

CAB Emancipation Act
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Whereas Campus Activities Board (herein known as CAB) has no functional link to SA other than its enumeration within IV.7.b of the SA Constitution, which states, “The Senate shall have the following standing committees:

1. Senate Appropriations Committee (SAC)
2. Senate Finance Committee (SFC)
3. Senate Oversight and Rules Committee (SORC)
4. Campus Activities Board (CAB)”, and

Whereas the provision of Item 4 creates a logistical burden for other parts of SA, particularly SFC and SAC, and

Whereas CAB is unlike SAC, SFC, and SORC in that CAB does not require any SA senators to be among its membership, and

Whereas experience has shown that such a provision can and sometimes does limit CAB’s scope and scale of activities far more than it enhances those dimensions, and

Whereas the Student Activities Office lists CAB under the “recreational” classification and the Student Association under the “governing” classification, and

Whereas the primary mission of CAB is to increase school spirit by providing various forms of entertainment to the student body but has no institutional directive to enhance shared governance, much unlike SA, and

Whereas the interests and missions of CAB and SA are very different, and

Whereas CAB has kept its involvement outside the administration and implementation of the Student Association, and

Whereas the only obstacle preventing passage of previously proposed legislation removing CAB’s sub-unit status from the SA Constitution was the mistiming of presentation after the 2005 SA elections rather than before, and

Whereas a constitutional amendment is required to grant CAB the funding and political latitude it deserves as an autonomous student organization, and

Whereas it is more definitive and parsimonious to amend the SA Constitution to resolve this matter than to continually revise the bylaws of entities to which CAB’s constitutional status has bearing, and

Whereas it is critical that the students have the opportunity to vote on the abolition of SA’s classification of CAB as a standing committee of the Senate, therefore

Be it resolved that the Student Association Independent Election Commissioner include the following referendum on every ballot in the 2007 SA election:

“Do you support amending the SA Constitution as follows to remove Campus Activities Board from the constraints it faces as part of the SA Constitution:

‘The Senate shall have the following standing committees:

1. Senate Appropriations Committee (SAC)
2. Senate Finance Committee (SFC)
3. Senate Oversight and Rules Committee (SORC)
4. ~~Campus Activities Board (CAB)~~

Vote yes or no.”

Be it resolved that if the result of the CAB referendum is in the simple affirmative majority, that result will be utterly binding and enforced beginning June 1st, 2007 and in perpetuity.

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Date