



# LEGISLATION FOLLOW-UP REPORT

*Legislation from the 83<sup>rd</sup> Congress*

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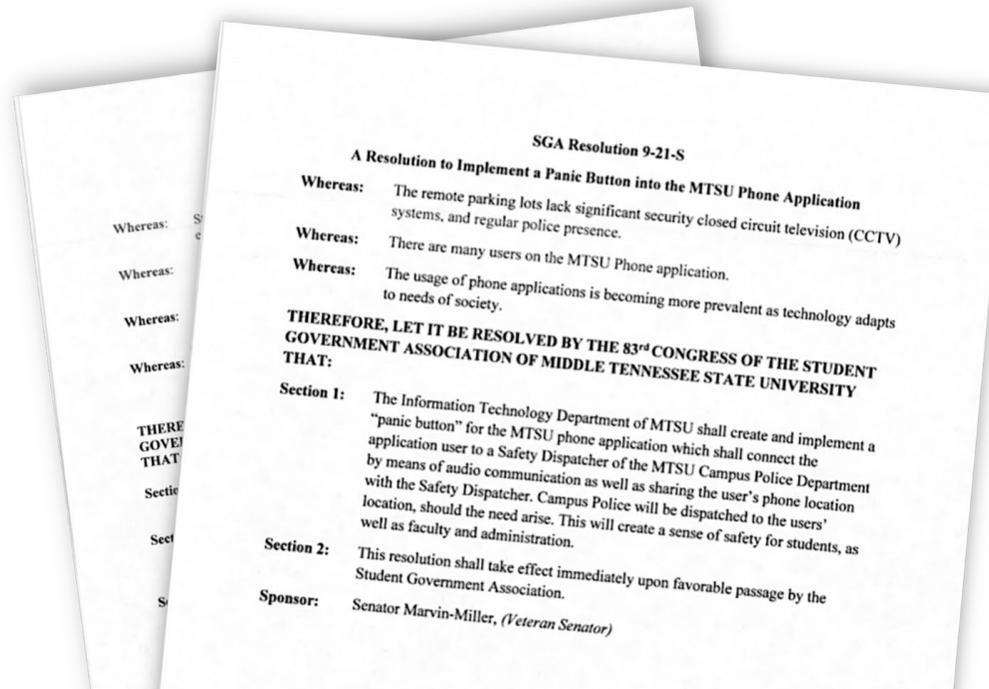
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# WHAT IS LEGISLATION?

*Legislation is a way for the Student Government Association to express a sentiment of the Senate, request the assistance or action of a University department, require a mandate from Senate, or to amend the constitution of the Student Government Association.*



# RESOLUTION 1-20-F

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*No official response documented from VP IT; has been reached out to for comment.*

## SGA Resolution 1-20-F

### A Resolution to Implement Technical Issue Reporting System & Faculty Training on Computer Programs and Applications

- Whereas:** The use of technical computer programs and applications have become more common in classroom teaching.
- Whereas:** There are many faculty members who are unfamiliar with the various computer programs and applications.
- Whereas:** There has been an increase in technical issues due to program glitches and user error, resulting in classroom disruptions and a potentially frustrating experience for both students and faculty.

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE 83<sup>rd</sup> CONGRESS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:**

- Section 1:** Faculty members report technical issues encountered directly to a reporting system, so that in real time, MTSU's Information Technology Division's (ITD) support team can be notified of the issue and work with the reporting faculty member to resolve it
- Section 2:** If a specific faculty member seems to be persistently having technical issues because of user error, the reporting system should automatically alert department chairs of repeated reports on a single faculty member's course.
- Section 3:** The department's chair will meet with that specific faculty member and refer them to MTSU's Information Technology Division's (ITD) Technology, Innovation, and Pedagogy faculty consultation and/or MTSU's Learning, Teaching & Innovative Technologies Center.
- Section 4:** Faculty will receive training for the technical issue they are struggling with to teach online, remote or hybrid courses including help with applications like: Zoom, D2L, Panopto and Examity.
- Section 5:** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon favorable passage by the Student Government Association.

# RESOLUTION 1-20-F-FC

*Followed up with VP  
Thomas on 7/27/2021  
who subsequently directed  
staff to identify designs  
and locations for  
placement.*

## SGA Resolution 1-20-F-FC

### A Resolution to Make Tobacco Free Signage More Prevalent on Campus

- Whereas:** Many students are not aware of MTSU's Tobacco Free Campus policy due to a lack of signage on campus.
- Whereas:** The lack of signage in certain locations and also the placement of signage in other locations are just some of the reasons why people either don't know about or fail to adhere to this policy.
- Whereas:** Student Health Services has reported treating students with asthma and other respiratory illnesses whose conditions are often triggered by outdoor exposure to second-hand smoke.
- Whereas:** Promoting and creating a healthy environment for all students should be a priority.

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE 83<sup>rd</sup> CONGRESS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:**

- Section 1:** More signage should be placed around MTSU's campus to spread awareness about the Tobacco-Free Campus policy. The Student Government Association will assist to make signage more student oriented. The Student Government Association is willing to provide suggestions to make signage more appealing to students by way of concept, design, slogans, etc. if requested. The Student Government Association will also engage in and plan a campaign to publicize the already established policy to help increase awareness.
- Section 2:** Additional signage will be purchased and placed in areas such as parking garages where there is currently no signage along with highly smoke-trafficked areas such as the BAS Courtyard, Walker Library, Peck Hall, and other areas as deemed necessary.
- Section 3:** The additional signage will be purchased and placed by Student Health Services.
- Section 4:** This resolution shall take effect after favorable passage by the Student Government Association.
- Sponsor:** Councilor Tyriq Alston
- Co-Sponsor:** Senator Robert Carey (*College of Business*)

# RESOLUTION 1-20-F-FC

*On 8/17/2021 a representative from campus planning toured campus to identify problem areas, and areas for new signage of all sizes.*



# RESOLUTION 1-21-S

*President McPhee addressed concerns related to an additional study day. A day was given during the semester as a mental health day.*

## **SGA Resolution 1-21-S**

### **A Resolution to Create Another Study Day**

- Whereas:** Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the university has eliminated the traditional spring break.
- Whereas:** The March 12<sup>th</sup> Study Break is inadequate as a means to provide a mental health or study period for students.
- Whereas:** Students tend to be more stressed as we approach the conclusion of the semester.
- Whereas:** Giving students another study day will provide more of the downtime students are accustomed to during the semester.

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE 83<sup>rd</sup> CONGRESS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:**

- Section 1:** In addition to March 12<sup>th</sup>, Monday April 12<sup>th</sup> will be designated as a study day to prepare for the final weeks of the spring semester. All scheduled classes shall be suspended on this day. The James E. Walker Library and other academic resources will remain open for student use. All faculty and non-essential staff may also have the aforementioned day off from work.
- Section 2:** This resolution shall take effect upon favorable passage by the Student Government Association.
- Sponsor:** *Senator Jada Powell (College of Basic and Sciences)*

# RESOLUTION 2-21-S

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In response, an acceptable location has been determined for beverage and snack machines. The planned location is near the first floor east entrance. However, in order to proceed, electrical work will be required for machine installation. Facilities Services has been authorized to proceed with the required electrical work. Once this electrical work is complete, MTSU will contact the appropriate beverage and snack vendors for machine placement.

Alan Thomas, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## SGA Resolution 2-21-S

### A Resolution to Place a Vending Machine in Todd Hall

- Whereas:** Students in Todd Hall mostly have labs that lasts least 3 hours with short breaks.
- Whereas:** Most students have limited time during class in-between classes to have a break.
- Whereas:** The nearest buildings to access food typically have long lines or is too far for students to travel before class resumes or begins.

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE 83<sup>RD</sup> CONGRESS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:**

**Section 1:** A vending machine will be placed in Todd Hall building for students to have access to during their small breaks between classes.

**Sponsor:** *Sen. Kimmie Garvey (Liberal Arts)*

# RESOLUTION 2-21-S-FC

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To: Dr. Deb Sells  
Vice President for Student Affairs and  
Vice Provost for Enrollment and Academic Services  
From: Sarah Sudak, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students  
Subject: SGA Resolution 2-21-S-FC  
Date: 26 March 2021

I have received SGA Resolution No. 2-21-S-FC, which requests additional outdoor seating at the Middle @ Corlew Food Court.

Exterior seating on the patio adjacent to the Food Court has been planned since the conception of the project. The furniture has been ordered, and there is an 8-10-week lead time. We have been told to expect an additional delay in delivery due to the pandemic. As soon as the furniture arrives, it will be installed.

I appreciate the time and effort that went into debating this resolution, and I appreciate the opportunity to respond on behalf of the University.

cc: Ms. Chelseah Moore  
Dr. Danny Kelley

## SGA Resolution 2-21-S-FC

### A Resolution to Remedy the Lack of Outdoor Seating Outside 'The Middle' Dining Area

- Whereas:** Many students need a space to eat lunch or dinner outside of The Middle.
- Whereas:** The demand for outdoor dining has increased due to restrictions associated with COVID-19.
- Whereas:** Outdoor dining allows for socially distanced eating and safe interaction with peers.
- Whereas:** A lack of outdoor seating causes many to relocate to areas where students are in closer proximity when wishing to dine with each other.
- Whereas:** There are only two picnic tables located in the vicinity of The Middle for outdoor dining purposes.

### THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE 83<sup>rd</sup> CONGRESS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:

- Section 1:** MT Dining and any other relevant stakeholder shall increase the current number of outdoor picnic tables available for student use in the area outside of The Middle to allow more students to have space to eat their meals.
- Section 2:** This resolution shall take effect upon favorable passage by the Student Government Association.
- Sponsor:** *Councilor Grayce Sanders*

# RESOLUTION 3-21-S-FC

No official response documented by University Provost's office; has been reached out to for comment.

## SGA Resolution 3-21-S-FC

### A Resolution to Make Students Aware of Modifications to Classes After Registration Dates

**Whereas:** Students who register for classes intentionally select specific instructors and courses to fit their individual needs, such as teaching methods or instructor reviews.

**Whereas:** To have a course instructor change or cancel last minute without being alerted can cause stress to students who have to make unforeseen changes to their schedules.

**Whereas:** Last-minute changes can also cause stress to instructors whose classes get an influx of enrollment closer to the first day of class.

**Whereas:** Students should be made aware of changes and other modifications involving enrollment through email, as Pipeline does not alert students of changes.

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE 83<sup>rd</sup> CONGRESS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:**

**Section 1:** When changes are made to the instructors or classes, students should be made aware of the situation through their MTSU email allowing them to have ample time to adjust. Students will be notified within 48 to 72 hours of changes being made.

**Section 2:** Departments should provide information on instructor/ course related changes to students.

**Section 3:** This resolution shall take effect after favorable passage.

**Sponsors:** Councilors Sarah Schneider, Jessica Rogers & Natiya Wilson

# RESOLUTION 4-21-S

I agree with the SGA that it is important for faculty to respond to student emails in a timely manner. I will add a statement to the Faculty Handbook setting the expectation that, during terms when they are teaching, faculty respond to student emails within 48 hours.

Mark Byrnes, 4/27/2021

## SGA Resolution 4-21-S

### A Resolution for Faculty to Respond to Student Emails in a Timely Manner

- Whereas:** Students are often disenfranchised by inconsistent communication with faculty across campus.
- Whereas:** Most students would prefer to have a response to their email within a timeframe that is beneficial to them.
- Whereas:** There is no university policy requiring faculty to respond to students in a timely manner.
- Whereas:** The implementation of an email response policy will improve the communication between students and faculty.

### THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE 83<sup>rd</sup> CONGRESS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:

- Section 1:** The university shall implement an email response policy for communication between faculty and students. The policy shall require faculty to respond to student emails within a 48-72 hour period or by the next date when class is in session, whichever instance is to occur first. Faculty who are unable to respond within the aforementioned timeframe will notify students beforehand of the anticipated delay in communication where applicable. The 48-72 hour period refers solely to days that classes are in session.
- Section 2:** This policy will cover both MT Mail and D2L platforms.
- Section 3:** Faculty will be required to include this policy on syllabi so that students are aware of its implementation.
- Section 4:** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon favorable passage by the Student Government Association.

**Sponsor:** Senator Robert Carey (Business)

# RESOLUTION 4-21-S-FC

In relation to this resolution requesting that security cameras be installed in all laundry locations on-campus to prevent the theft of clothes, I will take this request under advisement for future housing plans, but am unable to move forward with this project at the current time. Due to the pandemic, Housing and Residential Life, as an auxiliary unit at the University, took a significant financial hit during the past year which has limited the money that can be spent on new projects. In addition, I would like to further survey and speak with residential students next year to advise the department on if this request represents the majority of residential students. While some laundry room locations are set off from residential living spaces, in several buildings the laundry rooms are on the floor and might potentially invade the privacy of students.

Michelle Safewright, 4/28/2021

## SGA Resolution 4-21-S-FC

### A Resolution to Implement Security Cameras in All Laundry Rooms of On-Campus Housing

- Whereas:** Many students complain of having their clothes stolen from washers and dryers in their residence halls.
- Whereas:** Students living in on-campus residence halls should not be subjected to this kind of theft.
- Whereas:** There are currently no security cameras in residence hall laundry rooms.

### THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE 83<sup>rd</sup> CONGRESS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:

- Section 1:** MTSU Housing Department any other relevant stakeholder shall implement security cameras should be installed in the laundry rooms in every on-campus housing facility to diminish the theft of student laundry.
- Section 2:** This resolution shall take effect upon favorable passage by the Student Government Association.
- Sponsors:** Councilors Rachel Frankenberger, Cecilia Cruz

# RESOLUTION 5-21-S

Responsibilities of Board Members are outlined in state law and in the By-laws of the MTSU Board of Trustees.

<https://www.mtsu.edu/boardoftrustees/bylaws.php> It is not within the purview of either the university president nor the Student Government Association to impose additional requirements.

However, I'm certain that our student trustee would be interested in your feedback, and might positively receive a suggestion from SGA that you would like to invite her to an SGA meeting to discuss issues on the minds of our students

Debra Sells, 3/26/2021

## SGA Resolution 5-21-S

### A Resolution to Increase Student Trustee Presence on Campus

**Whereas:** The Student Trustee on the Board of Trustees has a fiduciary responsibility to represent the interests of the whole university and is responsible for staying informed of current policies and issues that the board will discuss.

**Whereas:** There are no required office hours for the Student Trustee.

**Whereas:** Awareness of Student Trustee is low among students.

**Whereas:** The creation of specific roles/responsibilities for the Student Trustee will assist in staying informed about current issues and raise awareness among students.

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE 83<sup>rd</sup> CONGRESS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:**

**Section 1:** The Student Trustee have an office on campus and be required to hold office hours as determined by the President of the University.

**Section 2:** The Student Trustee be responsible for giving a report/summary of board meetings detailing how it will affect student life.

**Section 3:** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon favorable passage by the Student Government Association.

**Sponsor:** Senator Butterfield (*College of Basic and Applied Science*)

# RESOLUTION 5-21-S-FC

We met recently and discussed your resolution and how we might all work together to best support our students during periods of heightened stress, as well as proactively year round. To that end, we are suggesting a two-pronged approach:

1. Expansion of the semi-annual De-stress Fest to take place mid-November and mid-April each year to best support students' mental health prior to final exams each semester. The current version takes place over one to two days, but we could partner with SGA and student organizations to stretch the programming into a week-long observance.
2. A collaboration with SGA to promote the ongoing stress management resources available to students throughout the academic year. We could use your help keeping students up to date on the many resources that exist in this area such as mindfulness workshops, health coaching, drop in counseling sessions, stress management support groups, etc.

Lisa Schrader, 6/11/2021

## SGA Resolution 5-21-S-FC

### Mental Health Awareness Week

- Whereas:** Students feel mentally drained around the end of the semester, with finals causing elevated levels of anxiety and stress.
- Whereas:** 36.3% of MTSU students reported their academics were negatively impacted because of stress<sup>1</sup>
- Whereas:** 31.8% of MTSU students reported their academics were negatively impacted because of anxiety<sup>1</sup>
- Whereas:** Stress and anxiety can also cause a decrease in students' performance on academic coursework and decrease participation in extracurricular activities.

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE 83<sup>rd</sup> CONGRESS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:**

- Section 1:** A week should be dedicated to decreasing students' stress and anxiety levels and promoting good mental health strategies before finals.
- Section 2:** Finals week is the most stressful week in the semester. Therefore, the week before should allow them to relax and enter the finals week with a clear mental state. MTSU Health Promotion focuses on student health and will oversee the week.
- Section 3:** This Resolution shall take effect upon favorable passage by the Student Government Association.
- Sponsors:** Councilor Dodson, Councilor Elaarag, Councilor Morgan, Councilor Rogers, Council, Council President Henderson

# RESOLUTION 6-21-S

Unfortunately, current state law and policies of the state historical commission do not permit us to undertake even a temporary re-naming of the building.

I would urge you to review the complete history of our work on this issue, which you can find at <https://www.mtsu.edu/forresthall/updates.php> While President McPhee and I both continue to believe that renaming Forrest Hall is the right thing to do, we must take that action within the requirements of current laws within the state of Tennessee.

Debra Sells, 3/26/2021

## SGA Resolution 6-21-S

### A Resolution to Remove the Name of Forrest Hall and Rename at a Later Time

**Whereas:** Diversity, which is clearly linked to the quality of educational experience and is a core principle of the MTSU Academic Master Plan.

**Whereas:** MTSU is committed to the ongoing development of a university and community at large that celebrates a plurality of intellectual perspectives while it simultaneously welcomes, respects, and learns from a myriad of interconnected individuals and groups.

**Whereas:** Diversity includes but is not limited to age, ethnicity, gender, nationality, physical or mental disability, race, religion, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, beliefs or varied life experiences.

**Whereas:** The benefits to MTSU and the surrounding region of having a diverse campus are many.

**Whereas:** Diversity enriches the educational experience when students and faculty are engaged in mutually beneficial learning.

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE 82nd CONGRESS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:**

**Section 1:** The name Forrest Hall will be removed and changed to "Army ROTC" until another name can be chosen.

**Section 2:** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon favorable passage by the Student Government Association.

**Sponsor:** Senator Gabriella Hunt and Destiny Campbell

# RESOLUTION 7-21-S

In accordance with SGA Resolution 7-21-S, the Schardt Lot was officially changed to Residential Parking (RED) at the beginning of the Fall 2021 Semester. It was too late to have it changed on the campus map, but it is signed and has been enforced accordingly since August.

Ron Malone, 10/21/2021

## SGA Resolution 7-21-S

### A Resolution to Change the Schardt Lot to Residential Parking

**Whereas:** Students who live in Monahan Hall and Schardt Hall have limited parking around their Halls.

**Whereas:** The Schardt Lot is not fully used by faculty and staff.

**Whereas:** Student safety and well-being is a MTSU priority.

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE 83<sup>rd</sup> CONGRESS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:**

**Section 1:** The Schardt Lot will be changed to (RED) Residential Parking at the start of the 2021-2022 academic year.

**Section 2:** This bill shall take effect upon favorable passage by the Student Government Association.

**Sponsor:** Senator Destiny Campbell, *(College of Liberal Arts)*

# RESOLUTION 8-21-S

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If the SGA provides me a draft, I will be happy to include a statement about the SGA and its functions in the Suggested Syllabus Statements section in the MTSU Faculty Handbook.

However, I do not support requiring the inclusion of such information in all syllabi. Determining the contents of course syllabi is the responsibility of the faculty members teaching the classes. According to long-standing academic practice both at MTSU and nationally, the University administration does not dictate the contents of syllabi.

Mark Byrnes, 5/28/2021

## SGA Resolution 8-21-S

### A Resolution to Increase Awareness of SGA Operations Among the Student Body

- Whereas:** Many MTSU students are not aware of the operations and impact of SGA and do not realize each college has SGA Senators to represent student interests.
- Whereas:** Thousands of students attend classes at MTSU annually without having ready access to contact Student Government officials with questions, issues, or suggestions.
- Whereas:** Every instructor at MTSU is required to include and explain to their students certain pieces of information on the class syllabus.

### THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE 83<sup>rd</sup> CONGRESS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:

- Section 1:** Teaching faculty at MTSU will be required to include in their class syllabus a brief overview of SGA that will include information on the operations and impact of SGA on student life, along with links to the SGA website and also the Senate directory which includes the contact information of each senator for the class's respective college.
- Section 2:** This section of the syllabus is to be written and reviewed by the SGA, after which time it shall be sent for final approval to department heads or college deans.
- Section 3:** This section of the syllabus will also be added to and listed as part of the Suggested Syllabus Statements portion of the MTSU Faculty Handbook for reference.
- Section 4:** This resolution shall take effect after favorable passage by the Student Government Association, with changes to syllabi to be reflected by the beginning of the Fall 2021 semester.
- Sponsors:** Senator Silas Freeze  
Senator Colt Jones  
Senator Kap Pauli

# RESOLUTION 9-21-S

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No official response from VP IT; has been reached out to further information.

## SGA Resolution 9-21-S

### A Resolution to Implement a Panic Button into the MTSU Phone Application

- Whereas:** The remote parking lots lack significant security closed circuit television (CCTV) systems, and regular police presence.
- Whereas:** There are many users on the MTSU Phone application.
- Whereas:** The usage of phone applications is becoming more prevalent as technology adapts to needs of society.

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE 83<sup>rd</sup> CONGRESS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:**

- Section 1:** The Information Technology Department of MTSU shall create and implement a “panic button” for the MTSU phone application which shall connect the application user to a Safety Dispatcher of the MTSU Campus Police Department by means of audio communication as well as sharing the user’s phone location with the Safety Dispatcher. Campus Police will be dispatched to the users’ location, should the need arise. This will create a sense of safety for students, as well as faculty and administration.
- Section 2:** This resolution shall take effect immediately upon favorable passage by the Student Government Association.
- Sponsor:** Senator Marvin-Miller, (*Veteran Senator*)

# RESOLUTION 12-21-S

I have received and reviewed SGA Resolution 12-21-S – A Resolution to Allow Students to Vote in Person on Election Day and Super Tuesday Primaries by Scheduling Both Days as University Holidays. I want to thank you for the SGA’s interest in increasing the voting by our students in elections. The University currently has 13 holidays within a calendar year. Many of these coincide with holidays of the State of Tennessee as MTSU is a public university. However, there are some differences between the State and MTSU holiday schedules that have resulted from changes over the years by the University. We have been allowed to make these changes in the holiday schedule but not add to the number of holidays each year. The addition of these holidays would mean that other holidays would have to be given up.

We will continue to monitor any flexibility in the holiday schedule allowed as a public university for future additions to the schedule. We will also continue to promote and assist with getting our students to election polling places as we did this past year by providing round trip transportation on our shuttle buses.

Alan Thomas, 5/12/2021

## SGA Resolution 12-21-S

### A Resolution to Allow Students to Vote In Person on Election Day and Super Tuesday Primaries by Scheduling Both Days as University Holidays

- Whereas:** Tennessee ranked 49th in voter turnout in the 2016 Presidential election.
- Whereas:** Tennessee ranked 45th in voter registration in the 2016 Presidential election.
- Whereas:** The necessity for students to vote has increased substantially as some Tennessee legislators have made it difficult for students to easily vote via their harmful legislation.
- Whereas:** The recommendation of the Middle Tennessee State University chapter of the American Democracy Project and MTSU Votes! as well as the recommendation of the Campus Election Engagement Project all suggested and lobbying for the implementation of similar legislation.

# RESOLUTION 13-21-S

University President addressed Resolution 13-21-S. Dr. McPhee addressed concerns and hinted at future action to be taken by the University's consul.

## SGA Resolution 13-21-S

### A Resolution to Remove the Name of Forrest Hall

- Whereas:** The Tennessee Historical Commission (THC) has approval authority of name changes concerning public buildings across Tennessee.<sup>1</sup>
- Whereas:** In 2016, the THC denied the University's request to change the name of the Forrest Hall building on the campus of Middle Tennessee State University.<sup>2</sup>
- Whereas:** On March 10, 2021, the Tennessee Historical Commission voted (25-1) to remove a bust of Nathan Bedford Forrest from the State Capitol.
- Whereas:** Governor Bill Lee stated, "Forrest represents pain, suffering and brutal crimes committed against African Americans".
- Whereas:** In 1989, President Sam Ingram removed the seal of Forrest Hall from the Keathley University Center after hearing complaints from students without hesitation. The following year on January 18<sup>th</sup>, Sidelines recorded the "Students' Honor King's Dream"<sup>3</sup>.
- Whereas:** Until 2013, President Sidney McPhee, in conjunction with the Tennessee Board of Regents, had the opportunity to remove the name without any interference from THC.<sup>4</sup>
- Whereas:** President McPhee has been approached about this topic both in 2006 and 2015. He was urged to change the name of the building from campus group, Students Against Forrest Hall, and student who participated in the "I Am True Black" movement.<sup>5</sup>

# RESOLUTION 14-21-S

## SGA Resolution 14 -21-S

### A Resolution to Implement a Button for the Student Government Association Senator Suggestion Box on the MTSU Mobile App

Clerical error; No official response form VP IT; has been reached out to further information.

- Whereas:** Students currently have limited knowledge, exposure, and access to the senator representatives of their college.
- Whereas:** SGA does not have an official and specific manner for students to offer their concerns and suggestions to the senators of their college.
- Whereas:** SGA Senators are public servants who are put in office to serve the needs of the students they represent.
- Whereas:** The MTSU website currently lists the MTSU emails of senators in each college, and has a general SGA contact box, but it does not have a form for student complaints/suggestions about their college for their SGA senator(s).
- Whereas:** A volunteer-based suggestion box would provide additional virtual volunteer hours for senators to meet the SGA senate volunteer hour requirements.

# RESOLUTION 15-21-S

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In my review of this resolution, it appears that the goal of the sponsors is to provide notification to students within the first four hours following the issuance of a Parking Services citation. The preferred notification method is identified as a text message, since student's phone numbers are linked to their Pipeline accounts, through which they can pay their fines.

Please know that for accuracy's sake our system does not immediately access the MTSU Banner system, and therefore, unable to provide an immediate link to the student's Pipeline accounts and cell phone numbers. All citations are downloaded and confirmed at the conclusion of the ticket writer's shift and then uploaded into Banner during their overnight batch process. The earliest notification our system can possibly provide would be an e-mail the following day.

Since by the second day, the student would have already received a citation notice on their car and the ticket information posted and accessible, on their Banner and Pipeline account, Parking & Transportation cannot address the need identified within this resolution.

Ron Malone, 5/7/2021

## SGA Resolution 15-21-S

### A Resolution to Notify Students When a Parking Citation is Issued

- Whereas:** Students are not notified when a parking citation is issued.
- Whereas:** Some students cannot go to their car for a period of time due to their school schedule.
- Whereas:** Parking Services can give a citation every four hours, but can only give two citations in one day.
- Whereas:** Students are able to pay their fines through Pipeline. Therefore, a notification system can be implemented since contact information is listed for a student.

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE 83<sup>rd</sup> CONGRESS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:**

**Section 1:** When a parking citation is issued to a student, Parking Services shall send a text message notifying the student about the citation.

**Sponsor:** Senator Anwar Butterfield, (*Basic and Applied Sciences*) and Councilor Rosemary Gutierrez

# RESOLUTION 16-21-S

The university has been investigating the way to provide for the use of preferred name for some time. All of the directors in enrollment management are in favor. The resolution points to the Registrar as the person who should be responsible, however, the Registrar would be using legal names only.

Academic Affairs and ITD are working on a solution currently as outlined in the attached newsletter from the Provost's office.

Laurie Witherow, 5/19/2021

## SGA Resolution 16-21-S

### A Bill to Implement a New Name Change Policy

- Whereas:** Many MTSU students go by a preferred or chosen name that differs from their legal name.
- Whereas:** Transgender and non-binary individuals must use their legal name on all documents at Middle Tennessee State University.
- Whereas:** MTSU's current name change policy requires legal documentation of name change in order for your name to be changed in records.

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE 83<sup>rd</sup> CONGRESS OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY THAT:**

- Section 1:** A student can request their name to be changed on documents that do not require a legal name such as their MTSU ID and class rosters.
- Section 2:** Legal name will remain on official academic transcripts, Billing/Financial aid records and payroll.
- Section 2:** Middle Tennessee State University's Registrar's office will oversee the implementation and process of this new policy.
- Section 3:** This resolution shall take effect beginning Fall 2021.
- Sponsors:** Senator Alex Martinez, *(College of Behavioral and Health Sciences)*

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