

SGA Senate Meeting Minutes

- The second meeting of the fifteenth Senate was called to order by Nathan Cherry at 5:00 pm on September 6th, 2016.
- The minutes from the last Senate were approved by unanimous consent.
- **Special Guest- Clint Combs, Murray State University Student Body President**
- **President- Jay Todd Richey:** Introducing Clint Combs, Murray State University Student Body President. The bills for today are sponsored by the Legislative Research Branch because the other committees have not been established. All committee heads will be appointed after elections. This year, an initiative President Jay Todd Richey will be focusing on is suicide prevention and sexual assault prevention.
- **Executive Vice President- Kate Hart:** If you haven't signed up for an alternate for University Committees, see Kate after the meeting. Will be reaching out to the regional campuses to help them get more involved and set up their student governments.
- **Administrative Vice President- Hannah Neeper:** No report.
- **Chief of Staff- James Line:** If you are interested in serving on the task force for the fall elections in regards to registering voters and Get Out the Vote efforts, talk to James after the meeting.
- **Director of Public Relations- Murphy Burke:** Look for the posters encouraging students to download Rave Guardian. If you are interested in being the Public Relations committee chair, talk to Murphy.
- **Director of Academic and Student Affairs- Josh Knight:** Academic Affairs and Student Affairs committees will be established after the election. There are two bills up for first read regarding funding for scholarships. There is an application for a disability scholarship in the works.
- **Director of Information Technology- Abhishek Bose:** The website has been updated.
- **Speaker of the Senate- Nathan Cherry:** Election codes are updated on the website. Campaigning begins at the end of this meeting. Elections will be on Topnet on

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Wednesday, September 14th. Voting will close at 11:59 pm, and there will be an elections result party starting at 11:30 pm. Senate retreat is September 17th from 10-3 in DSU. There are senator binders in the works. Senate committees will be assigned at the retreat.

- **Secretary of the Senate- Kara Lowry:** No report.
- **Campus Improvements- Zach Jones:** The Campus Improvements Safety Walk will take place September 15th at 6:00 pm in Centennial Mall.
- **Legislative Research- Brian Anderson:** Working with the Counseling and Testing Center on getting data on how to get funding for the twenty dollar fee students have to pay for the resources the center has to offer.
- **MyCampusToo- Michael Shelton:** Working on a MyCampusToo calendar. There is legislation tonight to renew the MyCampusToo initiative. Working on acquiring participation in the committee from people outside of SGA.
- **Sustainability- Savannah Molyneaux:** Tabling at the Taste of WKU event was successful. Talked to an Environmental Science class to gain more support.
- **University Committee Reports:** No reports.
- **Judicial Council Report- Cody Cox:** Review of the Fall 2016 Election Codes. Judicial council meets once a week. Judicial council can not campaign for any Senator. If you see a Judicial Council member campaigning or showing favoritism for a candidate, let someone on the Judicial Council know. If you have any questions about the Election Codes, contact Cody. The election expenditure sheet must be turned in Thursday, September 15th by 5:00 pm.
- **Student Speaker- Brendan Ward:** Encourages senators to pass Bill 4-16-F to Support the Creation of Scholarships for Students with Disabilities.
- **Student Speaker- Cheyenne Mitchell:** Encourages senators to support her in saying that racism and the vandalism that happened to her is not tolerated on campus.
- **Student Speaker- Fransisco Serrano:** Advocating to end racism on campus and encourages senators to support it as well.
- **Student Speaker- Spencer Wells:** Brings to attention the cuts to the Counseling and Testing Center. Encourages senators to make suicide prevention the top priority of this year.
- **Student Speaker- James Line:** Encourages senators to support Bill 3-16-F.

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- **Student Speaker- Zach Jones:** At 8:00 in DSU 3029, there will be a meeting to pray about the vandalism and racism that occurred on campus.
- **Unfinished Business:**
- **Bill 1-16-F**
 - Bill 1-16-F was approved by unanimous consent.
- **Bill 2-16-F**
 - “2-15-F” in line 2, amended to “2-16-F”
 - Bill 2-16-F was approved by unanimous consent.
- **Bill 3-16-F**
 - Bill 3-16-F was approved by unanimous consent.
- **Bill 4-16-F**
 - “Public Relations” in line 32, amended to “Food”
 - Bill 4-16-F was approved by unanimous consent.
- The 2016-2017 budget was approved by unanimous consent.
- **Announcement- Luke Edmunds:** If you are interested in any Bible studies, let Luke know.
- **Announcement- Jody Dahmer:** If anyone is interested in College Youth and Government, contact Jody. The first meeting is this Thursday at 6:30pm in Gary Ransdell Hall.
- **Announcement- Nathan Cherry:** If you are not going to be at the Senate retreat, turn in a Senator committee form.
- The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 6:04 pm.