

September 23rd SGA Meeting Minutes

- Harley calls meeting to order
- Walk a Mile in Her Shoes moved to next Tuesday
 - If you cannot be there, send an excuse to Cade- cc Harley or it will NOT count
 - If it is not an emergency, please send excuse in an email
- Office Hours
 - We now have a sign in sheet!
 - Just write your name and how long you were there
 - If you can't do your office hours in the office, let Harley know and she will work with you
- Announcement and introduction of new senators
- Chief Justice Report
 - Explains what student court does- a liaison between the student body and the University of Memphis, serve on parking, academic integrity, and student conduct committees
 - Elected the Associative Chief Justice (Abby Taylor), backup to Chief Justice
 - Advisor proposed new student conduct code, went last Wednesday to propose new student code to the state legislative
 - New student code was approved and will be enacted October 18th
 - Starting three separate meeting times throughout the week to better reach students, also including a hybrid or online option
 - Contact info- Rsweileh@memphi.edu or sgacourt@memphis.edu
- Vice President Report

- COVID Disclosure, Kennedy and Matt met with Dean Lawhead- encouraging the vaccine and mask mandate on campus
- Mr & Ms UofM updates
 - Will be sending nomination emails soon, have to get nominations in ASAP
 - Pushed back some dates
- Office Hours
 - Must be approved or something that was sent in groupme
- Bill suggestions
 - Want a few bill proposals from each committee before end of semester
- Form Ideas Feedback
 - Many ideas were presented, will make form for next week for us to vote on what should be implemented
- President Report
 - Also discussed safety concerns with Dean Lawhead
 - Update blue light poles for outside of campus
 - Swears in new senators
- Committee Reports
 - Environment
 - Same that we've had all semester
 - Sustainability requirement for RSOs
 - Updating campus map for recycling locations
 - Safety

- Instead of blue light bill, update to more modern technology
 - Introduction of Law School Senator elect
- Diversity and Inclusion
 - Evan is working on safezone bill, researched on resources
 - Visual Impairment bill- Ansley is presenting today
 - Scholarship bill
- Student Services
 - Healthier food and drink options, particularly in the vending machines
 - Juneteenth campus holiday, researching what could be taken away in order to include Juneteenth
 - Looking at possibility to switch to only letter grading, excluding the plus or minus scale
 - Extending the drop dates of classes, research needs to be done
- Social Media
 - Fill out Meet Your Senator Monday form and co chair form
 - Link in groupme
- Ansley's Bill presentation
 - Bill to replace building signs on campus
 - Most are weathered away, unable to read from distances and others up close
- Q & A Session for Ansley
 - Physical Plant will be funding the project, meeting with them after bill is passed
 - Wants to increase the font size, work with Physical Plant to see what can or cannot be done

- These are the specific buildings that need the most attention
- Main building that freshman and sophomores will be taking their gen eds in
- Will then look in the future into bettering other signs as well
- Will consider moving location of signs if needed
- Doesn't feel necessary to assemble a group of visually impaired students or to collaborate with DRS
- Will work with Physical Plant to see what option will last the longest, so that no further corrections will be needed soon after
- Includes 9 signs overall
- Opens floor for discussion
 - David think Ansley did great job, bill is “amazing”
- Bill is passed
- Harley explains picture process
- Harley adjourns the meeting