

Middle Tennessee State University

Student Government Association

Formal Meeting

03/05/2020

Meeting was called to order at 4:30

Roll Call:

- Absent: Senator McKinney, Senator Trice, Senator Ballard, Senator Potter, and Senator Brasswell.
- Late Senator Crowder

Reading of the Minutes

- Motion made to forgo the reading of the minutes by Senator Douglass
- Motion seconded by Senator Cherry
- No objections
- Motion passed

Special Guests

Officer Reports

- President
 - Newly Appointed Homecoming Director
 - College Connection
 - Walk a Mile in Their Shoes
 - SGA Elections
 - Faculty Awards
- Executive Vice President
 - SGA TEAM DAY- March 20th
 - Committee Meeting Purpose

- Volunteer Hours
 - Dodgeball Tournament
- Vice President of Marketing
 - Student Appreciation Week
- Vice President of Campus Relations
 - SGA Elections
 - Banquet
- Homecoming Director
- Philanthropic Coordinator
 - Big Event
- Attorney General
- Dr. Kelley

Committee Chair Reports

Old Business

- Bill 1-20-S
 - *A Bill to Require SGA to Complete Diversity Training*
 - No Debate
 - Yes: 31
 - Abstain: 4
 - No: 0
 - This Bill Passes

New Business

- Appointment of Homecoming Director
 - Senator Douglas makes a motion to confirm the 2020-2021 Homecoming Director
 - This motion is seconded by Senator Cherry
 - Yes: 32

- No: 2
 - Abstain: 1
 - This motion passes.
- Tentative SGA Resolution 2-20-S
 - *A Resolution to*
 - Yes: 32
 - No: 2
 - Abstain: 1
 - The Resolution passes
- Tentative SGA Resolution 3-20-S
 - *A Resolution to Improve the D2L Grading System*
 - Senator Sepko moves to adopt this bill
 - Senator Cherry Seconds this motion
 - Senator Cherry questions the wording under the third Whereas Clause
 - Yes: 26
 - No: 6
 - Abstain: 4
 - The Resolution passes
- Tentative SGA Resolution 4-20- S
 - *A Resolution to Advertise MTSU's Amnesty Policy*
 - Senator Moore moves to adopt this Resolution
 - This motion is seconded by Senator Cherry
 - Yes: 26
 - No: 6
 - Abstain: 4
 - The Resolution passes
- Tentative SGA Resolution 5-20-S
 - *A Resolution to Decrease Nicotine Usage at MTSU*
 - Senator Douglass moves to adopt this bill

- Senator Cherry seconds this motion
- Senator Metcalf advises the change of “Nicotine Addiction”
- Senator Moore offers a friendly amendment to change raise negative stigma
- Senator Maness offers a friendly amendment to change stigma, because it sounds kind of harsh
- Senator Moore states to not change it due to it making a difference.
- Senator Roberston asks if Health Promotion does something similar to this?
Senator Dupuy states Health and Promotions only highlight cigarette smoking and not vaping.
- Yes: 25
- No: 4
- Abstain: 5
- The Resolution passes
- Tentative SGA Resolution 6-20-S
 - *A Resolution to Create an Official First Friends Program at MTSU*
 - Senator Douglass moves to adopt this Resolution
 - This motion is seconded by Senator Cherry
 - Senator Brown asks if Senator Cooper has spoken to Scholars Academy about helping with this bill. Senator Cooper states that this program is specifically tailored to them.
 - Councilor Bruce offers a friendly amendment to change “recourses to resources”
 - Yes: 30
 - No: 2
 - Abstain: 3
 - The Resolution passes
- Tentative SGA Bill 2-20-S
 - *A Bill to Replace the SGA Forum Requirement*
 - Senator Douglass moves to adopt this bill
 - Senator Cherry seconds this motion

- Senator Cherry moves to remove the second and third Whereas clause
- Senator Douglass seconds this motion
- No further debate
- Yes: 28
- No: 4
- Abstain: 3
- Tentative SGA Bill 3-20-S
 - A Bill to Implement Polling Stations during Student Government Association Elections
 - Senator Maness moves to adopt this bill
 - This motion is seconded by Senator Cherry
 - Senator Douglas offers a friendly amendment to change Pipeline to MyMT
 - Senator Maness offers a friendly amendment to remove line eleven, Senator Cooper denies this friendly amendment
 - Senator Brown asks how we would track where would people vote; would it limit students from voting off campus. Senator Cooper states that this will only give students the option to vote on campus.
 - Yes: 28
 - No: 1
 - Abstain: 4
 - This bill passes
- Tentative SGA Bill 3-20-S
 - *Article of Impeachment for Senator Dasia Ballard*
 - Senator Cherry moves to adopt this impeachment
 - Senator Maness seconds this motion
 - Senator Robertson asks can we move it to next meeting so Senator Ballard
 - Senator Hayes ask could we know the absences, Senator Douglas states no, because

- Senator Cherry states this is not personal, nor should we vote based on personal reasons, she violated the constitution.
- Senator Nanmejo states we should move this Bill to next week because we do not know why if she is here or not.
- Senator Crowder states that she was well aware of the date of her Impeachment Trial
- Senator Scott states that she knew what she was signing up, this is not personal, but were doing it because she violated the constitution.
- Yes:28
- No: 3
- Abstain: 3
- Tentative SGA Resolution 1-20-S-FC
 - *A Resolution to Make the Overnight Guest Policy Procedure More Efficient*
 - Senator Moore moves to adopt this bill
 - Senator Cherry seconds this motion
 - Senator Sigari moves to remove section 2, and states that section 3 should be changed to be more specific.
 - Senator West states the second whereas should be removed because it's not true. Vice President Moore states she is trying to state any housing staff can approve this application.
 - Senator Moore asks won't this give all Housing staff ability to approve this application.
 - Senator Sigari states that this isn't our Resident Assistants duty, but the AC's duty.
 - Senator Cooper asks where is this application at on the Housing website. Senator West explains where the application is located at on this
 - Councilor Howard states this is to bring more awareness to this policy, Senator Sigari states that it should be more specific.
 - Senator Cooper asks can you submit it online. Senator West states yes.

- Senator Wilchie moves to table this Resolution
- Senator Moore seconds this motion
- Yes: 28
- No: 3
- Abstain: 2
- This motion passes, this Resolution will be tabled.
- Tentative SGA Resolution 2-20-S-FC
 - *A Resolution to*
 - Senator Berry moves to adopt this bill
 - Seconded by Senator Cherry
 - No debate
 - Yes: 28
 - No: 3
 - Abstain: 3
 - This resolution passes

Motion made by Senator Douglass to adjourn the meeting

Seconded by Senator Cherry

No debate

Motion passed

Meeting adjourned at 5:50