

SGA BILL 5-15-FC

Revised Constitution for the Student Government Association: Freshman Council

Whereas: The Constitution of the Freshman Council is not practicable.

Whereas: The Constitution is outdated and not accurate.

Whereas: The Constitution needs to be revised.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE 78th CONGRESS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:

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.

Sponsors: Freshman Council

Speaker of the Senate

SGA President

VP of Student Affairs