

COLLEGE *of*
CHARLESTON
STUDENT GOVERNMENT
ASSOCIATION

Seventh Session of the Student Senate

November 1, 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
 - a. FB-26: A Bill to allow Book Club to become a sanctioned organization.
 - b. FB-27: A Bill to allow Neuroscience Club to become a sanctioned organization.
- VI. New Business
 - a. FB-28: A Bill to represent the Student Body by supporting its many diverse student clubs and organizations in monetary distributions (Americans for Informed Democracy).
 - b. FB-29: A Bill to represent the Student Body by supporting its many diverse student clubs and organizations in monetary distributions (Quidditch Club).
 - c. FB-30: A Bill to allow the student organization One to enter its 28-day waiting period.
 - d. FB-31: A Bill to allow the student organization Wu Tang Club to enter its 28-day waiting period.
 - e. FB-32: A Bill to donate a portion of the bike auction proceeds to organizations that work with cycling advocacy in the Greater Charleston Community.
 - f. SR-03: A Resolution to show the Student Government Association's support for the proposed Diversity Strategic Plan at the College of Charleston.
 - g. FB-33: A Bill to amend the bylaws of SGA.
 - h. FB-34: 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-26

Presented by Senator *Hudson Sealey*
of the

College of Charleston Student Government Association

On this *Twenty-fifth* Day of *October*, 2011

Purpose: To allow the Book Club to become a sanctioned organization.

Whereas: the Book Club has met all requirements set forth by the Compass.

Whereas: the Student Organization Review Board has met and determined that
the Book Club is deserving of being sanctioned organization.

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

Section I: Be it resolved that the SGA approves the Book Club for becoming a
sanctioned student organization

Section II: 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-27

Presented by Senator *Nathan Willis*
of the
College of Charleston Student Government Association
On this *Twenty-fifth* Day of *October, 2011*

Purpose: To allow the Neuroscience Club become a sanctioned organization.

Whereas: the Neuroscience Club has met all requirements set forth by the
Compass.

Whereas: the Student Organization Review Board has met and determined that
then Neuroscience Club is deserving of being sanctioned organization.

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

Section I: Be it resolved that the SGA approves the Neuroscience Club for
becoming a sanctioned student organization

Section II: 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-28

Presented by Senator *Clark*

of the

College of Charleston Student Government Association

On this *First Day of November, 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 *\$250* to the student organization, *Americans for Informed Democracy* for the purpose of *renting a sumo wrestling package for their Fighting for Literacy event.*

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

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5 1. \$250

6 a. This amount of money is to be spent on the rental of a
7 sumo wrestling package from Sumonation.com.

8 **TOTAL: \$250**

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

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16 President Ross Kressel

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FB-29

Presented by Senator *Robbins*

of the

College of Charleston Student Government Association

On this *First Day of November, 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 *\$150* to the student organization, *Quidditch Club* for the purpose of *providing T-shirts to the members traveling to the World Cup*.

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

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5 1. \$150: T-shirts

6 a. This amount of money will be spent toward the purchase
7 of T-shirts for the members traveling to the World Cup on
8 Nov. 11 to 12, 2011.

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10 **TOTAL: \$150**

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

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17 **President Ross Kressel**

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FB-30

Presented by Senator *Sealey*

of the

College of Charleston Student Government Association

On this *First Day of November, 2011*

Purpose, to allow the student organization **One** to enter its 28-day waiting period.

Whereas, the student organization **One** has met all requirements set forth by the
Compass.

Whereas, the Student Organization Review Board has met and determined that
the student organization **One** is deserving of entering the 28-day waiting
period before becoming a registered organization.

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

Section I: be it enacted that the SGA approves the student organization **One**
entering the 28-day period set forth by the Compass.

Section II: 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-31

Presented by Senator *Patel*

of the

College of Charleston Student Government Association

On this *First Day of November, 2011*

Purpose, to allow the student organization **Wu Tang Club** to enter its 28-day waiting period.

Whereas, the student organization **Wu Tang Club** has met all requirements set forth by the Compass.

Whereas, the Student Organization Review Board has met and determined that the student organization **Wu Tang Club** is deserving of entering the 28-day waiting period before becoming a registered organization.

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

Section I: be it enacted that the SGA approves the student organization **Wu Tang Club** entering the 28-day period set forth by the Compass.

Section II: 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-32

Presented by Senator Altman

Of the

College of Charleston Student Government Association

On this *First Day of November*, 2011

PURPOSE, to donate a portion of bike auction proceeds to organizations that work with cycling advocacy in the Greater Charleston Community.

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, wishes to support safe cycling in the city of Charleston.

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 allocate up to \$250.00 to each **Charleston Moves** and **Holy City Bike Co-op**.

A. \$250: Charleston Moves

B. \$250: Holy City Bike Co-op

Total: \$500

SECTION II: 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

COLLEGE of CHARLESTON

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SR-03

Presented by Senator *Shulman*

of the

College of Charleston Student Government Association

On this *First Day of November, 2011*

Purpose, to show the Student Government Association's support for the proposed Diversity Strategic Plan at the College of Charleston.

Whereas, approximately a year ago, President George Benson created the President's Commission on Diversity Access, Equity and Inclusion to examine the College's current status in diversity-related fields.

Whereas, the findings of the commission have been developed into a multi-year diversity strategic plan.

Whereas, the diversity strategic plan includes initiatives that will necessitate new sources of revenue, which would come from both tuition and philanthropic endeavors.

Whereas, it is the mission of the College of Charleston to provide an education to the residents of South Carolina; however, currently the College does not accurately reflect the general population of the state in its student body.

Whereas, Goal 1 of the Diversity Strategic Plan is to recruit, retain and graduate greater numbers of minority students.

Whereas, currently the College of Charleston has far fewer minority students enrolled than the percentage that makes up South Carolina.

Whereas, Minority students include, but are not limited to, African American students, Latino students, and students of Asian descent.

1 **Whereas,** Goal 2 of the Diversity Strategic Plan states, “Recruit and retain greater
2 numbers of women and minorities into faculty staff administrative
3 positions (including deans, chairs, and vice presidents).”

4 **Whereas,** Goal 3 of the Diversity Strategic Plan states, “Create a supportive
5 environment that is diverse, inclusive, and welcome to all.”

6 **Whereas,** Goal 4 of the Diversity Strategic Plan states, “Infuse Diversity into the
7 curriculum.

8 **Whereas,** Goal 5 of the Diversity Strategic Plan states, “Collect and organize data to
9 create data bases in order to systematically and effectively assesses
10 progress and align/re-align programs to achieve diversity goals.”

11 **Whereas,** Goal 6 of the Diversity Strategic Plan states, “Develop a comprehensive
12 financial model for funding all diversity initiatives recommended in the
13 diversity strategic plan.”

14 **Whereas,** President George Benson also worked with the President’s Community
15 Advisory Council in the development of this plan.

16 **Therefore,** BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE STUDENT
17 GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION IN REGULAR SESSION
18 ASSEMBLED, THE FOLLOWING:

19 **Section I:** The College of Charleston Student Government Association supports
20 the approval of the proposed strategic plan and encourages the Board of
21 Trustees to implement funding strategies that will help facilitate diversity
22 at the College of Charleston in the future.

23 **Section II:** The College of Charleston Student Government Association supports
24 the strategies and goals listed in the Diversity Strategic Plan as they apply
25 to recruitment and retention as well as in increasing the rate of minority
26 students who graduate from the College of Charleston.

27 **Section III:** The College of Charleston Student Government Association supports
28 efforts to recruit and retain greater numbers of women and minorities
29 into faculty, staff, and administrative positions.

1 **Section IV:** The College of Charleston Student Government Association supports
2 initiatives to create a supportive, inclusive, diverse, and welcoming
3 community.

4 **Section V:** The College of Charleston Student Government Association supports the
5 inclusion of diversity in the everyday curriculum of its student body.

6 **Section VI:** The College of Charleston Student Government Association supports the
7 collection and organization of data to effectively assess achievement on
8 diversity related goals.

9 **Section VII:** The College of Charleston Student Government Association supports
10 the development of a sound financial model to fund the goals of the
11 Diversity Strategic Plan.

12 **Section VIII:** THIS RESOLUTION SHALL TAKE EFFECT (UPON PASSAGE) BY
13 THE STUDENT SENATE SITTING IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND
14 THE SIGNATURE OF THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT.

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President Ross Kressel

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FB-33

Presented by Chief of Staff Baker

of the

College of Charleston Student Government Association

On the *First Day of November, 2011*

Purpose: To amend the bylaws.

Whereas: Section 100.13b reads, “A penalty of one full Senate absence shall be assessed to a Senator for missing a scheduled Senate meeting, mandatory Senate function, or an event for which a Senator volunteered, in writing, to work. A penalty of one half Senate absence shall be assessed for a) arriving more than fifteen minutes late to a Senate meeting, b) or leaving a Senate meeting more than fifteen minutes early, unless prior approval is granted by the Executive Council. A record of these absences shall be held by the President Pro Tempore and reported to the Vice President upon occurrence. Appeals to these decisions may be submitted within one week in writing to the President Pro Tempore.”

Whereas: Per the bylaws Senators are not able to make up unexcused absences from Senate or mandatory events.

Whereas: Per the bylaws Senators have the opportunity to make up unexcused committee absences that they obtain by completing additional office hours.

Whereas: Section 100.13e reads, “...who may allow a Senator to make up a missed committee meeting by doing two office hours assigned by the chairperson.”

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

Section I: Insert, "Senators can have the opportunity to make up an unexcused
absence from a mandatory event and/or a regular senate session.
Whether an absence is eligible to be expunged is determined by the
Vice President and voted on by the Executive Council." at the end of
section 100.13b.

Section II: Section 100.13b will now read, "A penalty of one full Senate absence
shall be assessed to a Senator for missing a scheduled Senate meeting,
mandatory Senate function, or an event for which a Senator
volunteered, in writing, to work. A penalty of one half Senate absence
shall be assessed for a) arriving more than fifteen minutes late to a
Senate meeting, b) or leaving a Senate meeting more than fifteen
minutes early, unless prior approval is granted by the Executive
Council. A record of these absences shall be held by the President Pro
Tempore and reported to the Vice President upon occurrence. Appeals
to these decisions may be submitted within one week in writing to the
President Pro Tempore. *Senators can have the opportunity to make up
an unexcused absence from a mandatory event and/or a regular senate
session. Whether an absence is eligible to be expunged is determined by
the Vice President and voted on by the Executive Council.*"

Section III: 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 Isaiah Nelson

COLLEGE of
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FB-34

Presented by Chief of Staff Baker
of the

College of Charleston Student Government Association

On the *First Day of November, 2011*

Purpose: To amend the bylaws of the SGA.

Whereas: Per the SGA bylaws the position of Sergeant at Arms does not exist.

Whereas: A Sergeant at Arms is a useful tool for the President of the Senate.

Whereas: The U.S. Senate and House of Representatives both have Sergeant at Arms.

Whereas: The Sergeant at Arms should be seen as an extension of the presiding chair of the Senate, but not hinder the power of the Chair.

Whereas: The Sergeant at Arms is not a mandatory Senate office and would only be put into effect when deemed necessary by the Chair.

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

Section I: Add section 303.001 under Senate Offices, which will read, "The presiding chair of the Senate has the authority to appoint a Sergeant at Arms prior to or during a senate session. The powers of the Sergeant at Arms should include, but are not limited to, the following:"

Section II: 303.001a shall read, "The Sergeant at Arms will be an extension of the presiding chair of the Senate. At the direction of the Chair they have the

1 authority to bar the doors for the purpose of maintaining quorum. The
2 Sergeant at Arms has the ability to verbally reprimand and/or remove
3 Senators and/or members of the gallery from the Senate chamber. At
4 the direction of the Chair, the Sergeant at Arms has the right to maintain
5 proper Senate decorum, which is previously expressed by the President
6 of the Senate.

7 **Section III:** 303.001b shall read, "The presiding chair of the Senate has the authority
8 to appoint someone within the Senate, someone from the gallery of the
9 Senate Chamber, or any student attending the College of Charleston as
10 the Sergeant at Arms."

11 **Section IV:** THIS BILL SHALL TAKE EFFECT (UPON PASSAGE) BY THE
12 STUDENT SENATE SITTING IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND
13 THE SIGNATURE OF THE STUDENT BODY PRESIDENT.
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17 **President Ross Kressel**