Bill: S2016 – SB18
Proposal: Amendment to the Club Sports Funding Methodology Bill
Sponsor: Rae Aaron, Feb Senator and Aaron de Toledo, Treasurer
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Whereas the SGA passed the Club Sports Funding Methodology Bill in March 2016 mandating the formation of a committee without thoroughly assessing its stated goals.

Whereas the author of the Club Sports Funding Methodology Bill, Senator Boyle, and we, the Feb Senator and Treasurer, have explored all feasible venues of revenue-raising and concluded that the only viable avenue is increased fundraising.

Whereas club sports participants possess knowledge of fundraising best practices on the Middlebury campus and the SGA has no experience with fundraising to fund its operations.

Whereas in order to be more effective, the task of finding alternative funding sources for club sports outside of the student activities fee should be driven by club sports participants that are passionate about the future of their sports and will be likely involved in the sport for their entire four years at Middlebury.

Whereas SGA Senators often serve for one year, or semester if they are traveling abroad.

Be it enacted…

(1) The second and third section of The Club Sports Funding Methodology bill, which reads “(2) A committee shall be formed, comprised of the head of the Finance Committee, two other members of the FC, one treasurer or representative from each individual club sport, and two members of the Senate. (3) This committee shall meet at least once a month during times when classes are in session, starting next month, and continuing until March 2017, when it will permanently dissolve” be struck from the bill.

(2) Section 4 of the bill, which currently reads “(4) The Committee shall be tasked with finding an alternative method of funding club sports that will bridge the deficit between a per-capita funding scheme and full operating costs” be replaced with the following text: “Club Sports leaders will be tasked with finding an alternative method of funding club sports that will bridge the deficit between a per-capita funding scheme and full operation costs for the coming fiscal year. They are encouraged but not required to maintain communication with and enlist any necessary assistance of SGA Senators and members of the SGA Finance Committee”

(3) Section 6 of the bill, which currently reads “The committee may extend itself indefinitely through a simple majority vote by its own members” Be replaced by the following text
“The SGA Senate may extend the deadline through a supermajority vote of 2/3 of its own members”