BILL: F2014-SB1

TITLE: Constituency Outreach and Student Engagement Act

SPONSOR: Taylor Custer, President

DATE: September 14, 2014

Whereas Section I of the SGA Constitution states, “In an effort to broaden student discussion and representation on all issues, the students of Middlebury College have assembled this Student Government Association (SGA),”

Whereas in the 2014 spring general elections, only 2 out of 15 elected positions, including President and Student Co-Chair of Community Council, were contested,

Whereas the lack of candidates resulted in a lower than usual voter turnout rate in the last election,

Whereas it is the SGA’s responsibility to proactively engage with the student body,

Whereas directly engaging with one’s constituents on a regular basis serves to “broaden student discussion and representation on all issues,”

Whereas the current job description of the Press Secretary includes both administrative responsibilities and publicity responsibilities,

Whereas Commons Senators must currently report to their constituencies on a weekly basis by attending Commons Council,

Whereas the Class Senators, Co-Chair of Community Council, and the SGA President are not formally required to meet with their constituencies on a regular basis as are the Commons Senators,

Be it resolved...

Section I, Subsection A, Paragraph 1, Clause g of the SGA bylaws is hereby struck and replaced with the following text,

Section I, Subsection A, Paragraph 1, Clause g,
  h. Press Secretary
    i. The press secretary shall be responsible for recording the minutes and taking attendance at all Student Senate and Presidential Cabinet meetings. The press secretary shall serve as the primary liaison between the SGA and The Middlebury Campus and other media outlets on and off campus. The press secretary shall be responsible for the upkeep of the SGA office and the organization of the SGA files.
The following text shall be added to the Bylaws of the SGA,

**Section I, Subsection A, Paragraph 1, Clause h,**

h. Director of Publicity
   i. The Director of Publicity is responsible for SGA publicity and shall serve as the chair of the Publicity Committee. The director of student engagement shall be responsible for executing all visibility campaigns for SGA initiatives, updating college bulletin boards used by the SGA, and managing all social media channels operated by the SGA.

The lettering of the remainder of Section I, Subsection A, Paragraph 1 shall be shifted accordingly.

Section II, Subsection B, Paragraph 7, Clause b of the SGA bylaws is hereby struck and replaced with the following text,

**Section II, Subsection B, Paragraph 7, Clause b,**

b. Membership
   i. The Director of Publicity shall chair the committee.
   ii. The Director of Publicity and the Director of Membership shall jointly appoint members of the committee.

The following text shall be added to the Bylaws of the SGA,

**LEGISLATIVE ACTION**

*Originally Proposed.*

Taylor Custer, President
Danny Zhang, Chief of Staff

**September 21, 2014**

Co-Chair Bogin: Motion to split F2014-SB1 into two sections.
Senator Medina: Seconded.
Ayes: President Custer, Senator Jahan, Senator Gerstenschlager, Senator Gogineni, Senator Sanders, Senator Toy, Senator Medina, Senator Judy, Senator Sohn, Senator Brook, Senator Vaughan, Senator Hussein, Senator Chang, Senator Fisher, Co-Chair Bogin, Speaker Brady
Nays: None.
Abstain: Senator de Toledo
16-0-1
The motion passes.

Senator de Toledo: Motion to close debate and vote on first section of F2014-SB1
Senator Medina: Seconded.
Ayes: President Custer, Senator Gerstenschlager, Senator Gogineni, Senator Sanders, Senator Medina, Senator Judy, Senator Sohn, Senator Brook, Senator Vaughan, Senator Hussein, Senator Chang, Senator Fisher, Senator de Toledo, Co-Chair Bogin, Speaker Brady
Nays: Senator Toy
Abstain: Senator Jahan
15-1-1
Motion passes.

Vote on first section of F2014-SB1
Ayes: President Custer, Senator Gerstenschlager, Senator Gogineni, Senator Sanders, Senator Toy, Senator Medina, Senator Judy, Senator Sohn, Senator Brook, Senator Vaughan, Senator Hussein, Senator Chang, Senator Fisher, Senator de Toledo, Co-Chair Bogin, Speaker Brady
Nays: None.
Abstain: Senator Jahan
16-0-1
First section of F2014-SB1 passes.

Senator Fisher: Motion to table the second section of F2014-SB1
Senator Sanders: Seconded.
9-5-3
Motion passes.