Whereas the Middlebury College Mission Statement declares that “we challenge students to participate fully in a vibrant and diverse academic community” and that we “cultivate the intellectual, creative, physical, ethical, and social qualities essential for leadership in a rapidly changing global community,”1

Whereas all Middlebury students are not currently encouraged or persuaded to take part in any conversation about identity and privilege within our own community,

Whereas two of the First Year Seminar Program’s learning goals are “to learn what is expected intellectually and ethically for college-level work in the Liberal Arts” and “to find rewarding ways to participate in intellectual life in the Liberal Arts.”2

Whereas conversations about identity, power and privilege must be ongoing and inclusive,

Whereas JusTalks seeks to fulfill these aforementioned challenges,

Whereas JusTalks is a student-driven program for first-years, aided by trained upperclassmen facilitators, to engage in dialogue on issues surrounding identity, privilege, power, and inequality, and to examine how our identities shape our experiences and fit into a larger social context,

Whereas 989 students, faculty, staff, and alumni to date have signed a petition in support of fully integrating JusTalks into every First Year Seminar,

Therefore, be it resolved…

The Student Government Association supports the expansion and eventual complete integration of JusTalks discussion sections into every First Year Seminar.

The program will be implemented by professors who sign on to have weekly discussions added to their FYSE until the EAC and Faculty pass the proposal for fully integrated JusTalks discussions.

LEGISLATION ACTION.
Originally Proposed

April 26, 2015

Co-Chair Bogin: Motion to end discussion and vote on S2015-SB14.
Senator Hussein: Seconded.
Ayes: Senator Gerstenschlager, Senator Gogineni, Senator Toy, Senator Medina, Senator Allis, Senator Hussein, Senator Fisher, Co-Chair Bogin, Proxy Murphy (for Speaker Brady)
Nays: President Custer, Senator Jahan, Senator Berlowitz, Senator Sohn, Senator Brook, Senator Edwards, Senator de Toledo
Abstentions: None
9-7-0.
Motion passes.

Vote on S2015-SB14.
Ayes: President Custer, Senator Jahan, Senator Gerstenschlager, Senator Gogineni, Senator Berlowitz, Senator Toy, Senator Medina, Senator Allis, Senator Hussein, Senator Edwards, Co-Chair Bogin
Nays: Senator Brook, Senator Fisher, Senator de Toledo, Proxy Murphy (for Speaker Brady)
Abstentions: Senator Sohn
11-4-1.
S2015-SB14 passes.