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Asking The University of Baltimore To Enact Additional COVID-19 Safety Precautions in Light of Rising Covid-19 Cases, in effort to reduce the risk of a wide spread campus outbreak of the Delta and/or Gamma Variant

Bill #8 SP – 7– 21

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Committee: Student Affairs
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WHEREAS: The University of Baltimore is resuming some in person activities, despite the rising COVID-19 infections and the development of the Delta and Gamma variant which are highly infections and affect both vaccinated and unvaccinated people,

WHEREAS: The University of Baltimore has in place measures that require vaccines based on the USM mandate, however there is an exception process that allows unvaccinated students to be around vaccinated students despite not being vaccinated,

WHEREAS: Baltimore City is currently experiencing the worst spread and spike in number of infections since April 2021.

WHEREAS: It has been documented that failure to follow mask mandates has resulted in the current spike in infections nationally and while we can enforce students to wear masks on campus we cannot ensure that they are not participating in high risk activities that could result in them bringing the virus to campus,

WHEREAS: The University of Baltimore can enact additional measures in order to better promote campus health and safety in time of the pandemic,

WHEREAS: The University of Baltimore can be a champion and enact additional safety measures in addition to the ones currently promoted by the CDC,

WHEREAS: It is important for the University of Baltimore to take additional safety measures to protect campus safety as we do not have a health center on campus that can provide immediate health support to our student population that may present symptoms of COVID-19 while on campus,

WHEREAS: Prioritizing the safety of our campus community members, including but not limited to students, faculty, staff, alumni, and their families should be priority as our school can unintentionally serve as a cesspool of infection spread among not only our campus community but also everyone our campus community members interact with outside of school.

WHEREAS: To navigate a public health crisis effectively, we need to take all measures that would ensure our best chance at reducing the rate of infections and risk for our campus community.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE ENACTED:

Sections One: The University of Baltimore SGA formally asks University of Baltimore to enact formal social distancing requirements wherever possible that will ensure the safety of our staff, faculty and students by requiring that everyone is 3-6 feet apart at all times when on campus.

Section Two: The University of Baltimore SGA formally asks University of Baltimore to purchase face shields for all student workers, faculty and staff that will be in person on campus.

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Section Three: The University of Baltimore SGA formally asks University of Baltimore to put in place plexiglass dividers in campus offices and classrooms that will be utilized for in-person learning and engagement.

Section Four: The University of Baltimore SGA formally asks University of Baltimore to take any additional measures that will help the university champion a safe phased-in return to campus that will better promote the health and safety of our campus community than the current plan that simply includes a mask mandate-which we see as ineffective measure that simply does not go far enough to promote everyone's well being.

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