

2.15.2018

**Meeting called to order at 4:30**

**Roll Call**

Absent: Mahaffey, Edens, Harris, Johnson, Beasley, Davis, Ingram, Norton, Murphy, McGregor, Gustus, Henry, McBride

Late: White, Elliot, Halfacre, Harris

**Reading of the True Blue Pledge**

**Reading of the Minutes:**

- Motion made to forgo the reading of the minutes
- Motion seconded
- No objections
- Motion passed

**Officer Reports**

- Senator of the week: Kobe Hermann

**Committee Chair Reports**

- **Internal affairs – Senator Thompson**
  - Nathan Watkins - excused
  - Simone Hackney - excused
  - Meghan Miller - excused
  - Vinay Vushagani - excused (all of them)
  - Shayla Ingram - excused
  - Freya Cartwright - excused
  - Jordan Gustus - excused for second absence
  - Thomson - had to leave meeting early, excused.

**Old Business**

- n/a

**New Business**

- **2-18-S-FC - "MTSU Smoke Free Week"**

**Sponsor: Delegate Watts**

  - Senator Hermann moved to adopt this resolution
  - Properly seconded
  - Sponsor states that the only change to the resolution was a new time
  - No debate
  - Vote:
    - Yes: 43

- No: 1
    - Abstain: 2
  - Motion passes
- **3-18-S – “A Resolution Regarding University Policy 313”**

**Sponsor: Senator Harrell**

  - Senator Cansler moved to adopt this resolution
  - Properly seconded
  - Debate
    - Senator Ciecka expresses his issue with cutting out department heads from the appeal process
    - Senator Slatton questioned the wording of the resolution; he asked for the research that went into writing this resolution
      - Senator Slatton stated that he did not see the importance of cutting out the department head; he suggested that it would anger the department head
    - Delegate Oppmann stated that the Provost doesn’t support this bill; she had an email from the Provost that stated “there are plenty of cases when the department chair agrees with the student”
    - Senator Lester asked the sponsor to define unethical and unprofessional behavior
      - The sponsor stated that this was a broad definition - “what would be considered unethical/unfair in the classroom”
    - Senator Miller wondered if there is a provision in the existing policy for a student who would be graduating in the current semester
    - The sponsor stated that his number one priority with this piece of legislation was to get “Policy 313” into the syllabus; the department head would be a more contentious debate
      - The sponsor stated that he was considering breaking this resolution up into two different resolutions
    - Senator Thompson wondered if the appeal process was only for a final grade
      - Senator Thompson reiterated that, as student representatives, they should prioritize the students over administration
    - Senator Slatton suggested that they should try to get legislation passed, and reiterated that meant working with administration
    - The Sponsor expressed his concern for his constituents
    - Senator Hermann suggested that there was no way this resolution would be passed; he told the sponsor that he did support the policy included in the syllabus
      - Senator Hermann moved to previous question
      - Properly seconded
      - No debate
      - [Vote]

- Previous question moved
      - Vote to pass/fail resolution
        - Motion failed
  - **4-18-S - “A Resolution Regarding MTSU Parking Garages”**  
**Sponsor: Senator Harrell**
    - The Sponsor moved to adopt this resolution
    - Properly seconded
    - Debate
      - Senator McDonald asked for clarification; “would this be to install a permanent sign?”
      - Senator Hackney wondered who the target audience would be for this legislation
      - Senator Orr asked who will dictate an “expeditious manner”; recommended that the sponsor offer parking services a specific set of questions
        - Suggested more clarity in the statement “expeditious manner”
      - Senator Thompson moved to amend section 1 and 2 of the resolution
        - *Amendment reads - “active student parking pass required to enter **and exit** the parking garage”*
          - Properly seconded
          - no debate on amendment
          - Vote
          - Amendment passed
    - Vote to pass/fail resolution
      - Motion passed
- **5-18-S – “A Resolution to Discourage the Requirement of ‘Clickers’ for Classrooms”**  
**Senator Hermann**
  - Senator Hermann moved to adopt this resolution
  - Properly seconded
  - Debate
    - Senator LeClaire suggested that the sponsor should reach out to teachers and administration about the letter; they could provide input on different ideas to use in the classroom other than clickers
    - Senator Broche felt like this letter would reflect poorly on the student government
    - Senator Oselukwue wondered how effective this letter would be in combating clickers
    - Senator Ciecka moved to postpone this resolution until the next formal meeting
      - Properly seconded
      - Vote:

- Yes – 38
  - Abstain – 3
  - No – 6
- Motion passed; resolution postponed until next formal meeting

### **Announcements**

Motion made to adjourn the meeting

Seconded

No objections

Motion passed

**Meeting adjourned at 5:37**