BILL: F2014-SB1-Part 2

TITLE: Constituency Outreach and Student Engagement Act-Office Hours Section

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 VII: Communication with Constituents

A. Office Hours

1. Class Senators

   a. Each Class Senator shall reserve at least one hour of his or her time each week to meet with constituents and discuss their concerns. These “office hours” shall take place in a public forum. Class Senators shall inform their constituency, as well as the SGA President, of the precise time and location of these “office hours” by 5pm on the Friday of the second week of classes.

2. President and Student Co-Chair of Community Council
a. The SGA President and Student Co-Chair of Community Council shall each reserve at least one hour of their time each week to meet with the student body and discuss their concerns. These “office hours” shall take place in a public forum. The SGA President and Student Co-Chair of Community Council shall each inform the student body of the precise time and location of these “office hours” by 5pm on the Friday of the second week of classes.

**LEGISLATIVE ACTION**

*Originally Proposed*

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

**September 28, 2014**

Senator Jahan: Motion to vote on F2014-SB1-Part 2
    Senator Chang: Seconded.
    Ayes: President Custer, Senator Jahan, 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: None.
    Abstentions: Senator Toy
    16-0-1
    Motion passes.

Vote on F2014-SB1-Part 2
Ayes: President Custer, Senator Jahan, Senator Gerstenschlager, Senator Gogineni, Senator Sohn, Senator Brook, Senator Hussein, Senator Chang, Senator de Toledo
Nays: Senator Sanders, Senator Toy, Senator Medina, Senator Judy, Senator Vaughan, Senator Fisher, Co-Chair Bogin
Abstentions: Speaker Brady
9-7-1
F2014-SB1-Part 2 passes.