

Senate Minutes
November 2, 2015

- The regular weekly meeting of the Mississippi College Student Senate was held Monday, November 2, 2015 at 9:15 p.m. Student Senate President St John presided over the meeting and Senate Clerk Waller was present. Invocation was given by Senator Stevens. Pledges were given by Senator Richardson. Senators James, Williams, and Houston were absent and Senators Ainsworth, McCoy, Stringer, K. Collins, Golding, M. Collins, White, and Hicks were tardy. The minutes were approved as corrected. Motion to previous question was given by Senator Grissom.
- Senate Resolution 2015-16-08, was presented by Senator B. Richardson and President McRae.
- Senate Resolution 2015-16-09, was presented by Senator Ainsworth.
- Senate, by motion of adjournment given by Senator Stringer adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Senate Resolution 2015-16-08

- Whereas*, in light of recent events in the United States regarding racial violence and the historical confederate flag;
- Whereas*, the state flag of Mississippi bears the confederate flag, which is seen as a symbol of Mississippi's slave-holding and segregationist past;
- Whereas*, the Mississippi government has not allowed the people of the state to vote regarding the changing of the state flag in fifteen years;
- Whereas*, various colleges taking a stance opposing the confederate symbol on the state flag have brought attention to the issue, and therefore causing the government of Mississippi to realize the concern regarding the state flag;
- Be it resolved*, that the Mississippi College Student Senate requests that the University take a position that the confederate battle flag be removed from the current state flag.

Senate Resolution 2015-16-09

- Whereas*, the only place on the campus of Mississippi College where the flag of the State of Mississippi is displayed is during the weekly meetings of the Mississippi College Student Senate;
- Whereas*, the flag is displayed during the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the State of Mississippi;
- Whereas*, this practice serves no purpose as Mississippi College is not a Public University and does not receive funding from the State of Mississippi;
- Whereas*, many members of the Mississippi College student body are not from Mississippi and owe no allegiance to the State;
- Be it resolved*, the Student Senate of Mississippi College discontinues the pledge of allegiance to the State of Mississippi.

