BILL: S2015-SB3

TITLE: Bylaws Amendment: Weekly SGA Coffee Hour

SPONSOR: Taylor Custer, President

DATE: February 22, 2015

Whereas 31.15% of respondents to the 2015 SGA Student Life Survey stated that they do not know who the SGA President is,

Whereas 43.27% of respondents to the 2015 SGA Student Life Survey stated that they do not know what the SGA President does,

Whereas 81.09% of respondents to the 2015 SGA Student Life Survey stated that they do not know who the Student Co-Chair of Community Council is,

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

Whereas 78.23% of respondents to the 2015 SGA Student Life Survey stated that they do not know who both of their Class/Feb Senators are,

Whereas 55.99% of respondents to the 2015 SGA Student Life Survey stated that they do not know what their Class/Feb Senators do,

Whereas 59.51% of respondents to the 2015 SGA Student Life Survey stated that they do not know who their Commons Senator is,

Whereas 58.10% of respondents to the 2015 SGA Student Life Survey stated that they do not know what their Commons Senator does,

Whereas only 33.03% of respondents to the 2015 SGA Student Life Survey stated that they think the SGA adequately represents their interests in the Middlebury community,

Whereas mandatory office hours have not had the intended effect of increasing the name recognition of elected members of the SGA or enhancing communication between the elected members of the SGA and their constituents,

Therefore, be it enacted…

Section III, Subsection A is repealed and replaced with the following text:

(A) SGA Coffee Hour

(1) Time and Location
   (a) The President shall host and attend a weekly SGA Coffee Hour.
During the fall and spring semesters, a Coffee Hour shall be held during each of Weeks 3 through 10.

During Winter Term, a Coffee Hour shall be held during each of Weeks 2 and 3.

At the first Senate meeting of each term, the President shall propose a weekly time and location for the Coffee Hour, subject to Senate approval.

(2) Publicity
   (a) The President shall be responsible for:
      (i) Posting the time and location of each Coffee Hour on the SGA bulletin board;
      (ii) Sending an email to all students notifying them of each Coffee Hour.

(3) Funding
   The Senate shall allocate $60 for each Coffee Hour.

(4) Attendance
   (a) Every member of the Senate shall attend at least three Coffee Hours during the fall and spring semesters, as well as both Coffee Hours during winter term.
   (b) The President shall be responsible for keeping attendance.
   (c) If there is a term during which one or more senators do not attend the required number of Coffee Hours, unless their absence is due to a regular scheduling conflict, then at the first Senate meeting of the following term, the Senate shall discuss how to ensure consistent attendance.

LEGISLATIVE ACTION
Originaly Proposed.

Taylor Custer, SGA President

February 22, 2015
Senator de Toledo: Motion to end discussion and table S2015-SB3.
President Custer: Seconded.
Ayes: President Custer, Senator Jahan, Senator Gerstenschlager, Senator Gogineni, Senator Medina, Senator Toy, Senator Allis, Proxy Poole (for Senator Sohn), Senator Brook, Senator Vaughan, Senator Hussein, Senator Edwards, Senator Fisher, Senator de Toledo, Co-Chair Bogin, Speaker Brady
Nays: Senator Berlowitz
Abstentions: None
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Motion passes.

March 15, 2015
Co-Chair Bogin: Motion to end discussion and vote on S2015-SB3.
Senator Berlowitz: Seconded.
All aye.
Motion passes.

Vote on S2015-SB3
Ayes: President Custer, Proxy Yellow-Duke (for Senator Jahan), Senator Gerstenschlager, Senator Gogineni, Senator Berlowitz, Senator Toy, Senator Medina, Senator Allis, Senator Sohn, Senator Brook, Senator Vaughan, Senator Hussein, Senator Edwards, Senator Fisher, Senator de Toledo, Co-Chair Bogin, Speaker Brady
Nays: None
Abstentions: None
17-0-0
S2015-SB3 passes.