

PURPOSE: To introduce the role of “Representative” into MSMS Senate

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SCIENCE SENATE**

SECTION ONE (REASONING):

To maximize the variety of student voices heard, we want to ensure that as many students that would like to participate in Senate have the option to do so. To allow for this, the addition of Representatives could be implemented. Representatives would be MSMS students who are not senators that sit in on at least 3 meetings a term (9 weeks). Once a student has sat in on at least 3 meetings in a term, they become eligible to run for the position of Senate Representative. This would be conducted through giving a speech like that of running for a Senator position, and the chamber will take a vote. This vote is a two-thirds majority. Representatives can write and present legislation as well as participate in debate within the chamber. However, they cannot vote on legislation or any other matters within the chamber, nor can they run for a Class Officer position. All voting matters are left only to senators. There will be a limit of 4 Representatives in the chamber.

SECTION TWO (SPECIFIC CHANGE):

On pages 16 of the SGA Constitution under Section 2, the following would be added:

Section 3 Representatives

1. Students are eligible to run for the position of a Senate Representative if they have sat in on at least 3 meetings a term (9 weeks).

2. Each Representative candidate will run through an election in front of the chamber requiring a 2/3 majority ~~at the beginning of every quarter~~. The powers vested in each Representative include:
 - A. Writing Bills, Resolutions, and Constitutional Amendments, which will be referred to collectively as Legislation.
 - B. Introducing Legislation to be voted on by the Senate.
 - C. Introducing motions and amendments
 - D. Senate representatives do not get priority over senators when it comes to presenting legislation.
3. Representatives are NOT allowed to:
 - A. Vote on any motion, legislation, and/or matter presented before the Senate.
 - B. Senate representatives ~~do not get~~ do not have priority over senators when it comes to presenting legislation.
4. All other rules of a Senator apply to a Senate Representative.