaking peacefully. The executive thoughts about this are negative. There is concern for congestion in student walkways and opens the door to violence. The best way to put it is that this bill would be legalizing loitering. The Senate seems to be against this bill.
	+ Bill #2 (House Bill 290) discussion: This bill states that for any minor infraction that a student would like to press charges, the university would foot the bill for those legal charges. No matter how big or small, win or lose. Most students are against this bill.
* In regard to these bills, if you would like to dispute these bills, write any of your state legislatures. Write this letter sooner rather than later.
* Committee will meet soon to discuss this.

Elections Ways and Means:

* Find dates for elections in Ian’s report.
* If you would like to be in SGA next term, please run for elections. No one’s position will automatically carry over.

Diversity and Inclusion:

* We will be doing some programming with Black Student Council this month for Black History Month.

Enrollment Management and Student Success:

* Freshmen council meeting is tomorrow (Thursday) in the SGA office.

Committee Reports:

* Meghan Walker:
	+ Study abroad program next year! Please see attached flier in minutes email.
* Abigail Harris:
	+ Murray

Announcements:

**Motion to adjourn meeting by Caryl Lyn Akers and seconded by Michael Brown. Motion Passed. Adjourn at \_\_\_\_ PM.**