



Murray State Student Government Association

MEETING MINUTES 9/23

Come to order: 4:30 pm

Approval of minutes: Motion to approve by Cameron Woods; Second by Grady Ward

Announcements: Come out to the CFSB Center on Friday night at 7pm for the 41st annual Mr. MSU Pageant. This is Alpha Omicron Pi's fall philanthropy event and all proceeds go towards their philanthropy, The Arthritis Foundation. Four of our Senate members (Gabe Maynard, Gavin Dickerson, Luke Price, and Clint Draper) are participating as contestants—come support your fellow SGA members!

Guests/University Committee Reports:

Dr. Bob Jackson (President):

- Attended the Trustees Conference in regards to higher education this past week.
- Campus renovation progress report will be coming out soon. The new e-sports lounge project has started in the old SGA office. The temporary SGA office is in the Commonwealth Suite dining room in Curris.
- New lighting activity around campus will be completed in the next few months in areas such as: Wells Hall, Wilson Hall, the Curris Center, and Wrathier Museum. Also, Lovett Auditorium renovation is almost finished.
- Upcoming events:
 - The new NPHC plaza on campus will be dedicated and presented at homecoming.
 - The Presidential Lecture will be held on February 28th with special guest and Murray State alumni, Earl Brown. Earl is a Hollywood actor and his most recent movie, 5 Days at Memorial, is streaming now—available to watch on Apple Plus.
 - Family weekend is coming up this weekend. Come out to the football game and participate in tailgating.
- The Finest Place We Know book has been published in honor of our Centennial year. This book was started in 2019 by Dr. Bob Jackson and other Murray State officials; it covers the centennial history of the university. Jeanie Morgan, advisor to SGA, is featured on page 146.

Dr. Don Robertson (Vice President of Student Affairs): absent from meeting; no report.

Jeanie Morgan (Advisor to SGA and Student Organizations):

- Reminder that the SGA office has moved to the Commonwealth Suites dining room- come see us.
- An athletic meeting was held Wednesday, September 21st. Tailgating clarification: Parents must have a ticket to the football game this weekend if they want to enter in through the South Gate and attend the tailgates. Call the ticket office for more information.
- Homecoming is coming up next month. With this being our 100th year and an election year, the parade will be larger than normal. Therefore, everyone in SGA Senate MUST help at the parade (the parade is an SGA lead event). You will be released in time to see your organization at the end.



****If you have access to a convertible, contact Jeanie. Convertibles are needed for some of the parade participants.**

Kade Gambill (CSI Office Coordinator):

- If you have not taken your Senate picture for the board in Curris, contact Kade to get that done.
- The Congressional Internship Panel will be held on Wednesday, September 28th, in the Freed Curd Auditorium (IT building) from 5:30-7:30. Staffers from the offices of Sen. McConnell, Sen. Paul, and Rep. Comer. RSVP with the QR code in the graphic-on instagram.
- Homecoming float deadline is October 12th and a meeting will be that night. Your organization must be signed up in order to participate.

Dining Services:

- There was a retail takeover on Wednesday, September 21st at Tres.
- Dining services want your feedback on new things you would like to see implemented. A survey is out about the future of dining at Murray State—it will be open through the end of this week. Another survey will also be coming out in the spring.
- Just a reminder that flex dollars are accepted at all athletic games for concessions.
- The first food drive is starting on Thursday, September 22nd at every food location on campus. Donations of non-perishable food can be donated for the food pantry on campus. These food drives could possibly be extended out to the community depending on the donations.
- There will be a “Big City Bites” event on Wednesday, September 28th. The big city being featured will be Memphis, TN. A Memphis native will be the chef for this event and will cook his favorite hometown dishes.

Auxiliary Services:

- Make sure to fill out the dining services survey. All feedback helps in regards to the future of campus.

Facilities Management Representative:

- Refer to Dr. Jackson’s report in regards to P3 project updates.
- Lighting repairs on campus will be completed soon. There will also be more lighting installed at the sorority suites. A student was recently injured in a dark area by Hart and Franklin—those lights will be fixed soon as well.

Executive Board Reports

Ellie McGowan (President):

- Sarah Throgmorton and Isaiah Pruitt are being appointed to the Parking Services Committee.
- Earlier in the week, Ellie attended the Trusteeship Conference in Louisville (for state university regents and SGA presidents). She was elected as the Vice Chair for the Kentucky Board of Student



Body Presidents. Therefore, Murray State will be responsible for planning the Rally for Higher Education this year.

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

- CAB events will be held soon and more information will be shared on the SGA instagram.

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

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

Branch Reports

Sydney Harper (Chief Justice):

- Absent from meeting; report given by Claudia. The board had a parking training yesterday so everyone is now prepared to rule on the appeals coming into the parking office. We are still working to fill a couple of spots, so please be reaching out to your friends who may be interested so we can get those filled. Thank you!

Nicholas Novotka (Residential College President):

- RCA participated in the student fair on Wednesday, September 21st. A birthday poster for Dr. Wilson was made and students signed it.
- There is a regional business conference on Thursday, September 22nd from 5-6,
- RA applications will be open Monday, September 26th.

Senate Chair Reports

Chief of Staff- Isaiah Pruitt:

- Contact if you are not in a committee.
- Meeting agendas will now be online, not on paper.

Publications and Public Relations- Shana Lueking:

- The social media posting schedule has been made; contact if you have any SGA events or on-campus events that need to be posted.

University Affairs- Beau Osborne: No report.

Elections Ways and Means- Hanna Scott:

- No report but do not forget about freshman elections coming up on Monday, September 26th through Tuesday, September 27th.

Diversity and Inclusion- Amya Ferguson:



- Currently working with the Pride Center on campus. Some students have discussed having a listening session sometime concerning their presence on campus—stay on the lookout for more information to come.

Enrollment Management and Success- Emma Gage:

- First freshman council meeting is next week; applications are on the SGA website. Members of Senate may be invited to some meetings to speak about their position in SGA.

Government Relations- Conor Washburn:

- Government Relations committee—be ready to participate/help out with the Rally for Higher Education that MSU will be hosting later in the year.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Grady Ward and seconded by Owen Smith. Motion Passed. Adjourn at 5:01 pm.