

**PURPOSE:** To let only the Senate vote on the SGA Vice-President Role

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

**SECTION ONE (REASONING):**

As the presiding officer, the Vice President is the most important SGA role in terms of Senate efficiency. Most students don't know what Senate proceedings look like, though, so they can't make a truly educated decision when voting for the role unless they attend Senate meetings frequently. This puts an undue burden on the vice presidential candidates, as they have the added responsibility of informing voters about what the Senate is like, what the Vice President does, and why they should be in that role. Even then, the point is hard to get across to students unfamiliar with the Senate, and they could unknowingly vote for someone who the Senate would consider not very qualified.

To make sure the best person for the Senate gets elected, only Senators should vote on the SGA Vice-President role. The candidates will make their speeches to the Senate during normal meeting times. The speeches will be heard before any legislation is considered, and the results will be announced immediately following the speeches and voting.

**SECTION TWO (SPECIFIC CHANGE):**

Under Article III, Section Two of the SGA Constitution, 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 ~~current junior and senior Senators. The candidates for SGA Vice-President shall present their speeches at the Senate meeting before or after the other SGA and SCO elections. The election of the SGA Vice-President shall follow the same process as SGA and SCO elections. 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 chair