

SGA BILL 2-15-F

Revised Impeachment Procedures for the Student Government Association

Whereas: The impeachment procedure of the Student Government Association is not practicable.

Whereas: The procedures are outdated and have not been used for several years.

Whereas: The impeachment procedure needs to be revised.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE 78TH CONGRESS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:

Section 1: Article IX of the SGA constitution will be completely removed and replaced with the following:

Section 2:

ARTICLE IX

Removal from Office

Section 1: Any Senator may be removed from their position by their appointer. If the removal involves a position that had previously been approved by the Senate, a **2/3 majority** vote of Senators present is required for Removal. This Section applies only to executive appointments.

Section 2: Removal of elected officials. Any Senator for the Student Government Association shall be removed from his or her office by means of impeachment.

Section 3: Procedures to remove a Senator shall be handled as follows:

- A. The Internal Affairs Committee shall have the sole power to draw up Articles of Impeachment, which shall be presented to the Senate and requires a **2/3 majority** vote should the Internal Affairs Committee deem the offense impeachable.
- B. The following are impeachable offenses: more than 3 Unexcused Absences or 2 consecutive absences in a semester (fall or spring), Failure to acquire 12 or more SGA approved hours, and failure to maintain required minimum grade point average.
- C. In extreme circumstances, Internal Affairs may draw up articles of impeachment if a Senator has on multiple occasions exhibited behavior not in compliance with the statement of governing principles for members of Student Government as outlined in Article II.

- D. The Internal Affairs Committee shall have a meeting to determine if the offense meets the criterion of an impeachable offense, and shall, upon a 2/3 majority vote in favor of impeachment, present an article of impeachment in the form of a bill to the Senate body.
- E. The Senator who has Articles of Impeachment drawn up against him or her shall, if he or she be present, have the opportunity to make his or her case to the Senate why he or she should not be impeached. Following the Senator, the Chair of Internal Affairs shall present reasons for the Senator's impeachment. Once the Senator and Chair of Internal Affairs have presented their cases to the Senate, the Senate shall vote. Should the Senator not be present, the Chair of Internal affairs shall present the reasons for the Senator's Impeachment, and then the Senate shall vote on the Article(s) of impeachment.
- F. A vote of 2/3 majority in favor of an Article of Impeachment shall result in the removal from office.

Section 4: The Internal Affairs Committee shall have the sole power to draw up Articles of Impeachment with a 2/3 vote of committee members present. The chairman of Internal Affairs shall preside over all impeachment procedures. The Internal Affairs Committee shall be the sole acting party in drawing up Articles of Impeachment and submitting them to the Senate.

Section 5: The Senate shall have sole power of impeachment, and removing Senators from office.

Section 6: Any official who has been removed from office pursuant to Article IX shall not be permitted to hold any office or serve in any other capacity within the Student Government Association for the remainder of their attendance at Middle Tennessee State University.

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Speaker of the Senate

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