

**Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Regents  
and Board of Regents Finance Committee  
Murray State University  
August 11, 2022**

On July 13, 2022, the Governor of the State of Kentucky Andy Beshear appointed Mrs. Emily Roark and Dr. David Meinschein to the Board of Regents of Murray State University.

Vice President Dudley and Mr. Youngblood provided an overview of the Curris Center project. Mr. Youngblood reported that conceptually for the first-floor level of the Curris Center from the parking lot entrance by the Racer One statue, the plan is to create a Welcome Center for students and families. Right now, the area is used for lounge space opposite Chick-fil-A and down the hall are the Dr. Marvin D. Mills Multicultural Center and Enrollment Management offices. The current Student Government Association offices and the Center for Student Involvement are also on the first floor on the opposite side of the entryway. These offices will be moved to the second floor in the old Post Office location and those spaces will then be filled with a new home for the eSports program as it is popular on campus and represents a growing area of interest among students. Confirmation was provided that the current television lounge in front of the proposed new eSports space will be opened up to make the area more visible and prominent. Moving the SGA and Center for Student Involvement offices to the second floor will also provide more visibility for these entities and allow for increased student and parent traffic.

For the second floor from the pedestrian mall entrance, an interior refresh of the Rocking Chair Lounge and also the first-floor space to the left of the entrance are being planned. The current glass elevator will be “Racerized” with the Murray State logo. These represent high-traffic areas in the Curris Center and will reflect Racer blue and gold decor. Everything presented in renderings will not be accomplished due to the current environment but efforts will be dedicated toward preserving as much of the design as possible by installing new flooring, painting utilizing Murray State colors, installing new finishes and signage and purchasing new furniture. President Jackson added that over the last year constituency groups – especially those involving students and the SGA –

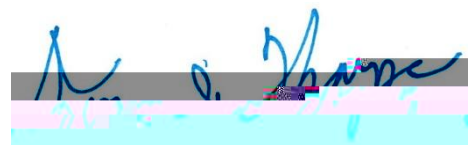
preservation pool. Utilizing proceeds from this issuance, the Curris Center is proposed to receive deferred maintenance and renovations as described in the following paragraphs.

The common areas of the Curris Center, open corridors, atrium space and restrooms have seen very few updates over the life of the building. The proposed project scope includes renovations to these common areas of the building to provide new flooring, paint, lighting and fixtures. The current plan is for the transformation of the first floor, front entrance of the building into a Welcome Center for potential students and their parents as they visit the University and make plans to become future Racers, the conversion of the four hotel-type rooms on the third floor into meeting space, the addition of an eSports space and possible relocation of some office space. The plan also includes branding of all three levels of the building to feature the Racer Spirit – blue and gold.

majority of projects will represent finish work and will not be as heavily mechanical and electrical in nature as those for a 100-year-old building on campus. Chair Tharpe added that one of the most important aspects of this project is it



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