

PURPOSE: To create an oath of office and swearing-in ceremony for SGA officers.

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL FOR MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE TO SENATE:

SECTION ONE (REASONING):

The SGA officer positions — President, Vice-President, and Secretary — require the utmost dedication, leadership, and commitment to the student body. As such, the newly elected officers should take an oath to their position, the SGA Constitution, and MSMS. Bound by this oath, the officers will fulfill their roles as best they can. Since each role has different duties, each role will have to give a different oath. The previous SGA officers will perform the swearing-in ceremony for the newly elected SGA officers, in which they say the oath and have the new officer repeat it, taking pauses as needed. The previous SGA President swears in the new SGA President, for example. The swearing-in ceremony will be done immediately after the elections in front of the student body. The newly elected officer shall raise their right hand and have their left hand on a physical copy of the SGA Constitution while saying their oath (unless the student does not have hands/arms).

SECTION TWO (SPECIFIC CHANGE):

On page 7 of the SGA Constitution, under the section “ARTICLE II — Officer Elections,” the following would be changed to:

Section 6: Position Titles

No member of the SGA may hold more than one position in the SGA unless there are not enough eligible applicants to fill a body's position(s). In this circumstance, the SGA Officers shall compile a list of students who wish to apply for the unfilled position(s). Provided that the candidates meet all other requirements, such as conduct and grades, they will be added to the ballot to be considered for the unfilled position(s). SGA Officers, Cabinet Secretaries, and Senate Officials shall be expressly prohibited from consideration for unfilled positions to maintain a balance of power.

Section 7: Oaths of Office and Swearing-In Ceremonies

The elected SGA officers — SGA President, Vice-President, and Secretary — shall be required to take an oath of office upon being elected. The oath shall be held before the student body, immediately following campaign speeches, voting, and results announcements. The previous

SGA officer will swear in the newly elected SGA officer. The newly elected officers shall raise their right hand and have their left hand on a physical copy of the SGA Constitution while giving their oath (students with no arms/hands may be exempted from this part of the swearing-in ceremony). The oaths shall be as follows.

For SGA President: “I, [first and last name], vow to uphold the values of the SGA Constitution, serve as an exemplary representative of the student body, and reflect the four ideals of MSMS: Scholarship, Creativity, Service, and Community.”

For SGA Vice-President: “I, [first and last name], vow to uphold the values of the SGA Constitution, fairly and orderly preside over the Senate by enforcing proper rules of order and decorum, and reflect the four ideals of MSMS: Scholarship, Creativity, Service, and Community.”

For SGA Secretary: “I, [first and last name], vow to uphold the values of the SGA Constitution, organize Senate legislation prior to meetings, and reflect the four ideals of MSMS: Scholarship, Creativity, Service, and Community.”