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University of Baltimore
Student Government Association
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1 **Summer Constitutional Review Committee**
2 Bill # SP-18-14
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4 **Prime Sponsor(s):** Senator Bond
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6 **Cosponsor(s):** Senator Parnell
7 **Committee:** Campus Life
8 **Bill Type:** □ **Budget Bill** □ **Finance Bill** □ **Senate Bill** □ **Government Bill**
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10 **WHEREAS,** The University of Baltimore Student Government Association (UBSGA) Constitution has
11 revealed, throughout the 2013-2014 academic year, there are many problems which have stifled the
12 efficiency and functionality of the SGA. The constitution has failed to provide clarification on major
13 issues that could have solved disputes swiftly and it has created an environment of uncertainty which
14 affects the members of the SGA Senate and Executive Board.
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16 **WHEREAS,** The UBSGA Constitution has created unintended loopholes, that pose a threat to the
17 integrity of the SGA. Where common sense ideas would have passed and upheld the constitution tied
18 the Senate's hands.
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20 **THEREFORE LET IT BE ENACTED THAT:**
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22 **SECTION 1.** A Workgroup is to be formed, known as the Constitutional Review Committee (CRC). This
23 committee, which will only be active during the Summer semester of the 2013-2014 academic year, will
24 be charged with reviewing and editing the current UBSGA Constitution. These changes will be voted
25 upon by the incoming Senate class and ratified into binding perpetuity henceforth. This vote shall take
26 place at the last Senate meeting preceding the start of the Fall 2014 semester. Should that meeting be
27 canceled, the vote will take place at the first subsequent Senate meeting. It will require a 51% majority
28 vote to take effect. Should the vote fail, the workgroup will continue to address changes and present
29 them at each subsequent meeting until they are agreed upon by the Senate and voted into effect.
30 Should there be no consensus by the end of the third meeting of the Senate during the Fall 2014
31 semester, the SGA advisor or Executive Director of Student Development will enact the constitution into
32 effect until the Summer of 2015 when a new committee must be formed to correct any issues that
33 prevented ratification within the first three Fall 2014 semester Senate meetings.
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35 **SECTION 2.** The committee will be overseen and chaired by the SGA Advisor, or the Executive Director of
36 Student Development should the former not be appointed at the time of the first CRC meeting. The
37 workgroup shall be comprised of nine persons not including the Chair: at least one-third, *yet no more*
38 *than half*, of the committee shall be comprised of student leaders/appointees from other student
39 groups and past SGA members who are not actively serving the SGA, whereas the rest of the seats shall
40 consist of active SGA members. Of the active SGA members the Vice-President shall be compelled to
41 serve on this workgroup and serve as Vice-Chair. Those persons appointed to the workgroup shall be

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42   confirmed at the discretion of the SGA advisor. Any override or veto of the SGA advisor's appointees will
43   require a 2/3 Senate majority vote.
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45   **SECTION 3.** Upon ratification of the new Constitutional document, CRC shall dissolve. Should the CRC
46   not secure ratification by the conclusion of the third Fall 2014 semester Senate meeting, the power to
47   enact into effect will be transferred to the SGA Advisor or the Executive Director of Student
48   Development. The SGA Advisor or the Executive Director of Student Development is compelled to enact
49   the revised Constitution into effect prior to the start of the fourth Fall 2014 semester Senate meeting.
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51   **ACTION TAKEN:**

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SGA Vice President   SGA President

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