

## **Resolution 1: Reaffirmation of the SGA Constitution**

Submitted by the 2014-2015 SGA Executive Board

*Whereas*, the Self-Government Association of the Undergraduate School of Bryn Mawr College is the first and oldest system of self-governance in the United States,

*Whereas*, the spirit of self-governance permeates almost every aspect of the Undergraduate Bryn Mawr College experience,

*Whereas*, the students of Bryn Mawr College have pledged to work together for the welfare, benefit, and preservation of the community as a whole,

*Whereas*, we recognize that to reach full potential of our community, we require a commitment on the part of each and every individual,

*It is hereby resolved that we*, the members of the Self-Government Association of the Undergraduate School of Bryn Mawr College present today, the 23rd of February, 2014, on behalf of the entire Self-Government Association, reaffirm our commitment to self-governance, the SGA Constitution, and the Honor Code.

## **Resolution 2: Constitutional Name Change of the Recycling Committee to the Green Ambassadors Committee**

Submitted by Piper Martz '16 and Rudrani Sarma '16

Whereas, Article VII, Section I, Subsection C and Article VII, Section II, Subsection D, Subsection E, and Subsection F of the Constitution of the Self-Government Association of the Undergraduate School of Bryn Mawr College (henceforth known as SGA Constitution) references "Recycling Representatives" and "Recycling Committee,"

Whereas, Article VII, Section II, Subsection F states that the "Recycling Representatives shall oversee recycling in the dorms and other activities the committee undertakes,"

Whereas, the recent expansion of projects and responsibilities of the Recycling Committee and Recycling Representatives have surpassed the overseeing of recycling in dorms to include a variety of other "green" projects and initiatives that encompass sustainability efforts at Bryn Mawr College,

Whereas, the term "Recycling" restricts the implications of the committee's extent and responsibilities,

Whereas, Victor Donnay, the chair of the Sustainability Leadership Group, has indicated support for changing the name of the "Recycling Committee" to "Green Ambassadors Committee" and the title of "Recycling Representatives" to "Green Ambassadors,"

Whereas, Jim McGaffin, the Assistant Director for Energy and Project Management of Facilities Services, has indicated support for changing the name of the "Recycling Committee" to "Green Ambassadors Committee" and the title of "Recycling Representatives" to "Green Ambassadors,"

Whereas, the Sustainability Leadership Group Committee, has indicated support on Friday, September 20th, 2013 for changing the name of the "Recycling Committee" to "Green Ambassadors Committee" and the title of "Recycling Representatives" to "Green Ambassadors,"

Whereas, the 2012-2013 Recycling Committee met consensus regarding this name change during the fourth quarter of the academic year, after the 2013 spring plenary,

*Be it resolved*, that henceforth all initiatives set out by this committee will be attributed to the Green Ambassadors and Green Ambassadors Committee,

*Be it resolved*, that the use of "Recycling Committee" in Article VII, Section II, Subsection E be changed to "Green Ambassadors Committee,"

*Be it resolved*, that the use of "Recycling Representative" in Article VII, Section I, Subsection C and Article VII, Section II, Subsection D, Subsection E, and Subsection F be changed to "Green Ambassadors."

### **Resolution 3: More Gender Flexible Language in the SGA Constitution**

Submitted by Sofia Oleas '15 and Elizabeth Vandenberg '16

*Whereas*, The Constitution of the Self-Government Association of the Undergraduate School of Bryn Mawr College (henceforth known as the SGA Constitution) does not consistently use gender neutral terms throughout the document,

*Whereas*, "Freshman," "Freshmen," "Freshwoman," "s/he," "his/her" are non-neutral nouns and pronouns,

*Whereas*, the titles that use the term "Mistress," "Mistress(es)," "Mistresses," "Mom(s)," "Mom[s]," "Mistress(es)-Elect" are gendered nouns,

*Whereas*, the title of "Webmistress(es)" is a gendered noun,

*Whereas*, any changes to the title of a position in the SGA Constitution should be done in ways that allow the language of Traditions and Bryn Mawr College to apply to past and present members of the Bryn Mawr community,

*Whereas*, not all students of the Bryn Mawr College student body identify with the gendered language of the SGA Constitution,

*Whereas*, the SGA Constitution should use inclusive, neutral language,

*Whereas*, Article IV, Section I, Subsection K, Point 4; Article V, Section I, Subsection A and Subsection G; Article VII, Section II, Subsection O, Subsection P, and Subsection Q; and Article VIII, Section IV, Subsection B use the words "Freshman" and "Freshmen" when referring to first-year undergraduate students,

*Whereas*, Article VI, Section IX, Subsection A uses the word "Freshwoman" when referring to the Songs Mistress,

Whereas, Article VI, Section VI, Subsection A uses "her/his" and Article VIII, Section III, Subsection E uses "s/he,"

Whereas, Article II, Section I, Subsection C, bullet point 10; Article IV, Section I, Subsection K; Article IV, Section I, Subsection K, point 1; Article IV, Section I, Subsection K, point 2; Article IV, Section I, Subsection K, point 3; Article IV, Section I, Subsection K, point 4; Article IV, Section I, Subsection K, point 5; Article IV, Section I, Subsection K, point 7; Article IV, Section I, Subsection K, point 8; Article IV, Section I, Subsection K, point 9; Article IV, Section I, Subsection K, point 11; and Article VI, Section IX, Subsection A use the title "Traditions Mistress(es),"

Whereas, Article III, Section I, Subsection E, point 8 uses the title "Webmistress(es)",

Whereas, Article IV, Section I, Subsection K, point 4 uses the title "Freshman Class Songs Mistress(es),"

Whereas, Article IV, Section I, Subsection K, point 6 and Article IV, Section I, Subsection K, point 7 use the title "Traditions Mistress(es)-Elect",

Whereas, Article IV, Section I, Subsection K, point 6 uses the word "Mistress(es)-Elect,"

Whereas, Article IV, Section I, Subsection K, point 8 uses the title "McBride Scholars' Traditions Mistress(es),"

Whereas, Article IV, Section I, Subsection K, point 10 uses the title "Traditions Mistress(es) Representative,"

Whereas, Article IV, Section I, Subsection K, point 11 states "the outgoing Traditions Mistress(es) (herein referred to as the Traditions Mom[s]),"

Whereas, Article IV, Section I, Subsection K, point 11 uses the title "Traditions Mom(s),"

Whereas, Article VI, Section IX, Subsection A uses the title "Class Songs Mistresses,"

Whereas, Article VI, Section IX, Subsection A uses the title "Songs Mistress,"

Whereas, Article VI, Section IX, Subsection A and Article VIII, Section IV, Subsection B use the title "Freshwoman Songs Mistress,"

*Be it resolved*, that the use of "freshman" in Article V, Section I, Subsection A shall be changed to "first-year traditional non-transfer student,"

*Be it resolved*, that the use "freshmen" in Article V, Section I, Subsection G shall be changed to "first-year traditional non-transfer students,"

*Be it resolved*, that the use of "Freshman Dorm Representative" in Article VII, Section II, Subsection O, Subsection P, and Subsection Q shall be changed to "First-Year Traditional Non-Transfer Student Dorm Representative,"

*Be it resolved*, that the use of "her/his" in Article VI, Section VI, Subsection A shall be changed to "her/his/their,"

*Be it resolved*, that the use of “s/he accepts” in Article VIII, Section III, Subsection E shall be changed to “she/he/they accept,”

*Be it resolved*, that the use of the title of “Traditions Mistress(es)” in Article II, Section I, Subsection C, bullet point 10; Article IV, Section I, Subsection K; Article IV, Section I, Subsection K, point 1; Article IV, Section I, Subsection K, point 2; Article IV, Section I, Subsection K, point 3; Article IV, Section I, Subsection K, point 4; Article IV, Section I, Subsection K, point 5; Article IV, Section I, Subsection K, point 7; Article IV, Section I, Subsection K, point 8; Article IV, Section I, Subsection K, point 9; Article IV, Section I, Subsection K, point 11; and Article VI, Section IX, Subsection A be changed to “Traditions Mistress(es)/Master(s)/Mistex,”

*Be it resolved*, that the use of the title of “Webmistress(es)” in Article III, Section I, Subsection E, point 8 be changed to “Web Mistress(es)/Master(s)/Mistex,”

*Be it resolved*, that the use of the title of “Freshman Class Songs Mistress(es)” in Article IV, Section I, Subsection K, point 4 be changed to “First-Year Traditional Non-Transfer Student Songs Mistress(es)/Master(s)/Mistex,”

*Be it resolved*, that the use of the title of “Freshman Songs mistress” in Article VIII, Section IV, Subsection B and Article VI, Section IX, Subsection A shall be changed to “First-Year Traditional Student Songs Mistress/Master/Mistex,”

*Be it resolved*, that the use of the title of “Traditions Mistress(es)-Elect” in Article IV, Section I, Subsection K, point 6 and Article IV, Section I, Subsection K, Point 7 shall be changed to “Traditions Mistress(es)/Master(s)/Mistex-Elect,”

*Be it resolved*, that the use of the title “McBride Scholars' Traditions Mistress(es)” in Article IV, Section I, Subsection K, Point 8 shall be changed to “McBride Scholars' Traditions Mistress(es)/Master(s)/Mistex,”

*Be it resolved*, that the use of the title of “Traditions Mistress(es) Representative” in Article IV, Section I, Subsection K, Point 10 shall be changed to “Traditions Mistress(es)/Master(s)/Mistex Representative,”

*Be it resolved*, that the use of the statement “the outgoing Traditions Mistress(es) (herein referred to as the Traditions Mom[s]),” in Article IV, Section I, Subsection K, Point 11 shall be changed to “Traditions Emeritus/a/um [i/ae/a],”

*Be it resolved*, that the use of the title of “Traditions Moms(s)” in Article IV, Section I, Subsection K, Point 11 shall be changed to “Traditions Emeritus/a/um [i/ae/a],”

*Be it resolved*, that the use of the title of “Class Songs Mistresses” in Article VI, Section IX, Subsection A shall be changed to “Class Songs Mistress(es)/Master(s)/Mistex,”

*Be it resolved*, that the use of the title of “Songs Mistresses” in Article VI, Section IX, Subsection B shall be changed to “Songs Mistress(es)/Master(s)/Mistex,”

*Be it resolved*, that the use of the title of “Freshwoman Songsmistress” in Article VI, Section IX, Subsection A and Article VIII, Section IV, Subsection B shall be changed to “First-Year Traditional Non-Transfer Student Songs Mistress(es)/Master(s)/Mistex,”

*Be it resolved,* that a task force of ten people as determined by the Appointments Committee evaluate the use of gender inclusive language in the Bryn Mawr community and further discussion about gender inclusive language.