

PURPOSE: To change the procedure for scheduling bill presenters for Senate meetings

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

SECTION ONE (REASONING):

The current procedure for selecting bill presenters—requiring the Vice President to assign both a senior and a junior who have not yet presented—is not only unwritten in the SGA Constitution but also flawed in practice. It results in juniors at the beginning of the year being pressured to rush the development of bills they may not care about, simply to fulfill a presentation quota. This undermines the quality and intent of student legislation.

Allowing juniors to observe and learn before drafting and presenting a bill will promote thoughtful, well-researched proposals. As long as a minimum of two students present a bill at each meeting, the overall quota of one bill per senator per year will still be met. By establishing this process in the Constitution, future adjustments can be made with transparency and accountability.

SECTION TWO (SPECIFIC CHANGE):

On page 8 of the SGA Constitution, under the section “ARTICLE III — The Executive Branch,” the following would be changed to:

Section 2 SGA Officers

The SGA Officers are the SGA President, the SGA Vice-President, and the SGA Secretary. The SGA Officers must be Seniors for the duration of their term, which shall begin on the last day of school of the SGA Officer elects’ Junior year.

1. The Executive Branch shall be headed by the SGA President. The SGA President shall be elected by all provisions of Article I was that are applicable to the Executive Branch. The powers vested in the SGA President include:
 - A. Presiding over the SGA
 - B. Presiding over the Executive Branch
 - C. Nominating a group of advisors, the Cabinet, to assist in the execution of the President’s duties
 - D. Presiding over all Cabinet meetings
 - E. Removing Cabinet members should it be necessary
 - F. Serving as the representative of the entire Student Body at all public and school events as deemed necessary by the Executive Director

- G. Calling special sessions of any SGA bodies whenever necessary
 - H. Leading over one Senate committee as chairperson and ensuring the committee runs as intended
2. To preside over the Senate, a SGA Vice-President shall be elected. The SGA Vice-President shall be elected by all provisions of Article I that are applicable to the Executive Branch. The powers vested in the SGA Vice-President include:
- A. Presiding over all meetings of the Senate
 - B. Serving as the SGA President's assistant
 - C. Taking responsibility for all Senate projects
 - D. Fulfilling the duties of the SGA President, should the President take a temporary extended absence.
 - E. Ensuring that the Director for Academic Affairs checks that all Senators have maintained necessary grade and disciplinary requirements at the end of each nine weeks
 - F. Leading over one Senate committee as chairperson and ensuring the committee runs as intended
 - G. Choosing a minimum of 2 senators to present a bill for the next scheduled meeting, two weeks in advance. Senators who have not presented shall be prioritized; however, if none volunteer, those who have presented but wish to do so again shall be chosen instead. Whether the presenter is a Junior, Senior, Frazer Resident, or Goen Resident shall not be taken into consideration.
3. To keep the SGA under proper organization, an SGA Secretary shall be elected. The SGA Secretary shall be elected by all provisions of Article I that are applicable to the Executive Branch. The powers vested in the SGA Secretary include:
- A. Receiving and organizing bills from Senators before each Senate meeting
 - B. Corresponding with MSMS administrators
 - C. Recording attendance for all Senate meetings
 - D. Emailing a monthly update of the happenings of Senate to the MSMS student body. The update would consist of the following:
 - a. An overview of bills recently discussed
 - b. The actions the Senate took on the bills (passed, rejected, tabled, etc.)
 - c. Updates on previous bills' adoption or rejection from the Administration
 - d. Upcoming events sponsored by or affiliated with the SGA
 - E. Posting a chart listing all members of the SGA and their positions in a publicly accessible place
 - F. Leading over one Senate committee as chairperson and ensuring the committee runs as intended