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)
• Kennedi 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
• Kennedi explains the open door policy
  ○ go to Matt, Kennedi, 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