

11-5-15

Meeting was called to order at 4:32

Roll Taken

Absent: Ryan Essary, Brianne Knight (late), Clinton Knox (late), Connor McDonald, Shalayna Hoekstra, Brandon Hernandez, Victoria Johnson, Mikal Turner, Alexis Patrykis Tiffany Graziano

Reading of the Minutes

Motion to forgo reading of minutes

Moved and second

Motion passes

Officer Reports

New Business

- Tentative SGA Bill 4-15-F
 - A Bill to Update the Membership Requirements for SGA Executive Board Members
 - **Section 1:** Article IV; Section 1; Subsection A; Subsection 5 of the SGA constitution will be amended from:
“Eligibility for executive branch officers:
5. Have served at least one semester as a Senate or Freshman Council member in good standing with the MTSU Student Government Association.”
To:
“Eligibility for executive branch officers:
5. Have served at least one semester as a Senate member in good standing with the MTSU Student Government Association.”
 - **Section 2:** This Bill will go into effect immediately upon favorable passage.
 - Questions/Suggestions:
 - SGA President asked why it would just be one semester and not one full year. In addition, asked if the requirements would be adjusted for different positions on SGA Executive Board.
 - Senator Barber asks about who constitutes as Executive Board.
 - Senator Marshall asks if leadership position or committee chair would be a requirement as well.
- Tentative SGA Bill 5-15-FC
 - Revised Constitution for the Student Government Association: Freshman Council
 - **Section 1:** Article I, Section 4: The powers of the Freshman Council of MTSU should be divided into two distinct branches; those powers which are legislative shall be given to the council, those which are executive to the President, Executive Vice President, Secretary, and

remaining chairmen of the respected committees of Student Life, Special Events, and Internal Affairs.

- **Section 2:** Article III, Section 1A: The Executive Branch shall be responsible for the proper administration of the Freshman Council, for the development of policy and the implementation of legislation. It shall be composed of the President, the Executive Vice President, the Secretary, the Chairman of Student Life, the Chairman of Special Events, and the Chairman of Internal Affairs.
- **Section 3:** Article III, Section 1B: The members of the Executive Branch shall review the operations and responsibilities of the Executive Branch and its committees at the end of its term.
- **Section 4:** Article III, Section 2A: The Executive Board is comprised of the President, the Executive Vice President, the Secretary, the Chairman of Student Life, the Chairman of Special Events, and the Chairman of Internal Affairs.
- **Section 5:** Article III, Section 3A: All persons who meet the standard set forth in Article 1 Section 2 and have been properly appointed by the Executive Vice President of the Student Government to a current seat within the Freshman Council shall be entitled to vote in any election of an Executive Officer or Committee Chairman that is conducted within the Freshman Council, provided that no student shall retain voting rights and eligibility upon the loss of their respective seat. The right to revoke voting eligibility of any member of the Freshman Council shall be placed upon the joint consensus of the current SGA Executive Vice President, the acting Executive Board, and the Committee of Internal Affairs.
- **Section 6:** Article III, Section 3B: Voting in elections regarding positions of President, Executive Vice President, and Secretary shall be carried out by a secret ballot. Executive elections shall involve all Freshman Council members present at the time of the vote in order to dispel any doubt in the results of said elections, the tallying of the votes shall be done by the Executive Vice President of SGA and another member of the Executive Board who is independent of the entity of Freshman Council.
- **Section 7:** Article III, Section 4: The President of the Freshman Council shall oversee the Freshman Council and serve as the middle party between the other members of the Freshman Council and the Executive Vice President of SGA. The President is responsible for communicating with the members of Freshman Council and the EVP to inform them about Freshman Council meetings, Senate meetings, Executive Council meetings, events, etc. The President shall call all Freshman Council meetings to order and adjourn all Freshman Council meetings. The President shall ensure that the Freshman Council meets the needs of the Freshman Class. The President shall have a working knowledge of Parliamentary Procedure according to Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised Edition.

- **Section 8:** Article III, Section 5: The Executive Vice President of the Freshman Council shall take over responsibilities of the President if the President cannot fulfill his/her responsibilities for any reason. The Executive Vice president will be in charge of overseeing the aspects of Freshman Council events and is responsible for assisting the President in any of the Freshman Council related projects. The Executive Vice President shall create and maintain all social media sites related to Freshman Council.
- **Section 9:** Article III, Section 6: The Secretary of Freshman Council shall record the minutes of each meeting, keep a file of them, and shall be in charge of recording the roll. The Secretary must also be in charge with the keeping of council hours required by each Freshman Council member and is the EVP right hand that assists the EVP with his or her duties.
- **Section 10:** Article III, Section 7: The Chairman of Internal Affairs, with the help of a committee, will help create a Freshman Council Constitution and By-Laws. The committee will vote on excuses for missed meetings and on impeachment of Freshman Council Members. They will generate legislation that pertains to the benefit of the Freshman Council.
- **Section 11:** Article III, Section 8: The Chairman of Special Events will help plan and organize event(s). The committee will implement the ideas of the Freshman Council. They will contact the different departments, as needed.
- **Section 12:** Article III, Section 9: The Chairman of Student Life will implement the marketing of Freshman Council. The committee will conduct surveys to reach out to constituents. They will work with the Freshman Council Executive Vice President on social media sites and on documenting activities. They will form recognition prizes for outstanding Freshman Council Members. They will help the SGA Vice President of Marketing with campus campaigns.
- Questions/Suggestions:
 - Senator Brandon asks if there are two separate executive branches or reviewing over past semester.
 - Senator Barber asks if this was already in the constitution or if these changes were all new.
 - Senator Brandon asks if there are changes to the constitution in this Bill.
- Tentative SGA Resolution 9-15-F
 - A Resolution to Eliminate Service Scholarship hours and replace the with a college based internship program.
 - **Section 1:** The Service Hours required by the Academic Service Scholarship be alleviated for current students.
 - **Section 2:** The jobs filled by these service hours be replaced by a specific college-to-college based internship program.

- **Section 3:** This Resolution will go into effect immediately upon favorable passage.
- Questions/Suggestions:
 - Senator Anderson asks if it is a work-study scholarship.
 - Senator Carroll states that this eliminates the issue of students having very limited places to work for their scholarship.
 - Senator Jackson describes the process of working for these scholarships.
- Tentative SGA Resolution10-15-F
 - A Resolution Formally Opposing the IncludeEd Program
 - **Section 1:** The Student Government Association Opposes the full implementation of the IncludeEd program across the campus of MTSU.
 - **Section 2:** The Senate calls on the administration of MTSU as well as the administration of TBR to stop the full impetration of the IncludeEd program for all classes.
 - Questions/Suggestions:
 - Senator Marshall asks about the reimbursement process of Phillips Bookstore.

Announcements

Adjourned