Senate

of the

Student Government Association

of

The Johns Hopkins University

{ *S. Bill. 19-20, XX* }

An Act Establishing Revised Guidelines for SAC

Introduced By: Senator **William Cho** of the Junior Class Council and considered this **3rd** day of **December** in the Year **2019**

Sponsored By: Senator **Evan Mays** of the Junior Class Council
President **Pavan Patel** of the Senior Class Council

Referred to the senate by the **Committee on finance** which recommends its **Passage** by a vote of **4** to **1**.

Be it enacted by the Senate of the Student Government Association of The Johns Hopkins University assembled that:

SECTION 1. TITLE.

This Act may be referred to as the "Student Activities Commission Revision Act of 2019," or the "SAC Revision Act."

SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS.

(a) SGA — The term "SGA" shall refer to the Student Government Association of The Johns Hopkins University.
(b) JHU, Hopkins - The terms "JHU" and "Hopkins" shall refer to the Johns Hopkins University.
(c) SAC — The term "SAC" shall refer to the Student Activities Commission.

SECTION 3. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.

(a) FINDINGS
    a. The introduction of the Student Activities Commision Act of 2019 has been met by concerns from SAC.
        i. They feel that the current SAC bylaws put undue pressure on commissioners to agree with finance committee members, as commissioners vote alongside finance members who also have the power to remove commissioners relatively easily.

(b) PURPOSES
    a. The purpose of this bill is to take input from SAC and revise the Student Activities Commision Act of 2019 in order to create a more balanced and fair SAC body.

SECTION 4. SAC Bylaws

(a) The SGA shall approve the following changes to the attached SGA Bylaws, effective immediately.
    a. Amend *Article V to the following:*
        i. General Policies
            1. The SAC shall be comprised of 8 voting Commissioners, appointed by the SGA Executive Treasurer and confirmed by a simple majority vote of the Senate.
            2. The Student Activities Commission, hereafter referred to as SAC, shall be a subsidiary of the SGA Finance Committee.
                a. In the event that there are 8 or less members in the Finance Committee, then all Finance Committee members shall be voting members of SAC.
                b. In the event that there are more than 8 members in the Finance Committee, at each convening of SAC, it shall be the responsibility of the Executive Treasurer to ensure that no more than 8 Finance Committee members attend as voting members.
                    i. In the event that there are more than 8 Finance Committee members interested in attending a SAC meeting as a voting member, the Executive Treasurer shall allow the first 8 members who RSVP for the SAC meeting to attend as voting members.
                c. All Finance Committee members are required to attend any SAC meeting regardless of whether or not they are a voting member for said meeting.
                d. All funding decisions will be passed by a simple majority.

3. All SAC Commisioners and finance committee members shall be eligible to 1 vote in every decision.
    a. The SGA Executive Treasurer shall only vote in the case of a tie.
    b. Any person at a SAC meeting who is a part of an organization that submitted a grant, shall be asked to leave while the committee discusses the grant and will be unable to vote on said grant.
    c. All votes shall be a simple majority vote
4. The SGA Executive Treasurer shall chair the SAC.
5. All student groups recognized by the SGA will be eligible for funding from the SAC including monthly grants; however groups which receive annual funding from another source will not be eligible for an annual allocation.
    a. The SAC will not consider grants submitted by individual students or groups not recognized by the SGA.
    b. Class Councils will be eligible for monthly grant funds.
6. The SGA Treasurer shall have the right with approval of a ⅔ majority vote of the Senate to remove any member of SAC.
    a. The collective SAC body (including both commissioners and Finance Committee Members) can request the removal of a commissioner by a ⅔ vote to then be approved by a ⅔ majority vote of the Senate.
7. The SAC will evaluate grant proposals based on the following four criteria: The SAC Funding Guidelines, Feasibility, impact, and other funding sources that the club is receiving for the proposal.
8. The SAC shall be responsible for maintaining a set of funding policies and caps by which all decisions shall be based. These will be set annually and approved or amended by the Senate in the month prior to reregistration. In addition, they must publish these policies and caps to the student body once approved by the Senate.
9. SAC has the right to revoke funding by a ⅔ majority vote of the SAC for violation of SAC funding guidelines or policies.
10. SAC is responsible to provide budgets and balances to student organizations if requested.
11. The Senate can overturn any decision of the SAC by a ⅔ majority vote.
12. The chair of the finance committee will be required to provide bi-weekly updates to the Senate on all decisions made by SAC in addition to the regular updates of the treasurer.

ii. Annual Grants
1. Annual appropriation decisions shall be made by the SAC within one month of the completion of reregistration.
2. Organizations will not be eligible for annual grants if they receive annual funding outside of SAC.
3. Organizations that have been recognized or reestablished shall not be eligible for annual allocations until the following school year.

This includes organizations recognized or reestablished in the fall semester.
    a. This will exclude governing boards, who will become eligible for annual grants immediately upon recognition.
4. The Treasurer can then, if necessary, apply a universally proportional cut across all groups to ensure that the given amount is equal to the amount available to give out.
5. The final annual budget allocations will require Senate confirmation by a majority vote.
    a. The allocations must be submitted a minimum of 10 days prior to the vote.
    b. The Senate has the right to amend any budget on the floor by a majority vote.
6. Neither the SAC nor SGA shall publish the annual allocations.

iii. Monthly Grants
1. The SAC shall meet bi-weekly (once every other week) during the fall and spring semester starting in October based on a schedule set at the start of the semester to discuss monthly budget requests.
2. Organizations are eligible for monthly grants immediately upon SGA recognition.
3. Each meeting will be given a maximum budget set as the total amount of money in the monthly grant account divided by the number of meetings in the school year.
    a. Any unused funds from previous meetings will be redistributed to all following meetings
4. In order for a meeting to commence, a majority of SAC must be present.
5. A single group cannot receive more than 40% of the meeting budget.

iv. Recruitment Procedures
1. Each year, the executive treasurer will be responsible for filling any vacancies left open by members who have either graduated or given up their duties on the SAC.
2. The recruiting process shall be divided into three parts
    a. An application designed to gauge interest in and knowledge of the body
    b. An interview with the treasurer and SAC board members
    c. Confirmation from a majority vote of the Senate.
3. SAC membership should be based on the merit of the individual and should be justifiable to the SGA Senate for confirmation.
4. All appointments made by the SGA Treasurer shall have to be approved by the SGA Senate by a simple majority.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY.

Should any provision of this Act, an amendment made by this Act, or the application of such provision or amendment to any person or circumstance be held to be unconstitutional, the

remainder of this Act, the amendments made by this Act, and the application of such provision or amendment to any person or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

THE BILL HEREBY **PASSES/FAILS** BY A VOTE OF **X** TO **X** WITH **X** ABSTENTIONS.

UPON PASSAGE, WE HAVE HEREUNTO SET OUR HANDS AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE SENATE TO BE AFFIXED TO THIS BILL INDICATING THE SENATE'S ASSENT AND THUS OFFICIALLY DESIGNATED THE BILL'S ADOPTION AS LAW.

Signatures of Enactment:

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Dean Chien
President of the Senate
Executive President of the Johns Hopkins SGA

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Mehak Ali
Executive Vice President of the Johns Hopkins SGA

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Pritika Parmar
Executive Secretary of the Johns Hopkins SGA

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Eric Armstrong
Executive Treasurer of the Johns Hopkins SGA

Signatures of Ceremony:

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William Cho
Senator