

SGA Bill 1-22-S-FC

A Bill to Amend Article VI: Removal from Office in the Freshman Council Constitution

Whereas: The process and procedure to impeach a member of the Freshman Council as stated in the Freshman Council Constitution are convoluted and confusing.

Whereas: The committee of seven appointed members is an outdated method of impeachment that impedes the process and lengthens the process.

Whereas: The exact criterion for impeachment is never specified within the Freshman Council Constitution.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE 84TH CONGRESS OF THE MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION THAT:

Section 1: Article VI Section 2 of the Freshman Council Constitution shall be amended to:

- A. If a particular member has not upheld his or her duties as a member of the Freshman Council, The Executive Vice President shall have final authority in the situation to remove the person from office.
 - B. The Freshman Council shall have sole power of impeachment, and possible removal from office. The Vice President ~~of the Freshman Council~~ shall preside over the hearing. Should charges be brought against the Vice President ~~of the Freshman Council~~, the Freshman Council President shall preside over the hearing and vice versa.
 - C. A bill shall be submitted to the floor of the Freshman Council by any member outlining reasons for impeachment. With a simple majority approval of the resolution, the President of the Freshman Council shall appoint a committee of 7 members for the purposes of general investigation. If the committee determines that their findings support the Articles of Impeachment. If this resolution passes by a simple majority, then the Vice President will preside over the final impeachment hearing.
 - D. Freshman Council members are also able to turn in a written statement or verbal agreement of resignation to the Executive Vice President.
 - E. Any member who has been removed from office pursuant to Article VI, section 1 shall not be permitted to hold any office or serve in any other capacity within the Student Government Association for the remainder of their attendance at this institution.
- A. The Freshman Council shall have the sole power of impeachment, and possible removal from office. However, the Executive Vice President shall have final authority to remove the person from office.

- B. A bill shall be submitted to the floor of the Freshman Council by any member outlining reasons for impeachment.
- C. With a simple majority approval of the resolution, the President of the Freshman Council shall **instruct the Internal Affairs committee to conduct a** ~~appoint a committee of 7 members for the purposes of general investigation.~~
- D. **The Internal Affairs committee should report their findings in support of or against the Articles of Impeachment by submitting a bill outlining the reasons for impeachment.**
- E. If this resolution passes by a simple majority within the **Internal Affairs Committee**, then the Vice President of **Freshman Council** will preside over the final impeachment hearing **within Freshman Council.**
- F. Should charges be brought against the **Freshman Council** Vice President, the Freshman Council President shall preside over the hearing and vice versa.
- G. Freshman Council members are also able to turn in a written statement or verbal agreement of resignation to the Executive Vice President.
- H. Any member who has been removed from office pursuant to Article VI, section 1 shall not be permitted to hold any office or serve in any other capacity within the Student Government Association for the remainder of their attendance at this institution.

Section 2:

Article VI Section 3 of the Freshman Council Constitution shall be amended to:

Section 3: Sever from Executive Vice President

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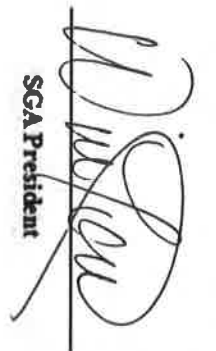
Article VI shall be amended by adding a Section 3:

Section 3: Grounds for Impeachment

- A. For a councilor to be considered for impeachment, only one of the criteria listed below has to be met.
 - a. More than three (3) unexcused absences in one (1) semester or two (2) consecutive unexcused absences.
 - b. Failure to acquire the required amount of SGA-approved Council hours.
 - c. Failure to maintain the required minimum grade point average (GPA).
 - d. Misuse of the budget by any member of SGA, including Freshman Councilors.
 - e. And in extreme cases, multiple occasions in which a councilor has exhibited behavior not in compliance with the statement of governing principles for members of Freshman Council in Article II of the Freshman Council Constitution and for members of Student Government in Article II of the Student Government Association Constitution.

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Speaker of the Senate


SGA President


VP of Student Affairs