A Resolution to inform the Athletic Department of student interest in hiring a new head football coach.

Whereas: The MTSU needs to improve attendance at home football games to maintain Division I-A status,

Whereas: The hiring of a big name coach at other universities has caused an immediate increase in the amount of attendance at sporting events,

Whereas: The revenue generated through increased ticket sales and possible donor increases and the revenue lost by not having large away game contracts with schools, may sufficiently afford the university the opportunity to pay a large coaching contract,

Whereas: Gimmicks have been shown to not significantly increase attendance, this can only be achieved through fielding a competitive team, and the possibility of three consecutive losing seasons is not competitive,

Whereas: The in-state rivalries that could be formed with the University of Memphis or the University of Tennessee-Knoxville by having a higher quality coach and team would have a tremendous impact on school pride,

Whereas: Turning around a team with a recent losing tradition is a very tempting prospect to good coaches,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE 67TH CONGRESS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MTSU THAT:

Section 1: The Athletic Department pursues the replacement of Coach Andy McCollum with Steve Spurrier, Dave Wandstadt, or another big name football coach.

Sponsored by: Senator Jon Campell
Senator Joey Torrento

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