BILL: F2014-SB10

TITLE: Bylaws Amendment: The Creation of a Standing Honor Code Committee

SPONSOR: Ben Bogin, Student Co-Chair of Community Council

DATE: November 9, 2014

Whereas after the Honor Code Review of 2012-2013, the Honor Code Review Committee and Associate Dean for Judicial Affairs and Student Life Karen Guttentag recommended that the SGA create an Honor Code Committee,

Whereas the SGA Honor Code Committee assembled during the academic year of 2013-2014,

Whereas the SGA Honor Committee successfully achieved goals during its existence, including conducting a survey, raising awareness about the Honor Code, and submitting a meaningful report to the SGA during Spring 2014,

Whereas the previous Chair of the Honor Code Committee, Alison Maxwell, supports the recreation and institutionalization of the Honor Code Committee,

Be it Resolved…

That SGA shall reconstitute the Honor Code Committee as a standing body.

Under Section B of the SGA Bylaws, “Standing Committees Led by SGA Cabinet Members or the President”, insert the following:

Honor Code Committee:

Description and responsibilities
   a) The committee is responsible for discussing, evaluating, and promoting (as the committee deems fit) Middlebury’s Honor Code through research, outreach, and collaboration.
   b) The committee shall investigate the perceptions, experiences, and implementation of the Honor Code in the Middlebury community.
   c) The committee shall actively promote the mission of the Honor Code to students and administrators.
   d) The committee shall recommend and work to implement any changes or improvements to the Honor Code as deemed appropriate and necessary through their research.

Membership
   a) The Director of Academic Affairs shall be or appoint the chair of the committee.
   b) If the Director of Academic Affairs is not chair, he or she shall be an ex officio member of the committee.
c) The Director of Academic Affairs, the Director of Membership, and the President shall jointly appoint at least five students, representing diverse perspectives, class years, and academic interests, to the committee.

d) All committee members’ terms expire at the end of the academic year.

Meetings
a) The committee shall meet at least six times over the course of each semester and twice during Winter Term.
b) The chair of the committee shall determine the interval at which these meetings occur.
c) At least one meeting per term will be open to the student body.

If F2014-SB11: Procedural and Stylistic Overhaul of Bylaws passes, the Chief of Staff shall incorporate this bill under the “Special Committees” in Section II of the new bylaws.

LEGISTLATION ACTION.
Originally Proposed

Ben Bogin, Student Co-Chair of Community Council
Rachel Liddell, SGA President Emeritus

November 16, 2014

Senator Jahan: Motion to close debate on F2014-SB10 and vote.
   Senator Gerstenschlager: Seconded.
   Ayes: President Custer, Senator Jahan, Senator Gerstenschlager, Senator Gogineni, Senator Sanders, Senator Toy, Senator Judy, Senator Sohn, Senator Brook, Senator Vaughan, Senator Hussein, Senator Chang, Senator Fisher, Senator de Toledo, Co-Chair Bogin, Speaker Brady
   Nays: None.
   Abstentions: Senator Medina
   16-0-1
   Motion passes.

Vote on F2014-SB10.
   Ayes: President Custer, Senator Jahan, Senator Gerstenschlager, Senator Gogineni, Senator Sanders, Senator Toy, Senator Medina, Senator Judy, Senator Sohn, Senator Brook, Senator Vaughan, Senator Chang, Senator Fisher, Senator de Toledo, Co-Chair Bogin, Speaker Brady
   Nays: None.
   Abstentions: Senator Hussein
   16-0-1
   F2014-SB10 passes.