

9/22/16

### Meeting was called to order at 4:30

#### Roll Taken

- Absent: Edgar Duran, Michael Caldwell, Marious Freeman, Darrian Harlan, Shamarsha Jordan, Alyssa Haddock
- Late: Jericho Marsh, Daniel Vincent, Christopher Castelow, Montavius Ewing, Devin Marsh, Cayman Seagraves, Monica Haun

#### Special Guests:

- **Dr. Sidney McPhee**, President of Middle Tennessee State University
  - Takes questions and requests from Senators
    - Senator Anderson asks if there are any plans to possibly update Peck Hall
    - Senator Ch. Brandon inquires about the status of Abernathy Hall
    - Senator West questioned if there was anything Senators could do to promote on-campus housing
      - Inquires about the cost comparison about living off-campus
    - Senator Elliot wonders if there are any future plans for the engineering and technology building
    - Senator Vincent examines possible scenarios to publicize MTSU
    - Senator Lembo asks how Senators could assist with student involvement and retention

#### Minutes

- Motion was made to forgo the reading of the minutes
- Motion passed

#### Officer Reports

#### Old Business

- **Tentative SGA Bill 1-16-F**
- **Section 1:** Section 3 Article 5 shall be amended to state, "Members of the Senate shall have a minimum of a 2.5 cumulative grade point average at the deadline for turning in election packets, or at the time of their selection or appointment to Senate, and shall maintain said average throughout their term in office. Cumulative grade point average shall consist of only grades earned at Middle Tennessee State University. The only exception to this rule shall be in the case of first semester transfer students and first semester graduate students, in which case the individual's transfer credits will be counted in determining their cumulative grade point average."
  - No Questions or suggestions about the addition

## **New Business**

- **Tentative SGA Resolution 3-16-F**
  - **Section 1:** With the passage of this resolution, Middle Tennessee State University's Student Government Association formally opposes the creation of intellectual and ideological safe spaces where students and faculty could go to avoid confrontation with differing ideologies.
  - **Section 2:** This legislation has nothing to do with the MTSU "Safe Zone" teacher training program.
  - **Section 3:** Middle Tennessee State University's Student Government Association will encourage the transfer of new and contrasting ideas peacefully and respectfully among the entire student body.
- **Questions/Suggestions**
  - Senator Eisenberg wonders if MTSU has any safe spaces now, or if this resolution is aimed at solely opposing the creation of safe spaces
    - Senator Carroll explains that the resolution is meant to insure that students can/will always be able to freely share their ideas
- **Tentative SGA Resolution 4-16-F**
  - A resolution to allow student organizations to bring their own food to org meetings
- **Questions/Suggestions**
  - Senator Carroll proposes that student organizations have very limited resources; therefore, this resolution would be monetarily beneficial for the organization's members and increase the overall freedom of the organization
  - Dr. Kelly informs the Senators that waivers for this purpose are already in place for student organizations
    - Senator Ewing agrees that this resolution is trying to put something in place that is already there
  - Senator Lembo supports the resolution, but asks why the amount is \$50
    - Senator Carroll declares that \$50 is around the amount that CSIL and Aramark would be willing to support; furthermore, she just wants to get the resolution implemented

## **Announcements**

**Adjourned at 5:35**