

Meet & Confer – August 19th, 2021 8AM

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Notes from the meeting

Agenda

- I. Welcome
- II. Old Business
 - A. Graduate Assistantship Stipends
 1. Establishment of Annual Stipend Review
 - a) Update on this?
 - (1) Need to identify student reps; Sydney following up
 - (2) Hope to have the committee ready to meet in October or November; budget requests would have to happen in January
 2. Possibility of designating parking as an “educational cost” for students who do not receive financial aid
 - a) Update on this?
 - (1) Suggested discussing with Patricia Scott, Sydney following up
- III. New Business
 - A. COVID-19 Guidelines on Campus
 1. Restrictions (**Ashley**)
 - a) Any anticipated changes to campus restrictions as we enter the new academic year?
 - (1) Discussed that fully vaccinated just means 2 doses, so probably won't require booster shots but Student Health is looking into providing them
 - (2) Talked about dashboard idea where UMB community could see the number of cases on campus (many other campuses do this), Dr. Jarrell opposed its usefulness
 - (a) Said there “would be so many asterisks on the data” that it wouldn't mean anything

(b) People are not *required* to report a positive test to the university

b) New guidelines for serving/eating food on campus. Request for an email to be sent out to the UMB community

(a) Dr. Ward following up on this, said it will go out in an email

IV. Updates (to be read ahead of time by all)

A. Transportation/Public Safety

1. Collecting updated local student address data to suggest areas for SafeRide & SafeWalk perimeter expansion
2. UMB Shuttle is up and running again with the new fare implemented for faculty and postdocs. Some issues with student OneCards not swiping correctly that are still being ironed out

B. GSA Events & Announcements

1. Graduate School Orientation coming up next week

C. DEI

1. We'll be inviting Shani Fleming to an upcoming GSA General Body Meeting so she can introduce herself to the program representatives--we hope to foster a collaborative relationship with her!