A resolution aimed to improve student retention at Middle Tennessee State University by providing more outdoor seating around the older part of campus.

Whereas: The original side of campus has extremely limited outdoor seating with one picnic table per area;

Whereas: Outdoor seating on the older side of campus would give students a location to congregate and therefore stay on campus;

Whereas: Studies show that student involvement on campus directly impacts retention and graduation rates;

Whereas: MTSU is always working to increase student retention;

Whereas: Students congregating around campus would make MTSU more attractive to potential students, faculty, and staff.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE 76TH CONGRESS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:

Section 1: Middle Tennessee State University will add two recycled plastic picnic tables per designated area on the older side of campus.

Section 2: These picnic tables will be placed in various locations on the older side of campus:

- Murphy Center/ Alumni Memorial Gym area (MC/ AMG)
- Peck Hall and The Grove (PH)
- Kirksey Old Main (KOM)
- Saunders Fine Arts (SFA) and Wright Music Building (WMB)
Section 3: If passed, this will go into effect at the start of Fall semester 2014.

Sponsor: Senator Mychal Bowling

Co-sponsor: Senator Dylan Bogle