SGA Tentative Resolution 6-12-S

A Resolution to mandate a training seminar for faculty about MTSU's classroom management systems.

Whereas: The University relies heavily on PipelineMT and Desire 2 Learn (D2L) for a

variety of instructional methods

Whereas: Some students and Faculty have expressed concerns with the lack of training

provided to effectively use these systems.

Whereas: All first year "Distance Learning" professors, hybrid or otherwise, are currently

mandated to complete a D2L training course.

Whereas: Many faculty members express interest in training opportunities and are unaware

of the resources.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE 74th CONGRESS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:

Section 1: Training materials are open to all MTSU faculty members.

Section 2: Training for use of PipelineMT and Desire 2 Learn (D2L) will be required of all

first year educators at MTSU.

Section 3: This resolution will not apply to any educators using the PipelineMT site with

systems other than the D2L system

Section 4: This will go into effect at the start of the fall semester of 2012

Sponsored by: Senator Cameron Martin

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RE: SGA Resolution 6-12-S

DATE: April 17, 2012

I have reviewed SGA Resolution 6-12-S regarding requiring training for first year professors on the Pipeline MT and D2L systems.

While I applaud the spirit of the legislation, faculty contracts and requirement are outside the purview of the SGA. While I would be happy to forward to the Provost a resolution encouraging faculty to take advantage of available training that is provided by the university, I am not willing to forward a mandate when the SGA has no authority to create such a requirement.

Should an alternative resolution be developed that uses the language of "encourage" rather than to "mandate" or "require," I will be happy to forward that to the Provost for his review at a later time.

Please let me know if you have questions or concerns.

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