SGA Bill 2-08-F

A resolution to put limitations on Homecoming Election spending.

Whereas: Previous spending on Homecoming Election paraphernalia has been excessive.

Whereas: The Homecoming King/Queen candidates should already be well-known on campus.

Whereas: The position of Homecoming King/Queen should be an honor and is deluded by the election process as it currently stands.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE 71ST CONGRESS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:

Section 1: There will be an Amendment made to the Electoral Act of the Student Government Association of MTSU.

Section 2: Article X, Section 3 shall read as follows:

All signs on campus shall conform to the following guidelines:
A. Three banner signs, any size, may be placed on campus, with the exception of the Keathley University Center. These banners may be mobile or stationary. Any size signs taped or arranged together to form a sign more than 2’ × 3’ (feet) shall constitute a banner sign.
B. Banners must be displayed horizontally in front of the KUC and may not exceed 3’ × 5’ (feet).
C. There shall be no limit on the number of 8 ½” × 11” or smaller signs that may be placed on campus.
D. Banners displaying the names of multiple candidates will count as one banner for each of the displayed candidates.
E. Candidates will not be allowed to use any yard signs.
F. There shall be a $500 cap (including donations) on election paraphernalia, and receipts for all purchased items shall be submitted within 48 of distribution.

Sponsored by: Senator Craig  
Senator Johnson  
Senator Porter
Senator Rawson

[Signatures]

Speaker of the Senate
SGA President
VP of Student Affairs
TO: Mr. James Floyd  
University Counsel

FROM: Debra Sells, Ed.D.  
Interim Vice President for Student Affairs and  
Vice Provost for Enrollment and Academic Services

RE: SGA Bill 2-08-F

DATE: November 14, 2008

The attached legislation requests that spending limits be placed on the Student  
Government Association Homecoming Elections. Given that this legislation may have  
First Amendment implications, I am requesting an interpretation from your office in  
order to provide guidance to the Student Government on how to proceed with this bill.

We generally ask the appropriate department to provide some timely response to SGA  
legislation. I would appreciate your reviewing the SGA’s recommendation and providing  
a response to me within 30 days. Please contact Sondra Wilson, SGA President, or Dr.  
Gene Fitch if you have any questions regarding this legislation.

c: Ms. Sondra Wilson  
Mr. Brandon McNary  
Ms. Jamie Boyd  
Mr. Nathan Haynes  
Dr. Gene Fitch