

PURPOSE: To implement end-of-the-year awards in Senate

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SECTION ONE (REASONING):

Throughout the year, arguments within the chamber can become repetitive and unoriginal. To promote more participation and originality within debate, the implementation of Senate Awards can be put into place. These awards are light-hearted and created by SGA in the last quarter of the academic year. Some examples could include “Most Opinionated,” “Best Debater,” etc. This can either be by voting within the chamber or delegated by SGA members.

SECTION TWO (~~PURPOSED~~ ~~PROPOSED~~ ACTION): **SPECIFIC CHANGE:**

Section 6 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 the SGA Officer elections. The previous SGA officer shall 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. Students with no arm/hands may be exempted from this part of the oath. The oaths shall be as follows:

1. For SGA President: “I, [first and last name], affirm 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.”

2. For SGA Vice-President: “I, [first and last name], affirm to uphold

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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.”

3. For SGA Secretary: “I, [first and last name], affirm 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.”

Article III – Senate Awards

Section 1 Awards

Awards may be presented to Senators at the end of the fourth quarter. These awards are presented by the SGA members (Secretary, Vice President, and President). Awards are based on behavior in the chamber and are meant to facilitate debate. Depending on the budget and discretion of SGA members, awards could either be tangible or an announcement/verbal recognition.