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, Kennedi 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