

## September 2nd Senate Meeting Minutes

- Harley calls meeting to order
- Guest speaker takes the stand
  - Discusses history of her roles and projects on campus
  - Wants to hear from students (specifically SGA) if we can create some sort of project to increase our campus graduation rate
  - What can we do to increase the graduation rate?
  - Convinced that together, we can get these rates up
  - Wants to come back (to meetings, organized lunches, etc.) to meet with us on any progress that has been made
- Harley takes the stand again
  - Goes into reports
    - No meeting next week! Will pick back up the following week
    - 9/21 Walk a mile in her shoes event 5 PM- highly encouraging/ requiring for us to be in attendance
      - Cameron discusses importance of event and summarizes the purpose of it
      - Free to attend with your Student ID, \$10 for guests, \$5 for outside students
      - Volunteer sign up coming (signing people in, handing out masks, etc.)
      - If in attendance, no office hours needed for that week!
    - Office Hours

- Extending until 12:00 PM tomorrow, 9/3
  - After this week, office hours will be required to be documented before meeting starts at 7:00
  - Harley went over what is expected for documenting hours (needs the what, where, when, and how)
  - Harley will send email with photocircle instructions and Prince will send in Groupme
  - Groupme needs to be unmuted at all times
  - Goes over Chief Justice Report (in absence of Chief Justice)
    - If you get a parking ticket, you come get it appealed by student court (can in person in UC 201, virtually, or in TigerPark)
- Kennedy takes the stand for VP Report
  - Will be sending out google doc for suicide prevention month
  - We will be highlighting various things each month
  - Mr & Mrs UofM
    - Nominations 9/7- 10/7
    - Applications 10/8-10/15
  - Goes over COVID exposure guidelines, up to us to communicate this to other students
- Matthew takes the stand for President's report
  - TISL
    - Applications are open
    - Ben explains what TISL is, mock legislation in Nashville

- Will take on various roles there
  - Mock government as to how the state works
- Anyone can apply, need a good turnout
- UofM has a set number of seats, will lose more seats if we don't have a certain amount
- Great opportunity to network and meet people
- Great experience to sit in the Capitol
- Free trip to Nashville
- University Committees
  - Pass out Green Fee committee again, if you join- no office hours for the week
- Student Wellness Fair October 6th, 11 AM-2 PM
  - Need volunteers
  - No office hours once again if you participate
- Vaccine mANDATE nEXT sTEPS
  - Instead of having Dr. Rudd coming, Matt is putting campus Safety committee in charge
  - In charge of getting questions from senate which will then go to Dr. Rudd for answers
- Mr & Mrs UofM name change Vote
  - For- 23
  - Against- 12
  - Abstain- 0

- Will now be establishing a committee to further explore this option of changing
- Committee Reports
  - Environmental Committee
    - Pet waste station bill updates
    - Recycling options (more), David discovered last research was made in 2013
  - Safety Committee
    - Adding more blue light poles
      - Specifically on Spottswood and Patterson
    - Updating handicap buttons
  - Diversity and Inclusion Committee
    - Creating a bill for Diversity Training
  - Student Services Committee
    - Getting more furniture in UC on upper floors in common areas
    - Would like to add suicide awareness signs in parking garages
  - Social Media Committee
    - Graphics for Mr and Miss UofM
    - Suicide Prevention Month graphics
    - Creating linktree in bio of Instagram account
    - Make Instagram more student based (implementing more pictures and stories)
    - Harley emphasizes importance of photocircle

- Harley goes over bill presentation
  - Gives example from Tiffany Min and Sun Moon (previous senators) as to how a bill presentation, in particular a powerpoint, should be
  - Do the why, talk about bill, go over facts and research, then directly read bill, and take the vote
- Kennedy explains the open door policy
  - go to Matt, Kennedy, or Harley with concerns about bills or anything else SGA related
- Harley opens the floor for questions
  - Cameron asks about article regarding vaccine mandate
  - Harley emphasizes the importance of the report, suggests making a google form to get these