

Meeting was called to order at 4:33

Roll Taken

Senators Estes, Miller, Hopkins, Lewis Melissa, Stovall, Tate, Jones Chelsea, and Pierce were absent. Senator Elliot and Webster were tardy.

Motion to forgo the reading of the meetings

Special Guest

Dr. Evans, American Democracy Project

Officer Reports

Old Business

New Business

Senator Knight, sponsor of Tentative SGA Bill 5-14-S, reads aloud.

Senator Knight elaborates upon the intent of the bill. Senator Knights reminds that it is a resolution not an action.

Senator Martin asks about the effectiveness of the bill and reminds that assigned seating was dismissed.

Senator Knight continues to say that the senators need to experience different social circles within Senate.

Senator Smith asks about suggesting reestablishing the assigned seating with nametags.

Senator Knight says he does not want this to be an enforced motion.

Senator Williams commends Senator Knight.

Senator Johnson says nametags are ineffective and ask Senator Knight what his suggestions are.

Senator Knight hopes that this will be an external and internal change for the Senate.

Senator Woodland asks if more external events would be helpful in creating a bond among the senators.

Senator Knight says that events would be a good idea but does not want to make it forced intermingling of the senators.

Senator Benson asks how the Bill could become a Resolution.

EVP Cobb says that it is more suited to be a Bill.

Senator Helton states that external events would not be viewed as forced and that the issue raised in the Tentative Bill is unintentional.

Senator Jones, sponsor of Tentative SGA Bill 6-14-S, reads aloud.

Senator Jones states that intent of the bill is commend the campus police for keeping campus safe.

No discussion.

Senator Bowling, sponsor of Tentative SGA Resolution 6-14-S, reads aloud.

Senator Bowling states the intent of the Resolution is to improve the historic area of campus by adding more picnic tables and benches to the area.

Senator Hardman asked why doubling was the multiplier.

Senator Bowling says she understands monetary restrictions.

Senator Hardman suggests tripling the number of picnic tables.

Senator Martin asked about retention.

Senator Bowling said that there is nothing on the historic side of campus to keep students on campus for dining and/or leisure time.

Senator Whitlock asked if the university has been consulted.

EVP Cobb says she spoke with the university and it is not something that the university has on the list of projects to be completed.

Senator Bowling, sponsor of Tentative SGA Resolution 7-14-S, reads aloud.

Senator Bowling states intent is to protect students in the advising process against unwritten or unclear guidelines or rules.

Senator Gray reminds that Section 1 is set by TBR standards. Senator Gray suggests that requirements should be posted online.

Senator Elliot states as a transfer student he believes that transfer classes and requirements should be included.

Senator Knight states that Section 1 should be kept in the Resolution. Senator Knight suggests about writing a separate Resolution for transfer students.

Senator Beasley suggests not including transfer requirements also.

Senator Johnson asks when does accountability of the students for missed/unnoticed courses come into play.

Senator Bowling asks for written guidelines to formulate a plan for graduation.

Senator Hardman asks would students follow the guidebook that was implemented when a student was first admitted.

Senator Bogle asks if each College at MTSU could participate.

Senator Knight, sponsor of Tentative SGA Resolution 8-14-S, reads aloud.

Senator Knight says a student approached him about raising awareness of the hungry population in and around MTSU.

Senator Beasley asks about what would be defined as a hungry student. Furthermore, Senator Beasley asks if the FlexBucks would be a donation.

Senator Knight says that at this time the definition of hungry is unclear. The decision on FlexBucks would be determined by the University.

Senator Whitlock asked for clarification on FlexBucks.

Senator Knight clarifies and then suggests having two events, Fall and Spring.

Senator Woodland suggests donating FlexBucks to an established food bank.

Senator Smith asks where the unused FlexBucks are held.

Senator Knight says the FlexBucks are gone because only usable within MTSU.

Senator Smith asks that it be expanded to the community.

Senator Knight asks what the Senators believe to be achievable.

Senator Martin asks if all the unused FlexBucks could be put into one fund for a charity establishment.

Senator Knight states he believes it would remain located on campus for the first year of implementation.

Senator Parente suggests there is a signup at the on campus food bank.

Senator Hardman states that unused FlexBucks could not be put into a single fund because of Aramark's rules. Senator Hardman asked if the University could have a direct tie with a charitable organization.

Senator Knight, sponsor of Tentative SGA Resolution 9-14-S, reads aloud.

Senator Beasley says the Campus Parking is already working on a similar action.

Senator Martin asks for clarification on the stickers.

Senator Knight states the intent is to implement a scanning system.

Senator Elliot states the universities that have this barcode implementation require students to park a certain way for ease.

Announcements

Meeting was adjourned at 5:56.