

Senate Minutes
October 26, 2015

- The regular weekly meeting of the Mississippi College Student Senate was held Monday, October 26, 2015 at 9:16 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 Randhawa and Parker were absent and Senator E. Taylor was tardy. The minutes were approved as corrected. Motion to previous question was given by Senator West.
- Senate Resolution 2015-16-06, asking that there be a new stair case installed to connect the stairs coming up from College Street to the sidewalk that connects University Place buildings A and B, was presented by Senator Price. Motion to skip debate and voice vote was given by Senator Stevens. The aye's had it, and Senate Resolution 2015-16-06 passed.
- Senate Resolution 2015-16-07, asking that the Office of Public Safety be allowed to carry any weapon they deem necessary in order to fulfill their aforementioned duties, was presented by Senators B. Richardson, Ainsworth, and Anderson. Motion to open floor for debate was given by Senator West. Senators Kerstell, White, Hicks, Grissom, and Ainsworth spoke in affirmation and Senator Williams spoke in negation. By a roll call vote of 39-1-0 Senate Resolution 2015-16-07 passed.
- Senate, by motion of adjournment given by Senator J. Richardson adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Senate Resolution 2015-16-06

Whereas, there are sidewalks running parallel to both College Street and University Place buildings A and B;

Whereas, there is no set of stairs connecting the two sidewalks but there is a set connecting the bottom sidewalk to the street;

Whereas, it is very inconvenient not having a straight path to the main campus;

Whereas, many students choose to climb the grassy hill instead of walking around to the other sidewalks and often slip or get muddy;

Be it resolved, that there be a new stair case installed to connect the stairs coming up from College Street to the sidewalk that connects University Place buildings A and B.

Senate Resolution 2015-16-07

Whereas, one of the many duties of the Office of Public Safety is to ensure, "protection of the safety and general welfare of students, faculty, staff, administration and guests of Mississippi College";

Whereas, current events in our nation and state underscore the necessity for increased safety and a quick response to crisis;

Whereas, Security Officers do not have the clearance to carry weapons of any kind on campus;

Whereas, Security officers are at a disadvantage and putting themselves at risk when responding to incidents that involve deadly weapons;

Whereas, local law enforcement cannot provide adequate security on campus when dealing with incidents that involve weapons of a deadly nature;

Whereas, under current restraints of not being allowed to carry weapons on campus Security Officers are not being allowed to adequately carry out their duty of ensuring, "protection of the safety and general welfare of students, faculty, staff, administration and guests of Mississippi College";

Be it resolved, that the Office of Public Safety be allowed to carry any weapon they deem necessary in order to fulfill their aforementioned duties.