

SGA Bill 5-16-F:

Rules for Resignations of Senators and Executive Board Members

Whereas: There is no reference to the resignation of an elected or appointed Student Government Association (SGA) official in the Constitution.

Whereas: An elected or appointed official may choose to resign from his or her position due to personal, unforeseeable, or excusable reasons.

Whereas: The issues which forced the official's resignation may be resolved by the next academic year.

Whereas: If an SGA official resigns from his or her office for personal, unforeseeable, or excusable reasons, he or she should not be prevented from holding an SGA position in the future.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE 79TH CONGRESS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:

Section 1: A seventh section shall be added to Article IX of the SGA Constitution, and shall state,

“Section 7: Procedures for resignation of an elected or appointed official shall be handled as follows:

- A. If a Senator chooses to resign from his or her office, he or she must submit a letter of resignation to the Student Government Association (SGA) Executive Vice President and the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs before acquiring three (3) unexcused absences or two (2) consecutive unexcused absences.
- B. If a Senator resigns, the SGA Executive Vice President and the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs shall consider if the reasons for resignation are excusable, unforeseeable, or understandably personal. If the reasons for resignation are deemed to be such, the resigning official shall be permitted to run for and hold any office or serve in any capacity in the Student Government Association beginning the next academic year, provided they meet requirements of office outlined in the Student Government Association Constitution and Electoral Act.
- C. If the Senator fails to submit a letter of resignation before having three (3) unexcused absences or two (2) consecutive unexcused absences, he or she will have the same restrictions as if he or she were impeached following the procedures set forth in Article IX of the Student Government Association Constitution.
- D. If an executive board member chooses to resign, he or she shall submit a letter of resignation to the office of the Student Government Association (SGA) President and Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs.

- E. If an executive board member resigns, the SGA President and the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs shall consider if the reasons for resignation are excusable, unforeseeable, or understandably personal. If the reasons for resignation are deemed to be such, the resigning official shall be permitted to hold any office or serve in any capacity in the Student Government Association beginning the next academic year, provided they meet requirements of office outlined in the Student Government Association Constitution and Electoral Act.
- F. A Senator or Executive Board member may only utilize the procedure outlined in this section once in the duration of their academic career at MTSU.

Section 2: This Amendment shall go into effect immediately upon favorable passage and a referendum.

Sponsor: Senator Abbigail Tracy

Speaker of the Senate

SGA President

VP of Student Affairs