**Student Government Association**

**Murray State University**

*Minutes***|** 3.2.22

**Come to order at 4:33 PM**

**Attendance: Full is 38 (40 with freshmen senators)**

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

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

**Approval of last meeting’s minutes: Motion to approve last week’s minutes by Hunter Book and seconded by Kade Portz. Motion passed.**

Mrs. Jeanie Morgan (Advisor to SGA and Student Organizations):

* She is excited about all of the new people running for SGA! Thank you to all the senators for your great job this year so far.

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

* Appreciative of leadership.

Kade Gambill (CSI Office Coordinator):

* RSO student leadership award applications are due March 29th

Dining Services:

* Mardi Gras at Winslow last night was a success.
* Friday is the National Employee Appreciation Day! Make sure to fill out the cards at all of the dining locations.

Auxiliary Services:

* Springer Hall is used for isolation/COVID positive students. However, there are currently no students needing these rooms. It is currently being cleared out and is scheduled for demo this summer.

Facilities Management Representative:

* In Wilson Hall on South end, there is a flickering pretty badly. That will get taken care of!
* Other universities have been lighting up buildings in Yellow and Blue in support of Ukraine. This is something that Senate seems in favor of.
* It was requested that the piano be put away during the middle school or high school visits. SSC will take care of this.
* The gravel parking lot across from the Pike House is very bumpy.
* Cross walks by the Nash House are potentially dangerous due to traffic and lack of a speed table. Chief Gentry has said he will patrol that crosswalk more closely.

**Executive Board Reports**

Ian Puckett (President):

* Scholarship information for practicum students
* Adding senators to the Senate to represent College Courts
* Go to the OVC tournament to cheer on the racers this weekend!
  + $5 tickets with your student ID at the Ford Center!
* Professors are not allowed to mandate masks in their own classrooms.

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

* Next CAB event is 3/9: Custom Puzzles
* Encourage your friends to apply for CAB

Amy Krazl (Vice President of Administration):

* Tell your friends to get on myGate and vote!

**Branch Reports**

Ty Allen (Chief Justice):

* All justices have decided on 78 appeals. Submitted on Friday. All decisions are in revision process and finalized decisions should be done by tomorrow.
* There have been a number of thefts of catalytic converters. Call the police if you see suspicious activity.

**Senate Chair Reports**

Publications and Public Relations:

* If you get a new phone number, please email Amy so that Sarah can post about the Senator of the week.

University Affairs:

* April 5 and 6 will be the next Blood Drive.
* We will take volunteers in the next couple of weeks.

Government Relations:

* Bills sent to the Gov’t relations committee today. If anything is catching your eye, please voice your opinion!
* House Bill 51 (no longer mandating masks in KY). It has moved on the process of being approved. This bill is not super relevant to us at this moment, as the University has lifted mask mandates.

Elections Ways and Means:

* Thank you to all running for positions.
* SGA elections March 14 and 15! Everyone votes on myGate.
* There will be vacancies for residential colleges. These will be filled through interviews, hopefully completed before the end of the academic school year.
* If you would like to set up a computer to vote around campus, that is allowed. However, you may not sway tell students HOW to vote or automatically set the computer to vote for your favored candidate.

Enrollment Management and Student Success:

* Jordan Smith will be the guest speaker at the freshmen council meeting tomorrow.

Committee Reports:

* Reem Turkmani:
  + She proposed an idea for an intercultural prayer room at Murray State. There are a ton of bible studies done in Curris. At other universities, they have a intercultural prayer room for these gatherings. This is something that could definitely be brought to campus that would be a safe place. There are a lot of people that would appreciate this, regardless of religion. Discussion included room reservation policy, furniture and carpet.
  + Reem will begin drafting the bill and Amy will then get it to administration as soon as possible.
* Garrett Hastings:
  + Regarding the study abroad policy. If a country is deemed a level 4 threat, students cannot go study abroad. This policy is different across universities. For other universities, a level 4 is not completely off limits. It is simply restricted and has to go through an appeals process. The other three major universities in Kentucky have this appeals process. This is something that can be brought up to the administration.
* Cole Wyatt:
  + Conversation regarding honors college obtaining a representative on Student Government. It was discussed further that other organizations could request this and there would be no limit on which organizations wanted to add a senator.

**Motion to adjourn meeting by Hunter Book and seconded by Michael Brown. Motion Passed. Adjourn at 5:18 PM.**