

Amendment 02-08S

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WHEREAS the St. Mary's Maryland Higher Education Commission Student Advisory Council (MHEC-SAC) Member has spoken highly of the usefulness of the Ad Hoc External Legislative Advisory Committee (ELAC);

WHEREAS the MHEC-SAC member has helped promote the student legislative interest to the administration of St. Mary's College of Maryland, MHEC, and the Legislature of Maryland;

WHEREAS the duties and responsibilities of the MHEC-SAC member require constant student body input if he/she is going to be able to fully convey student opinion;

WHEREAS Executive Order 03-08S provides only a temporary advisory committee for the current MHEC-SAC Member

WHEREAS Executive Order 03-08S does not provide future MHEC-SAC members with the tools that they require to adequately carry out their duties and responsibilities;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that Executive Order 03-08S is repealed by order of 2/3rds of the SGA Senate;

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED that the SGA Ad-Hoc External Legislative Advisory Committee be dissolved effective immediately to be replaced by a full Standing Committee of the SGA consisting of the current members of the Ad-Hoc Committee;

BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED that Article VI, Section B (Standing Committees) of the SGA Bylaws be amended to include the following additional item:

11. External Legislative Advisory Committee (ELAC)

a) Purpose

The External Legislative Advisory Committee of the Student Government Association of St. Mary's College of Maryland is a liaison body between the Maryland Higher Education Commission Student Advisory Council (MHEC-SAC) member, the SGA Senate, and the Student body.. It serves as a forum and deliberative body for communication and discussion on Maryland State Legislation that will affect the campus community.

b) Composition

The ELAC will be chaired by the MHEC-SAC Member. Appointments to the committee will be made by the President in conjunction with the MHEC-SAC member. The SGA President will appoint at least one (1) member of the Senate and at least two (2) student representatives, all of whom are subject to Senate approval by a simple majority vote. Additional students may be invited to the Committee's discussions at the discretion of the MHEC-SAC Member.

c) Responsibilities

- i. To actively assist the MHEC-SAC member in understanding student opinion on Educational Legislation before the Maryland General Assembly.
- ii. To promote student awareness of legislative issues and their role in effecting change in the Maryland Legislature.

- iii. To give the SGA Senate further insight into upcoming legislation and provide information needed in order to take knowledgeable, well-justified positions on issues
- iv. To initiate legislation, via the SGA Senator(s), as a vehicle for conveying the student body's opinion en masse to Annapolis, or whatever other legislative body the Committee and the SGA so choose.
- v. To meet and report to the SGA Senate every other week during the session of the Maryland General Assembly's Session, and whenever else the MHEC-SAC member deems it necessary.

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