**Student Government Association**

**Murray State University**

*Minutes***|** 9.15.21

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

**Attendance: 41**

**Voting Members in Attendance: 34 members of senate**

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

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

New Business:

* Hunter book from Reem Turkmani motion to approve the three new fillings of vacancies:
	+ Olivia Harris for White College
	+ Mattie Austin for Humanities and Fine Arts
	+ Ethan Wallace for Senator-at-large
* Resolution for the appreciation of the Faculty and Staff at Murray State university for showing bravery in willingness to stay in person for classes.
	+ Motion passed from Caryl Lyn Akers and from Conor Washburn.

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

* Update on COVID items:
	+ Dr. Stack is our chief state medical officer. He and Dr. Jackson work closely. They have been discussing that there is a shortage of PCR rapid COVID tests at the state, national and international level. There will still be tests on campus, but they will be utilizing the extended PCR test.
	+ Rapid tests are free. However, PCR tests are not free. Those are controlled at the state level.
	+ Regeneron is the medicine that is used for severe cases of COVID. However, there is a real shortage of this drug. Just for your information.
	+ Please get vaccinated!
* Per student: There is concern in classrooms with people who are giving speeches that they cannot properly communicate with masks. Is there a way to change that? Per Dr. Jackson, there will be no exceptions at this time.
* Per student: Will the university be able to offer Phizer if there are boosters? Per Dr. Jackson, Yes, we will make sure we offer both the Phizer and Moderna booster in Murray. You may have to get the booster at Walgreens or somewhere that can keep it ultra-cold.
* Per student: Will we be able to eat in the library any time soon? Per Dr. Jackson, we have a special eating area for eating in order to keep cases down. Going forward, we intend to open it up more. There is no timeline stated regarding this.
* Our athletic program has been 80% vaccinated! Hats off to them!

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

* Will follow up on all cases last week.

Kade Gambill (CSI Office Coordinator):

* If you have not gotten your headshots for the board, please reach out to Kade!
* RSO Fair will be next Wednesday from 11a-1pm.

Dining Services:

* At the Carnival tomorrow (9/16) Winslow opening at 4:30.
* 9/21: Hibachi pop-up (meal swipe + a little $)
* Today is the first day of Hispanic heritage month.
* T room is not closing during previous closing hours. Still looking for employees, however. Hopefully, they will have the remainder of the dining options open all day soon.
* Issues regarding eagerness of staff in T room at evening hours, cleanliness of Winslow, and hours of operation of T room: Mr. Blank will address these!

Auxiliary Services:

* Racer Days is this weekend!

Facilities Management Representative:

* Make a note of the new hammock stands. Please utilize them on campus!

**Executive Board Reports**

Ian Puckett (President):

* Piggybacking off of the report from parking.

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

* Thanks to everyone who helped with and participated in custom puzzles yesterday it was a huge hit!
* Tomorrow (9/16) we have trivia at 7 in the Curris Center theater.
* Next Tuesday we have 80s arcade from 11-3
* We still have vacancies for innovative acts and diversity.

Amy Krazl (Vice President of Administration):

* Parking Advisory committee update. Things look promising for the student population in terms of parking. The committee will reconvene in a month to further discuss this decision. Whatever parking change that will occur will be permanent.

**Branch Reports**

Ty Allen (Chief Justice):

* Get your training done if you are a Campus Security Authority.

Chelsea Jones (President of Residential College Association):

* Full executive board at RCA – yay!

**Senate Chair Reports**

Publications and Public Relations:

* Senate spotlight is Angela Badgett!

Government Relations:

* Kentucky legislative internship program in Frankfurt
	+ Runs from January to April.
	+ Well paid internship + stipend.
	+ Legislature.ky.gov – information here! Also contact Dalton York if you have any questions!
* Mask mandate is at an institutional level; therefore, Murray state is not affected by this.

Elections Ways and Means:

* Freshmen elections on Sept 20 through 21 on myGate.
* Announced September 22 in the meeting.

Diversity and Inclusion:

* Safe Zone training is a training that shows how to address people in the way that they should be addressed. This will prevent people from using incorrect pronouns and offending others.
* Please follow the steps in the graphic to complete this training if you decide to do so!
* If you want to learn more information, complete all sections of Safe Zone training.
* Hispanic and Latinx have celebrations
	+ Sept 17 at 5pm – Soccer and cookout day at intramural field.
	+ Sept 29 at 6pm – Panel discussion - Marvin D. Mills multicultural center
	+ October 14 at 6pm – Game night – Marvin D. Mills multicultural center
	+ Register for these events!!!
		- Here’s the link: <https://www.smore.com/xtscb-latinx-celebration-2021?ref=email>

Enrollment Management and Student Success:

* Freshmen council meeting was last week as well.
	+ Discussed GBA (Great Beginnings) and RNO (Racer Nation Orientation).
	+ Honors college had events at the same time as GBA events. That is overwhelming for freshmen and they were confused on what to go to!
	+ GBA is more factual, whereas RNO was more fun and information combined. They recommend putting more information in RNO and make GBA a more social event.
	+ Maybe a module could be created over the summer for students if they have to miss GBA.
	+ Another recommendation is to send a picture of the specific GBA counselor.
	+ Freshmen would like more information about Dining during RNO.

**Motion to adjourn meeting by Caryl Lyn Akers and seconded by Reem Turkmani Motion Passed. Adjourn at 5:22 PM.**