**Student Government Association**

**Murray State University**

*Minutes***|** 4.27.22

**Come to order at 4:30 PM**

**Attendance: 36**

**Voting Members in Attendance: 26 members of senate**

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

New Business:

* Jordan Smith:
  + House Bill 251 passed at the State level
    - This bill was one that Murray State was particularly against
    - Provides students with due process protections (similar to criminal and vial court. Student has a right to active representation (attorney) in any case. Particularly expulsion and suspension (greater than 3 days)
    - The possible concerns with this bill: it’s inequitable in how it treats cases. If a student can afford an upper-level attorney, it could create an upper hand for that student compared to the one that cannot afford it. It also takes away our ability as a university to deal with things internally.
    - Example: if you are expelled, there is now an ability for it to be appealed and brought to court with an attorney. Murray State is required to pay court charges.
  + Congratulations to Jordan for receiving the Jim Bauer Outstanding Staff Award

Dr. Bob Jackson (President):

* Doubled the number of scholarships in diversity
* Signed the paperwork for an additional mental health counselor at the university
* Enhanced need-based scholarships put in place as well
* Proud of the way staff, faculty and students handled COVID and the last couple of years.
* Take care of yourself in the next couple of weeks!

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

* Been a pleasure working with this senate. This term, we have made such an impact on this university and have made a lot of change.
* Tomorrow is All Campus Sing!!! Good weather is predicted, and the show goes on! Steps of Lovett.

Jeanie Morgan (Advisor to SGA and Student Organizations)

* Come back for Homecoming and be in the SGA picture!

Kade Gambill (CSI Office Coordinator):

* If you are a newly elected senator, please come to the office and get a shirt!
* If you are graduating, please come to the office to get a cord.
* Outstanding Senate Chair: Luke Wyatt
* Outstanding Academic College Senator: Cole Wyatt
* Outstanding Residential College Senator: Meghan Walker
* Outstanding Senator at Large: Isaiah Pruitt

Dining Services:

* Upward trends from the survey from students. Murray State student satisfaction is a 4.0 from this year, and that is 0.3 points above the average of 3.7!
* Idea from Senator: Accommodating for diverse options in Fast Track (Southeastern Asian for example)
* Reach out to David
* Request from Senator: More soy sauce in Winslow.
  + David says there will be a spice rack in Winslow next year.
* The Sodexo THX QR codes are found at any of the dining retail locations and in the social media.
* Breakfast at Chick Fil A: Eventual goal is for Chick Fil A to have a full menu. Same with the other retail options.
* Every Monday is Culinary Council at 3pm in the Dining office. Students have the ability to suggest and give ideas. Please attend!

Auxiliary Services:

* P3 process update: We are in the process of negotiating with the finalists (developers, contractors, plumbers, etc.). Michael will be at the steering committee.
  + 2 residence halls and a new dining hall are the soonest plans to come.
  + Construction process will not begin until January of 2023. The plan is for buildings to be ready for August of 2024.
  + Should be priced similar to the higher-end residential buildings.
* No update on the location of the Nursing building. Money is in the budget for the fiscal year of 2023-2024. This is at the very beginning stages. Close to the size of the Engineering building. There will be a special architect involved in this project as well. $45.5 million to go to the nursing building!

Facilities Management Representative:

* Curris center renovations: Bids are on hold. Final estimates are yet to come.
* New Curris Center updates

**Executive Board Reports**

Ian Puckett (President):

* There is no progress on the Interfaith library bill, however it has been committed that progress will be made by the next Executive board.
  + This bill passing does not mean it is law, but it is a strong recommendation. We will communicate to the best of our ability the importance of this space for students.
* This Senate has done a LOT.
  + Jeanie Morgan confirmed this ☺
  + Increased mental health awareness (money is being set apart for mental health initiatives), diversity and inclusion initiatives (enhanced focus on recruiting diverse students), and scholarships (student teachers, nursing students and social work students).
  + COVID-19 is also something that we worked hard on. We did not reach the 80% mark, but we did reach the mid 70% range.
  + Ian is so grateful for this year!!

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

* Succulents went well today in the Curris Center.
* One more CAB event (Smash Box next Wednesday at 11:30am in the Curris Center)

Walt Steely (Vice President of Finance):

* 1.95% tuition increase for next year has been proposed. Council for Postsecondary education meets and talks about tuition increases. There are only 3% increases allowed in two years. MSU did a 0.9% increase last year and 1.9% increase this year.
* $100 technology fee proposal. MSU currently does not have the resources to protect our information, and we also have a lot of technology. This fee would go towards protection and higher level of technology.
* 5.8% increase on dining services, just for the
* 3:00pm town hall (in the Curris Center theater). If you have any concerns about any of this, please attend that meeting!

**Branch Reports**

Ty Allen (Chief Justice):

* 1 expulsion and 2 title IX hearings this week
* No ticketing over the summer, but permits expire on 7/30!

Jaylon Taggart (President of Residential College Association):

* RCA has a full Exec board for the first time in years!!
* The senators for your RCCs. The RCA is going to rely on you heavily
* Spring festival coming in Spring 2023
* Get involved and buckle up!!

**Senate Chair Reports**

Chief of Staff:

* No report.

Publications and Public Relations:

* Thank you for responding to all social media related content!

University Affairs:

* Good luck on finals!

Elections Ways and Means:

* Enjoy the last few weeks of school (as much as finals will allow haha)

Diversity and Inclusion:

* Have a great summer!

Enrollment Management and Student Success:

* Thank you to the current exec and looking forward to next year’s team!

Ty Allen: Swearing in new Senate.

**Motion to adjourn meeting by Cori Hack and seconded by Reis Witte. Motion Passed. Adjourn at 5:32 PM.**