

SGA Resolution No. 04-07-F

Dean's Council Model

Whereas: The Dean's Council model has seen a successful parallel project (Student Leadership Council) in the College of Mass Communications and a similar model within the Honors College,

Whereas: This council offers an opportunity for SGA Senators to serve their constituency more effectively,

Whereas: Each college will benefit from this liberated path of communication; the students and the Dean work together to further the effectiveness of their scholastic endeavors,

Whereas: Students in the remaining colleges will grow communicatively, socially, culturally, personally, and scholastically from the united body by discussing concerns and improvements pertaining to their college's culture.

Whereas: Students who participate form a personalized relationship with the Dean, strengthening the relationship between the student body and the Dean, as well as benefiting individually from their involvement,

Whereas: This council's objectives analogously complement the Middle Tennessee State University's *Blueprint for Excellence: Academic Masterplan (2002-2012)*, in the following areas: 1. Academic Quality, 2. Student-centered learning, 3. Establish Strategic Partnerships,

Whereas: It is the recommendation of this committee that this model begin implementation as soon as the spring of 2008,

Whereas: This council will promote the diversity of the student's opinions; this council will offer the college's administration a reliable and valid sample of the student's concerns; this council will offer a collective view of student concerns, and the improvements for their local collegiate community,

Whereas: The council offers SGA Senators an opportunity to propose legislation of a higher "quality" (greater importance; greater demand; greater urgency) for their respective colleges

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE 70TH CONGRESS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MTSU THAT:

Section 1: Upon passage of this resolution, a university wide implementation of the Dean's Council model will be integrated in the normal undertakings of each respective college in present operation, and applied to the future colleges that have yet to be created at Middle Tennessee State University.

Section 2: Upon passage of this resolution, we as the Academic Affairs Committee would like to see the composition and the structure of the model followed as closely as possible to the outlined provision (attached to this resolution) to ensure that the voice of the students is not infringed, does not become compromised, left out, or under minded. The spirit of this model allows for a high level of diversity of thought and input from the students through the guidelines of: gender, GPA, class rank, and their scholastic major.

Section 3: We encourage a College's Rights philosophy (comparable to the United States of America's State's Rights theory) applied to this model to more accurately deal with the unique methods of operations within each college, so this model can work to its greatest potential.

Section 4: Each SGA Senator will be required to attend at least one Dean's Council meeting in their respective college per semester as shall be stipulated in a bill upon passage of this resolution.

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Dean's Council Criteria

Goal: For Council's to represent as closely to the demographical makeup of each college as possible.

Composition: Ensuring a Diverse Voice.

Students will be chosen by the Dean's choice of delegated individual(s). We recommend (a) individual(s) that have mass interaction with students, for instance academic advisors, or secretaries.

We foresee no conflict with individual SGA Senators choosing the students for the committee as long as it

- **does not involve any form of patronage, and**
- **as long as it adheres to the purest form of the spirit of the council's objective:**
 - **to promote a stronger sense of academic quality,**
 - **create a stronger student centered learning experience and an expansion of strategic partnerships grown as a result of the council's practices;**
- **and as long as the Senators, if chosen collectively, can agree to come to an unanimous agreement upon the selected individuals.**

Requirements: the candidates.

The following requirements should embody the selection for the students to the council (we would like to see no more than 7 students at a time on the committee, with different students chosen every meetings, and meetings to be held no less than twice per semester).

1. GPA- a diverse range: 2.00-4.00, this allows different view points from different scholastic brackets.
2. Class rank:
Freshman to Senior and one Graduate level Student, but if there happens to be a limited amount of Graduate students, there is no token "Graduate level" seat that must be filled every meeting, but it is our recommendation that they are represented as continuously as the other undergraduate students.
3. Major: as closely related to the demographical composition in each respective major to illustrate an accurate dialogue.
4. Gender: both genders represented with no stipulations as to percentage of the makeup.

SGA Senator(s) role:

This committee directs each Senator to take full responsibility to attend each of these meetings. Not only will it aid in more fruitful legislation, but moreover, it will help serve the constituency more productively. This legislation only requires one senator to always be present at these meetings, preferably a senator elected from that college or enrolled in that college. We recommend each council meeting fall on a date other than those already reserved for SGA Senate meetings or Senate Committee meetings so as to ensure the highest possible attendance by SGA Senators.