

Meeting began at 4:34

**Attendance** Senators Cain, Beasley, Melissa Lewis, Meadows, Rivers, Webster, Helton, Pierce, and Mercer were absent. Senators Miller, Stovall, and Wong were late.

### **Motion to forgo the reading of the minutes**

**Guest Speaker** Mr. Brandon Chapman, Director Assistant Director of Intercultural & Diversity Affairs

### **Officer Reports**

#### **New Business**

Tentative SGA Resolution 3-14-S, Sponsor, Senator Loso, read tentative resolution aloud.

Senator Loso explains purpose is to give sponsoring senator at state level a petition from. That student body doesn't agree.

Senator Gray asks about the House of Representative side and possibly adding that to this tentative resolution.

Senator Hardman ask if Senator Loso has contacted the Knox County Representative.

Senator Loso says that he hasn't not yet contacted the Representative.

Senator Hopkins asks if Senator Loso knows the rationale beyond State level bill  
Senator Loso says he is not certain but he knows that it will affect Middle Tennessee State University

Senator Woodland asks how they can tell the what to do with the Student Funds  
EVP Haley Cobb states that the State requires many things from universities including having a student senate body.

Senator Hardman asks if Senator Loso could bring a copy of the legislation from the sponsoring State senator

Senator Loso shows the legislation as he already had a copy. A copy is shown for the senators to view.

Senator Knight asks how many signatures it would take to have a significant effect as far a petition process goes.

Senator Loso was not certain. UTK has already began a petition and asked if MTSU can support UTK's petition

No further discussion

Sponsoring Senator Hardman reads aloud Tentative SGA Resolution 4-14-S.

Senator Hardman explains that the yard signs get blown away, stolen, and are expensive to replace. It is very costly for university. The electronic signs were eliminate need for yard signs. Advertisements on the electronic signs would go into

a printing fund and this would offset the upcoming printing fees. In addition, campus alerts would be posted on the signs.

Senator Williams asks the cost comparatives – construction, maintenance

Senator Hardman states this depends but cost would most likely fall to IT department.

Senator Williams states that electronic signs would not eliminate the need for directions when there are campus events.

Senator Hardman says that buildings like the Student Union are unmarked.

Senator Williams states that their signs now shown directing to the Student Union; however, construction obstructs them.

Senator Hardman states that currently the Student Union is not marked.

Senator Lewis asks for clarification on departments on allocation of costs.

Senator Hardman says this up to the University and hopefully the Senate to determine the allocation.

Senator Lewis asks would this resolution ban yard signs.

Senator Hardman states it would limit it.

Senator Martin says that in Murfreesboro electronic signs are illegal and would these be allowed on campus.

Senator Hardman says its illegal on roadways. These signs would be on campus

Senator Woodland asks about placing one at Peck Hall.

Senator Hardman says that amendment can be made to the resolution.

Senator Cooper

Senator Smith asks who is in charge of the current signage.

Senator Hardman states that is departmental.

Senator Knight suggests solar panel on the electronic signs to help offset future maintenance costs.

Senator Hurton asks about sign's size.

Senator Hardman sates the dimension

Senator Smith asks about fining organizations for not removing signs by a certain date.

Senator Hardman says that is an University decision.

Senator Knight says fines from late removal of signs could go to the electronic signs overhead costs.

Senator Kennedy, Sponsor of Tentative SGA Resolution 5-14-S, reads resolution aloud.

Senator Kennedy states this resolution would be for students who do not own a bicycle and would cut down on traffic.

Senator Lewis questions price point.

Senator Kennedy says not at this point.

Senator Lewis asks who would initially pay for the bicycles and set up

Senator Kennedy says he is uncertain but Parking and Transportation, eventually.

Senator Smith asks for clarification.

Senator Kennedy presents Cornell University's similar bicycle renting system.

Senator Woodland says that Recreation Center allows students to rent a bicycle for the semester

Senator Kennedy says prices would be similar

Senator Stovall asks how would you pay, with card or credit card.

Senator Kennedy refers to Co-Sponsor Senator Hardman, Senator Hardman says students would rent the bicycles with your Student ID at Recreation Center or online and pay any fees and then Student ID would allow you to check out and check in bicycles after registrations by swiping ID.

Senator Stovall asks about type of bicycle.

Senator Kennedy says basis bicycle.

Senator Knight asks about familiarity with insurance policy in connection to students riding MTSU bicycle.

Senator Hardman says waiver would be signed at registration/rental of bicycle.

Senator Johnson asks about locating one near the Rutherford parking lot.

Senator Smith is there a limit to where the bicycle can be taken.

Senator Kennedy says no as long as the bicycle is returned before deadline.

Senator Elliot suggests more slots than bicycles to keep in mind the returning process.

Senator Bowling asks if the Recreation Center was consulted and provides contact information on expansion.

No further discussion

### **Announcement**

Senator Estes announces social media competition at the University Gables.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:33