

August 26th SGA Meeting Minutes

- Introductions
- Passed out updated documents
- Meeting Expectations
 - Phones away (if there is an issue, Harley will discuss)
 - Wear masks in the building covering mouth and nose unless actively eating or drinking
 - Technology limited- laptops okay for now
 - Use your voice (no suggestion or idea is less than others)
 - Remain respectful of everyone's ideas and beliefs
- Office Hours
 - Harley will send google sheet for logging hours to everyone when meeting announcement is sent
 - Talk to Harley if you are unable to complete your office hours, she will work with you
 - Office hours start at end of weekly meeting, go until start of next week's meeting- you have the week to complete the hours
 - Log yours hours under your name/ tab on google sheet, put description as well
 - Office hours- in the SGA office: researching for bills, etc.
 - Events- MUST be representing SGA, have to upload picture in photo circle in order for it to count
 - Overall, office hours can be anything SGA related outside of the senate chamber during senate meetings!

- Attire
 - Casual- how the meeting was today, shorts, t-shirt, etc.
 - Informal- SGA polo, nice bottoms
 - Formal- business formal (“Play dress up”)
- Kennedy’s Address
 - Homecoming- planning Mr & Mrs UofM, nominations start August 30th- end September 30th, applications open October 1st and end October 15th, Interviews take place October 21st through October 28th
- Matt’s Address
 - University Committees that currently need student reps (deciding who gets money and who doesn’t)
 - Green Fee Committee
 - SAFA
 - University Accessibility Committee
 - Past few years, SGA has not been what it needs to be- we are committed to making life better at the UofM
 - Debating whether or not the title of Mr and Miss UofM should be changed to be more inclusive for all students
 - David- for keeping it the same
 - Cole- for keeping it the same
 - Madison- on the fence
 - Kit- suggesting “UofM Royalty” still withholding the legacy

- Prince- feels Mr & Miss does not include EVERY one, wants to change in some sort of fashion
- Evan- suggests case by case basis, suggesting the umbrella term of UofM Royalty, then leaving it up to finalist if they would still like to be called Mr/ Miss UofM or what
- Reanna- looked up various schools to see, thinks it is definitely time for a change, just doesn't know what it will or can look like
- Sayla- wanted clarification as to how this conversation came about, Matt explained he received backlash for the current title, people saying they did not support Mr & Miss
- Cameron- as we try to be inclusive, are we actually or just pleasing the student body?
- Sayla- suggesting it could be a marketing issue? Wants to make sure the student body is aware that students are able to choose which category
- Kit- believes it would be great for a court type award, 4-5 people who have impacted campus
- Funke- adding the extra makes it unnatural, believes it should still be two whether or not we rename the title
- Coleby- wants to keep the importance of the title, leave it up to finalist what their title would be
- Caroline- likes the idea of UofM royalty, just keep the tradition of the 2 winners, rebranding the marketing and promoting UofM royalty to open more doors

- Jamie- feels that if there were 2 identifying males or vice versa, what would it matter? They got the votes for the reason, they deserved the title
- Atlantica- if there would be a 3rd option, who all would it include?
Students with a disability, students who were scared of the process, suggesting new names, if we are going to preach these things we have to do it and make the change
- Logan- thinks this is a great conversation, but does not think it is fair to come to a decision this fast, who's to say it wouldn't be compared then to Carson's Circle?
- What does this mean for winners? Top two # of votes win? What would that look like?
- Option A- voting for name to stay the same
- Option B- voting for changing the name, won't be implemented this year, would be a part of the 73rd assembly, would be part of the voting process for next year's assembly
- Tabling conversation for next week
- Requirement of vaccination discussion
 - Coleby- no matter what side you stand on, the FDA approved it, for the safety of campus he is for the requirement
 - Reanna- was just mandated for nursing students, discussed the varying viewpoints of nursing students in her cohort and in general, believes that most of campus population will be in the middle-

- Cole- wants to give the actual law of the situation, believes we have more questions that need answered
- Morgan- does not believe it is okay to take someone's choice, still wants people to have a choice
- David- claims he has been on both sides, the issue is we need to educate people on the vaccine and what it does/ can do so we can be safe on campus
- Carly- believes you should have a choice, but the issue arises when people who aren't vaccinated still don't wear a mask, we can't police everyone- people take advantage of no masks
- Nakita- wonders what else will be required,
- Andrew- doesn't have the vaccine and is not taking it, believes it should be your choice, have the self-discipline to simply wear a mask
- Ansley- says there are always loopholes, wonders what people will do trying to get around the rules
- Sarah- asking if rules would still apply things through campus involvement being hosted off campus, according to Matt it wouldn't apply to off campus events
- Cole- suggesting a town hall
- Sayla- suggesting that if you can prove you have the antibodies you shouldn't have to have the vaccine
- Madison- suggesting a conversation that maybe if you live on campus you should have to have the vaccine instead of ALL of campus

- Harley went over calendar, will be sending out to everyone, subject to change
- Broke off into committees for 15 minutes
- Committees Report:
 - Environmental Committee
 - By Jackson- dog waste stations on campus
 - By David- implementing more recycling stations on campus, looking into the statistics of it etc.
 - Safety Committee
 - Big discussion- vaccine discussion, discussed having a townhall but thinking it would cause too much of an issue
 - Instead, sending letter to President Rudd asking him to come speak to Senate, livestream it for other students as well
 - Diversity and Inclusion Committee
 - Diversity and Inclusion training for RSO's, discussed with Harley about who to contact
 - Meetings with professors to ensure diversity is promoted in the classrooms and specifically in group discussions and projects
 - Student Services Committee
 - Cameron- wanting to train more students and staff to handle medical situations, collaborate with Safety Committee
 - Madison- believes suicide hotline # should be at multiple other locations
 - Hand dryers in bathrooms instead of paper towels
 - Introducing a new WoW tradition like the rock at UT

- Getting more parking