SGA Bill 13-10-F

A bill to require each college to hold an open forum, with senator attendance optional.

Whereas: The Student Government Association is the direct voice of the student body and therefore

should be in close contact with the students we represent.

Whereas: Under our current system, there is no event in which the sole purpose is to give the

students we represent a chance to have direct contact with and express the concerns they

have with the senators that represent them.

Whereas: Open Forums would help SGA maintain its overall mission of serving the students of

Middle Tennessee State University.

Whereas: Open Forums could also lead to additional legislation that directly affects the students of

Middle Tennessee State University.

Whereas: The 72nd Congress voted down legislation similar to this because of the "mandatory

attendance" clause, therefore attendance by senators is voluntary.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE 73nd CONGRESS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:

Section 1: A new section shall be added to the senate bylaws regarding this issue. Article VII,

Section 3 shall read: "At least one open forum will be held each year hosted by the Senators and Executive Officers of the Student Government Association. The External Affairs Committee will be in charge of planning the forum and the Public Affairs

Committee will be responsible for promoting it. The Senate and Executive Officers will be informed of the date at least two weeks in advance. The Senators that plan and attend

the forum will receive senate hours equal to the time they contribute."

Section 2: Senators and Executive officers are requested to attend but attendance is not mandatory.

Section 3: Upon passage, this bill it will go into effect Spring Semester 2011.

Sponsored by: Senator Slater

Speaker of the Senate

SGA President

VP of Student Affairs