

Meeting Called to Order at 4:38

Roll Taken

Senators Burchett, Davis-Little, Hall, Smith, Meadows, Redmond, Soto, George, Goff, Webster, Davis, and Woodland were absent.

Motion to forego the reading of the minutes

Visitors

Former Exec members Rachel Lee, Brandon Brown, and Anit Patel attended meeting.

Officer Reports

Committee Chair Reports

New Business

SGA Bill 3-13-F A bill to modify the Senate hour requirements for Graduate Senators of the MTSU Student Government Association.

The sponsor, Senator Adams, read the tentative bill.

Senator Adams exercised his right to first debate: he sighted the lack of graduate student participation in Senate and that the new hour requirement reflects the number of hours required to be a full time graduate student.

Senator Beasley: sighted the failure of the bill last year, in theory they should be able to commit, push undergraduates to take more than full course load, most of mtsu population does not know the hour requirement to serve on Senate.

Senator Hardman: not attracting the average student to SGA, he looked at senate hours prior to applying, graduate workload is much more thorough and demanding, also includes graduate assistantship hours

Senator Adams: in favor of a friendly amendment, the issue needs to be addressed in order to get proper representation of graduate students

Senator Benson: sister who is a graduate student, time requirement is too much, focused on career, allowing for more representation

Senator Franseen: move to previous question;
motion fails due to fail to no second

Senator Beasley: problem filling undergraduate position, appointed senators are as a result of a vacancy,

Senator Bowling: graduate work is more difficult, graduate senators are an asset,

Senator Hawthorne: non average student to go above and beyond, hours not actually required to give time, has had senate hours. moved to previous question.

Senator Beasley: second

Vote on call to previous question: motion passes by 2/3

Vote on main motion: 32- in favor; motion passes

SGA Bill 4-13-F A bill to require Senate passage of SGA President's memorandum regarding scholarship allocation and scholarship hour requirements.

Sponsor, Senator Adams, read the tentative Bill.

Move for favorable passage. Motion was properly seconded.
Senator Adams exercised his right to first debate. Senate should be involved in the scholarship allocation and hour requirement process.
Senator Gray: what exactly is the bill doing.
Senator Adams: clarified
Senator Gray: in support of bill. move to previous question; motion passes.
Vote on main motion. Motion passes.

SGA Resolution 2-13-F A resolution to increase the Student Activity Fee of Middle Tennessee State University.

Sponsor, Senator Hardman, read the bill. Moved for favorable passage.
Senator Hardman exercised his right to first debate, recommended keep at the current amount to maintain affordability of MTSU. Improving student life. sighted our student activity fee is comparable with ETSU.
Senator Gray: have the ability to do 1/3 less than we were in 1988.
Senator Hopkins: suggestion to amend to \$10 per semester.
Senator Mercer: increase to \$50. moved to amend to strike \$40 and insert \$50. motion was seconded; exercised her right to first debate.
Senator Beasley: thinks it is important to raise activity fees. utk has to include other fees like the recreation
Senator Adams: strong support of the bill, opposed to the amendment.
Vote made on amendment. Motion failed.
Senator Parente: in favor of resolution to increase the quality of events.
Senator Martin: inquired as to how much it would cost to bring a big name for an event.
Senator Hardman: yielded the question to Brandon Loso
Loso: explained to Senate some of the inquiries he made during homecoming and his event knowledge
Senator Adams: call to previous question. Motion passes.
Vote on original motion. Motion passes.

3-13-F A Resolution to create the Raider Rewards Program for students to get involved in university functions.

Sponsor, Senator Kennedy, read the proposed resolution.
Senator Kennedy exercised his right to first debate. He has met with Chris Massaro and Dr. Debra Sells. Is a great way to garner more student involvement.
Senator Gray: spoke in support of the bill.
Senator Parente: asked what kind of incentives would be given
Senator Kennedy: similar programs are donation based.
Senator Hawthorne: will it be a part of connection point?
Senator Kennedy: the new program would absorb connection point and encourage all students, not just freshmen to get involved.
Senator Hawthorne: Call to previous question; Motion passes.
Vote on main motion. Motion passes.

Announcements

N/A