

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

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**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MISSISSIPPI SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS AND
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 for the entirety of the year. Elections will be held at the end of the first and second term if there are any eligible candidates. There will not be elections at the end of the third and fourth term to ensure that elected representatives have adequate time in their position. If representatives are not participating, attending meetings, or providing valuable points in debate, they can be impeached. Attendance will be logged by the Secretary when marking the attendance of senators. After taking roll of present senators, the Secretary will ask if there are any students present who are there to meet eligibility requirements for the position of a representative. Those

students will raise their hands if present, and the Secretary will log their attendance as shown below. Once a student is voted into the chamber as a representative, their name will be added to the bottom of the attendance sheet with the names of senators. There will be a suggested minimum of presenting at least one piece of legislation for representatives; however, senators who need to present to meet their minimum will have priority over representatives. For representatives elected at the end of the third term, they will not be expected to present legislation for the first semester.

Figure 1

Senator Name		Excused	
Senator Name			
Senator Name			
Senator Name	Excused		
Representative Name		Excused	
Representative Name			

(Green Box = Present, Red Box = Absent)

Figure 2

	Term 1	Term 2
Name	1	
Name	3	
Name		2

SECTION TWO (SPECIFIC CHANGE):

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

Section 3 Representatives

1. Four 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. 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
3. Representatives are NOT allowed to:
 - A. Vote on any motion, legislation, and/or matter presented before the Senate.
 - B. Have priority over Senators on presenting legislation.
 - C. Run more than once in a year.
4. All other rules of a Senator apply to a Senate Representative. This includes mandatory attendance at meetings and contributing to debate.