

PURPOSE: To prevent senators from presenting a second bill/resolution in one semester unless all other senate members have presented a bill/resolution. Alternatively, they can co-author with another senator who hasn't presented that semester.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE

SECTION ONE (DEFINITIONS):

Legislation: A resolution, bill, or constitutional amendment.

SGA Officers: SGA President, SGA Vice-President and SGA Secretary.

SGA Advisors: The members of MSMS faculty who attend and monitor SGA activities.

SECTION TWO (REASONING):

Last semester, many senators had to co-author their legislation during the last senate meeting just to meet the requirement of presenting one bill/resolution in a semester. This combined with upcoming finals likely caused some senators to rush the process of finding an aspect of MSMS that needs changing, resulting in presenting bills/resolutions that are unnecessary.

This constitutional amendment states that to prevent this, senators who have already met their quota for the semester may not present a second time until either everyone has done so, or they co-author with another senator who hasn't met their quota. This way, the last senate meeting can be focused on tabled legislation and legislation presented by senators who confidently know what they want changed at MSMS. This can be achieved by having a list of all the senator's names that gets crossed off every time a senator has completed the previously stated requirement. Nothing concerning this constitutional amendment will add a workload to any members of SGA, but simply make certain requirements occur sooner.

Exceptions to this constitutional amendment and the repercussions for not adhering to it can be determined via the discretion of the SGA Officers and the SGA Advisors.

SECTION THREE (SPECIFIC CHANGE):

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Section 5: Requirements

To hold an elected or nominated position, all SGA candidates and members must satisfy and maintain the following requirements:

- 1) Any student seeking an elected or nominated position must have a numerical grade average equal to or greater than 85.0 (rounded to three significant figures). The Academic Counselors or the Director for Academic Affairs shall be responsible for the calculation of these averages. The numeric average will be determined by taking the sum of the numeric grades as provided by the faculty to the Academic Counselors and the Director for Academic Affairs, and then dividing this sum by the number of classes a student is taking. Only MSMS classes listed on report cards and evaluated with numeric grades shall be considered. This average shall be cumulative from the student's Junior year.
- 2) At the end of each nine weeks, if the numeric grade average of any SGA member does not fulfill the requirements set forth in this Section, then that person shall be forced to relinquish their position and the vacant position shall be filled according to the appropriate guidelines.
- 3) A SGA candidate or member cannot have any Level III violations.
- 4) Every SGA member must present one piece of legislation per semester. An SGA member may not present a second piece of legislation until either all SGA members have fulfilled this requirement, or they co-author with another SGA member who hasn't fulfilled this requirement. If an SGA member has extenuating circumstances, exceptions can be determined via the discretion of the SGA Officers and the SGA Advisors.
- ~~4~~ 5) If an SGA member does not meet the disciplinary requirements set forth in this Section, then that person must immediately relinquish their position and the vacant position shall be filled according to the appropriate guidelines.
- ~~5~~ 6) At the end of each semester, all Senators will be given the opportunity

to resign from the Senate.

~~6~~ 7) All candidates seeking an elected or appointed office for their Senior year must be a Senior for the duration of their term. All candidates seeking an Student Government Association 7 elected or appointed office for their Junior year must be a Junior for the duration of their term.

~~7~~ 8.) Candidates for SGA Vice President must have been a Senator for four Senate meetings

SECTION FOUR (APPENDIX):

The Honorable Mrs. Nisa's Response: “