

COLLEGE of
CHARLESTON
STUDENT GOVERNMENT
ASSOCIATION

Fifth Session of the Student Senate

October 11, 2011

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Minutes
- IV. Executive Council Reports
 - a. President
 - b. Secretary
 - c. Treasurer
 - d. Chief of Staff
 - e. Deputy Chief of Staff
 - f. Vice President
 - i. President Pro Tempore
- V. Unfinished Business
- VI. New Business
 - a. FB-13: A Bill to appoint Andrew Gordon to the position of Senior Senator.
 - b. FB-14: A Bill to appoint members of the Student Body to the Executive Board of the Student Government Association.
 - c. FB-15: A Bill to represent the Student Body by supporting its many diverse student clubs and organizations in monetary distributions.
 - d. FB-16: A Bill to allow the student organization Semper Fidelis Society to enter its 28-day waiting period.
 - e. FB-17: A Bill to allow the student organization Omicron Delta Kappa to enter its 28-day waiting period.
 - f. FB-18: A Bill to amend the bylaws of SGA.
 - g. FB-19: A Bill to amend the bylaws of SGA.
- VII. Committee Reports
 - a. Academic Affairs
 - b. Advocacy Committee for Diversity on Campus
 - c. Community Outreach
 - d. Public Relations
 - e. Student Involvement
- VIII. Announcements
- IX. Open Forum
- X. Adjournment

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FB-13

Presented by Senator *Mackin*

of the

College of Charleston Student Government Association

On this *Eleventh* Day of October, 2011

PURPOSE, To appoint Andrew Gordon to the position of Senior Senator.

WHEREAS, there is currently a vacancy in the Senior Class.

WHEREAS, Section 1100.002 of the bylaws states that, "In the event a vacancy occurs within the Senate because of resignation or failure to petition for office, the vacancy shall be filled by individuals who have completed the requirements of the petition and release wavier. The candidate must be nominated by a Senator of the class in which the vacancy occurs and shall be approved by 2/3 vote of the Senate."

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE SENATE OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, THE FOLLOWING:

SECTION I: Andrew Gordon shall be appointed to the position of Senior Senator with all the duties and responsibilities of the position.

SECTION IV: THIS BILL SHALL TAKE EFFECT (UPON PASSAGE) BY THE STUDENT SENATE SITING IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE SIGNATURE OF THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT.

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President Ross Kressel

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5 FB-14

6 Presented by President Pro Tempore *Sheafer*

7 of the

8 College of Charleston Student Government Association

9 On this *Eleventh* Day of *October, 2011*

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11 **PURPOSE,** To appoint members of the Student Body to the Executive Board of the
12 Student Government Association.

13 **WHEREAS,** it is the responsibility of the SGA Vice President to appoint the chairs of
14 all legislative committees at the discretion of the Executive Council according to Section
15 200.001 of the SGA bylaws.

16 **WHEREAS,** it is the responsibility of the SGA Vice President to appoint a
17 Parliamentarian according to Section 300.001c of the SGA Bylaws.

18 **WHEREAS,** according to Section 500.005, it is the responsibility of the SGA President
19 to appoint a Chief of Staff and Deputy Chief of Staff.

20 **THEREFORE,** BE IT ENACTED BY THE SENATE OF THE STUDENT
21 GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, THE
22 FOLLOWING:

23 **SECTION I:** The following members of the Student Body shall be appointed to the
24 positions as follows:

25 Chief of Staff LaQunya Baker

- 1 Deputy Chief of Staff Brooke Sensenig
- 2 Parliamentarian Matthew Vaveris
- 3 ACDC Chair Erich Hellstrom
- 4 Community Outreach Chair Allison Crowell
- 5 Public Relations Chair Erica Arbetter
- 6 Student Involvement Chair Emmie Clisham

7 **SECTION II:** THIS BILL SHALL TAKE EFFECT (UPON PASSAGE) BY THE
8 STUDENT SENATE SITING IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE SIGNATURE OF
9 THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT.

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11 **President Ross Kressel**

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Presented by Senator *Robbins*

of the

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On this *Eleventh* Day of *October, 2011*

PURPOSE, To represent the Student Body by supporting its many diverse student clubs and organizations in monetary distributions.

WHEREAS, it is the duty of a Senator, as expressed in our bylaws, “to serve as a representative of the student body” throughout the university and the community.

WHEREAS, it is a function of the Student Government Association to allocate monetary funds to registered and sanctioned student organizations throughout the college campus.

WHEREAS, the support of student organizations is vital to the success of an active and healthy student life.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE SENATE OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, THE FOLLOWING:

SECTION I: The Student Government Association of the College of Charleston allocates up to the amount of *\$1,500* to the student organization, *Project Harambee*, for the purpose of medical supplies.

1 **SECTION II:** The total amount of money to be allocated will be distributed in the
2 following manner. The distribution of those funds will be at the discretion of the
3 Treasurer, Allocations Committee and Business Manager.

4 1. \$1,500: Medical supplies

5 a. Medical supplies will be distributed to the people of Kenya
6 during Project Harambee's trip this December.

7 **TOTAL: \$1,500**

8 **SECTION III:** THIS BILL SHALL TAKE EFFECT (UPON PASSAGE) BY THE
9 STUDENT SENATE SITTING IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE SIGNATURE OF
10 THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT.

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12 **President Ross Kressel**

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6 FB-16

7 Presented by Senator *Patel*

8 of the

9 College of Charleston Student Government Association

10 On this *Eleventh* Day of *October*, 2011

11 **PURPOSE,** To allow the student organization **Semper Fidelis Society** to enter its 28-day
12 waiting period.

13 **WHEREAS,** the student organization **Semper Fidelis Society** has met all requirements
14 set for by the Compass.

15 **WHEREAS,** the Student Organization Review Board has met and determined that the
16 student organization **Semper Fidelis Society** is deserving of entering the 28-day waiting
17 period before becoming a sanctioned organization.

18 **THEREFORE,** BE IT ENACTED BY THE SENATE OF THE STUDENT
19 GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, THE
20 FOLLOWING:

21 **SECTION I:** Be it resolved that the SGA approves the student organization **Semper**
22 **Fidelis Society** entering the 28-day period set forth by the Compass.

23 **SECTION II:** THIS BILL SHALL TAKE EFFECT (UPON PASSAGE) BY THE
24 STUDENT SENATE SITING IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE SIGNATURE OF
25 THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT.

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- 2 **President Ross Kressel**

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FB-17

Presented by Senator *Wills*

of the

College of Charleston Student Government Association

On this *Eleventh* Day of *October*, 2011

PURPOSE, To allow the student organization **Omicron Delta Kappa** to enter its 28-day waiting period.

WHEREAS, the student organization **Omicron Delta Kappa** has met all requirements set for by the Compass.

WHEREAS, the Student Organization Review Board has met and determined that the student organization **Omicron Delta Kappa** is deserving of entering the 28-day waiting period before becoming a sanctioned organization.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE SENATE OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, THE FOLLOWING:

SECTION I: Be it resolved that the SGA approves the student organization **Omicron Delta Kappa** entering the 28-day period set forth by the Compass.

SECTION II: THIS BILL SHALL TAKE EFFECT (UPON PASSAGE) BY THE STUDENT SENATE SITING IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE SIGNATURE OF THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT.

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2 **President Ross Kressel**

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FB-18

Presented by Senator *Rapachietta*

of the

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On this *Eleventh* Day of *October*, 2011

PURPOSE, To amend the bylaws of the SGA.

WHEREAS, the current Section 1700.02 reads “The internal budget of Student Government Association shall be made in the spring semester preceding the academic school year for which that budget shall be in use.”

WHEREAS, budgets are now allocated on a semester instead of an annual basis.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE SENATE OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, THE FOLLOWING:

SECTION I: Strike “in the spring semester preceding the academic school year for which that budget shall be in use” from section 1700.01.

SECTION II: Insert “*the semester prior to its intended use in accordance with the budget deadlines stated in the Compass.*” after “shall be made.”

SECTION III: Section 1700.02 will then read, “*The internal budget of the Student Government Association shall be made the semester prior to its intended use in accordance with the budget deadlines stated in the Compass.*”

SECTION IV: THIS BILL SHALL TAKE EFFECT (UPON PASSAGE) BY THE STUDENT SENATE SITTING IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE SIGNATURE OF THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT.

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President Ross Kressel

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FB-19

Presented by Senator *Rapachietta*

of the

College of Charleston Student Government Association

On this *Eleventh* Day of *October*, 2011

PURPOSE, To amend the bylaws of the SGA.

WHEREAS, the current bylaws are outdated and do not reflect the current budget procedures.

WHEREAS, Section 1700.02 currently reads “There shall be an Internal Budget Hearing. The purpose of this hearing is for the newly elected Executive Council (that is the Executive Council which will be in Office the following academic school year) to create the operational budget for the upcoming school year. This Internal Budget Hearing shall take place no later than the third week in April.”

WHEREAS, Section 1700.02a currently reads “Committee Chairpersons from the current and upcoming academic school years will meet to write a proposed budget for their committees. The newly elected Executive Council will hold an Internal Budget Hearing for the Committees, during which the newly appointed Committee Chairperson shall present the proposed Committee budget for review. The Executive Council will allocate funds to each Committee based on this hearing. Final distribution of funds is at the discretion of the Executive Council.”

WHEREAS, Section 1700.02b currently reads “The current and upcoming Treasurers will meet and write a proposed budget for the Executive Council. This budget shall cover operational costs of the Student Government Association and any internal Senate-wide spending. Types of items that should be included in this Executive Council budget are (but are

not limited to) phone bills, name badges, senate retreats, new computer, and print cartridges. This budget shall be presented to the Executive Council for review, during the Internal Budget Hearing. The Executive Council will allocate funds to this budget based on the hearing. Final distribution of funds is at the discretion of the Executive Council.”

WHEREAS, it is impossible for upcoming chair persons to take part in the budgeting process due to current budget timing.

THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE SENATE OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED, THE FOLLOWING:

SECTION I: Strike sections 1700.02.

SECTION II: Strike section 1700.02a.

SECTION III: Strike section 1700.02b.

SECTION IV: Section 1700.02 will then read “The Student Government Association’s Internal Budget will be presented to the Allocations Committee for review during Budget Hearings each semester. “

SECTION V: Section 1700.02a will then read “The current committee chair persons will be responsible for writing a proposed budget for their committees. The proposals will be due by the date set by the Student Body Treasurer. Each committee chairperson will present his or her section of the Internal Budget to the Treasurer who will then present the entire Internal Budget to the Allocations Committee. The final distribution of the funds is at the discretion of the Allocation Committee.”

SECTION VI: Section 1700.02b will then read “The Student Body Treasurer is responsible for writing a proposed budget for Executive Council with the assistance of the other Council members. This budget shall cover operational costs of the Student Government Association and any internal Senate-wide spending. Types of items that should be included in

1 this Executive Council budget are (but are not limited to) phone bills, name badges, senate
2 retreats, new computer, and print cartridges. The final distribution of the funds is at discretion
3 of the Allocation Committee.”

4 **SECTION III:** THIS BILL SHALL TAKE EFFECT (UPON PASSAGE) BY THE
5 STUDENT SENATE SITTING IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE SIGNATURE OF
6 THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT.

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10 **President Ross Kressel**