



Murray State Student Government Association

# MEETING MINUTES 2/8

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*Come to order: 4:30pm*

*Approval of minutes: Motion by Michael Arnal-Brown; seconded by Owen Smith. Motion passed. Minutes approved.*

*Quorum: 19 (28 voting members in attendance)*

Old Business: none to report

New Business:

- Motion to open the floor up for discussion about meeting spaces on campus. Motion made by Cole Wyatt; seconded by Grady Ward. Motion passed. Discussion details:
  - Senate members discussed previous issues with using the Mason Hall auditorium. Some suggested using meeting spaces in Alexander Hall, lecture halls in the Engineering & Physics building, Hutson School of Ag, the business building, and classrooms in Franklin residential college.
  - Motion to close discussion made by Michael Arnal-Brown; seconded by Cameron Woods. Motion passed.
- The exec team has recommended the following slate to appoint:
  - Jones College of Sci, Engineering, and Tech Senator - Nate Ragland
  - Elizabeth (RCC) Senator - Kylie Givens
  - Richmond (RCC) Senator - Caleb Trieb
  - Humanities and Fine Arts Senator - Colson Thomas
  - Government Relations Senate Chair - Luke Wyatt
  - Motion to appoint slate made by Jake Hicks; seconded by Cole Wyatt. Motion passed.

Announcements:

- The women's basketball Greek night game is this Friday (2/10).
- AGD having a Rebate night at Culver's tonight (2/8).
- Delta Sigma Theta is hosting their Delta week next week. The theme is Delta-land (Candyland) and more details can be found in the GroupMe.

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**Presenters/Guests: no presenters or guests this week.**

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## Branch Reports

Lexi Stone (Chief Justice):

- Absent from meeting. Report given by Claudia: Curris parking tickets are still an issue. These are \$90 tickets and we hate seeing so many students getting them so I am going to talk to the parking office and Greg to see



what they think about sending out a reminder that the parking has changed and let the students know that it is a \$90 fine if they park as a visitor!

Nicholas Novotka (Residential College President):

- 8 days until the Regional Conference that Murray State RCC is hosting this year.
- Dr. T (Clark college head) is working on starting the Great Beginnings leaders again.
- RCC Rebate Night from 4-9 at Q Doba tomorrow (2/9).
- The Murray State basketball residential college night will be held on February 18th.
- Yesterday a Valentines Cards event was held.

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## Officer Reports

Jacob Fritts (Vice President of Finance): No report.

Claudia Sweeney (Vice President of Administration): No report.

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

- Upcoming CAB events: Custom stickers will be on Tuesday (2/14) (signups to work the event will be sent out closer to time), Stuff a Pet will be on February 28th, and Succulents will be on March 15th.
- There will be a CAB meeting next tuesday (2/14) at 5:30.

Ellie McGowan (President):

- Attended a joint meeting with all state university presidents, SGA presidents, and every board member of CPE. Had the chance to talk about Murray State and our organization. Further discussed mental health and fafsa bill.
- The resolution to honor Chief Gentry's service was presented at his retirement reception this afternoon.
- Beau has stepped down as the University Affairs Senate Chair. The application for this position will be open tomorrow. With this position , you are in charge of planning both blood drives.

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## Director Reports

Amya Ferguson, Diversity and Inclusion: no report.

Hanna Scott, Election Ways and Means: no report.



Emma Gage, Enrollment Management & Student Success: no report

Government Relations: Luke Wyatt is appointed to this position.

Shana Leuking, Public Relations:

- Be sure to like, share, and comment on the SGA instagram posts.

University Affairs: position vacant.

Isaiah Pruitt, Chief of Staff:

- New senators, make sure to contact about committees.

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## University Committee Reports

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

- President Jackson: the presidential lecture will be held on February 28th at 7:30 pm in Lovett auditorium. W. Earl Brown will be the guest speaker. Come out and show support-it means alot to administrators and the speaker. Also, thank you for all of the support at the basketball games.
- Government Relations-Jordan Smith:
  - Attended the CPE meeting 2 weeks ago in Frankfort with Ellie and she represented Murray State well.
  - In regards to the fafsa bill, filed by Steve Riley: this bill would require all public high schools to do a fafsa session. Every student would be required to attend a session before receiving their diploma.
  - Tuition freeze bill: wouldn't be of best interest for Murray State students as it caps at 5-7% freeze-MSU is looking at a 1-1.5% tuition increase per year.

Student Affairs Office, Dr. Don Robertson:

- Regarding the fafsa bill: a lot of students who don't apply for fafsa, miss out on scholarships, so it is important to complete.
- Student Engagement and success: over 1,100 students have signed up for orientation (last year it was around 740 students). We had an outstanding admitted student kickoff (around 460 students; last year was around 250). For the Presidential Scholarship interviews, there were 40 more this year than last year.

MSU Police, Chief Ryan Orr:



- Thank you for recognizing Chief Gentry. Ryan Orr serves as the interim chief and introduces Lieutenant Christopher Fike. If you have any questions, feel free to contact either.

Facilities Management, Mr. Jason Youngblood: absent from meeting; no report.

Dining Services, Mr. Jim Halcolmbe & Mrs. Megan Hart:

- Upcoming events:
  - Tomorrow (2/9) wraps up the Taste of Racer Dining event (samplings from various locations). Rush In to Win promotion—if you purchase any Pepsi products at Market 22 you can be entered into a drawing for Pepsi cooler and merch. The Late Night learning event tomorrow is sold out. This Saturday grubhub promotion for National Latte Day—use code latte2 for \$2 off any latte at Starbucks. There will be games at Winslow on superbowl Sunday. Chic fil a will also be having football trays and heart trays will be available for Valentine’s Day. Tickets for the Valentine’s Day dinner at Steak n Shake are \$15 and reservations are required. Black History Bowl will be on February 22nd. February 21st will be a mardi gras event. Culinary council will now have two sessions at noon and 5pm in Winslow.

Auxiliary Services, Mr. David Looney:

- There is a survey going around regarding expanding the food options on the west side of campus. Flyers are posted around with QR code. Participants will be entered into a drawing for \$50 of flex added to account.

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

- Hopefully our new office will be open by February 15th– need help moving things from the current office to new.
- Don’t forget to apply for the next term SGA positions. The deadline is February 27th at noon– NO LATER! The candidates meeting will be held that night at 5pm.
- There are At-large, Clark, and Hester openings; apply on the website.

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

- The updated vacancies are on the website now—they can be found under senate vacancies applications. There are also J-board vacancies still open.



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*Motion to adjourn meeting made by Clint Draper and seconded by Skylar Lawrence. Motion passed unanimously. Adjourn at 5:12 pm.*