Whereas, the Student Government Association (SGA) is the official representative body of the students of Middlebury College,

Whereas, in the last two years, Middlebury College has reviewed and revised its administrative governance structure and the faculty of Middlebury are currently doing the same,

Whereas, the SGA has recently had problems with attracting interested candidates to run for positions in its Senate, for Student Co-Chair of Community Council, and President,\(^1\)

Whereas, an SGA Reform Working Group was convened in November to address issues of accountability, transparency, effectiveness, and efficiency within the SGA and SGA’s relationship with the College administration,

Whereas, the Internal Reforms Subcommittee of the SGA Reform Working Group debated vigorously various reform ideas to improve the SGA’s visibility on campus and accountability to the student body,

Whereas, in the 2015 SGA Student Life Survey, only 33.03% of respondents thinks the SGA adequately represents their interests in the Middlebury community,

Whereas, in the 2015 SGA Student Life Survey, only 33.94% of respondents thinks the SGA is an effective vehicle for change on campus,

Whereas, in the 2015 SGA Student Life Survey, 52.09% of respondents thinks student voices are currently adequately consulted in the College’s decision-making process,

Whereas, in the 2015 SGA Student Life Survey, 43.27% of respondents do not know what the SGA President does,

Whereas, in the 2015 SGA Student Life Survey, 67.53% of respondents do not know what the Student Co-Chair of Community Council does,

Whereas, in the 2015 SGA Student Life Survey, 55.99% of respondents do not know what their Class or Feb Senators do,

\(^1\) Only 7 out of the 17 voting members of the current SGA Senate were elected in competitive elections.
Whereas, in the 2015 SGA Student Life Survey, 58.1% of respondents do not know what their Commons Senator does,

Therefore, be it enacted that the Student Government Association implement the following reforms to enhance its effectiveness…

Structure of the Senate
Section II.B of the SGA Constitution is struck and replaced with the following text:

(B) The Student Senate
   (1) President of SGA
   (2) Student Co-Chair of Community Council
   (3) Class Senators: Each class of students shall be represented by two senators.
      (a) First Years: Two full-year Senators.
      (b) Sophomores: Two full-year Senators.
      (c) Juniors: Two Senators, whose eligibility is specified in the bylaws.
      (d) Seniors: Two full-year Senators.
      (e) February Students: Two full-year Senators.
   (4) Cluster Board Senators: Each cluster board shall be represented by one senator.
      (a) Academic and Activist Organizations: One full-year senator
      (b) Cultural Organizations: One full-year Senator
      (c) Special Interest and Activities Organizations: One full-year Senator
      (d) Publications: One full-year Senator
      (e) Religious Organizations: One full-year Senator
      (f) Athletic Teams and Clubs: One full-year Senator
      (g) Visual and Performing Arts: One full-year Senator
      (h) Community Service Organizations: One full-year Senator
      (i) Social Houses: One full-year Senator

LEGISLATIVE ACTION.
Originally Proposed

Taylor Custer, SGA President
Danny Zhang, Chief of Staff
Michael Brady, Speaker of the Senate and Feb Senator
Sophie Vaughan, Atwater Senator
Zak Fisher, Ross Senator
Aaron de Toledo, Wonnacott Senator
Sydney Sanders, former Junior Senator
Harry Zieve-Cohen, Member of the SGA Reform Working Group

March 8, 2015
Vote on Senator Toy's Formal Amendment: no Cluster Board Senators and instead have three Class Senators and three Feb Senators.
Ayes: Senator Berlowitz, Senator Toy, Senator Brook, Co-Chair Bogin
Nays: President Custer, Senator Gogineni, Senator Allis, Senator Vaughan, Proxy Sinks (for Senator Hussein), Senator Fisher, Senator de Toledo, Speaker Brady
Abstentions: Senator Jahan, Senator Gerstenschlager, Senator Medina, Senator Sohn, Senator Edwards
4-8-5
Senator Toy's Formal Amendment is defeated.

Senator Jahan: Motion to end discussion and table S2015-SB9.
Senator Gerstenschlager: Seconded.
Ayes: Senator Jahan, Senator Gerstenschlager, Senator Gogineni, Senator Berlowitz, Senator Toy, Senator Allis, Senator Brook, Senator Edwards
Nays: President Custer, Senator Medina, Senator Sohn, Senator Vaughan, Proxy Sinks (for Senator Hussein), Senator Fisher, Senator de Toledo, Co-Chair Bogin, Speaker Brady
Abstentions: None
8-9-0
Motion defeated.

President Custer: Motion to split S2015-SB9 into 2 parts. S2015-SB9 Part 1 will be the part concerned with the reforms to the Senate. S2015-SB9 Part 2 is the rest.
Senator Berlowitz: Seconded.
All aye.
Motion passes.

Senator Gerstenschlager: Motion to end discussion and vote on S2015-SB9 Part 1.
Senator Jahan: Seconded.
Ayes: President Custer, Senator Jahan, Senator Gerstenschlager, Senator Gogineni, Senator Allis, Senator Vaughan, Senator de Toledo, Co-Chair Bogin, Speaker Brady
Nays: Senator Berlowitz, Senator Toy, Senator Medina, Senator Brook, Proxy Sinks (for Senator Hussein), Senator Edwards, Senator Fisher
Abstentions: Senator Sohn
9-7-1
Motion passes.

Vote on S2015-SB9 Part 1.
Ayes: President Custer, Senator Jahan, Senator Gerstenschlager, Senator Allis, Senator Sohn, Senator Vaughan, Senator Fisher, Senator de Toledo, Speaker Brady
Nays: Senator Gogineni, Senator Berlowitz, Senator Toy, Senator Brook, Senator Edwards, Co-Chair Bogin
Abstentions: Senator Medina, Proxy Sinks (for Senator Hussein)
9-6-2
S2015-SB9 Part 1 is defeated (two-thirds majority needed)