

SGA Constitution amendments

By Jeni Welch Editor in Chief

The Brevard College Student Government Association (SGA) has initiated new revisions to their constitution.

The amendments were proposed on Sept. 25 with two different public forums being held to hear concerns and answer questions. The first was on Monday, Oct. 1 and the second forum will be on Friday, Oct. 8 at 8 a.m. in Myers Dining Hall.

The final vote on the amendments will be on Monday, Oct. 8 during the SGA meeting. However, the floor will be open to the public for any last comments prior to the voting. If none of the dates are of convenience, please email bcsga@brevard.edu with your comments so your voices can be heard.

According to SGA President Bliss Joseph and SGA Treasurer Abi Fuesler, SGA's main focus is "to hear and represent the student body and hear voices from students that we may not have heard before."

Earlier this semester SGA created the Constitution Committee comprised of Solomon Turner, Gabe Neckolaishen, Abi Fuesler, Audrey Cardwell and Bliss Joseph with the goal of "encouraging more diversity in SGA and [to] make a positive visible imprint on the Brevard College community," said Joseph and Fuesler.

The revisions include the rephrasing and changes to the language of the constitution, changes to qualifications along with the formats and combinations of sections to add clarity and avoid redundancy. If passed, new clubs will only need five members in comparison with the original constitution that requires 10 and the secretary will be responsible to publish the minutes of the meetings on my.brevard as to be viewed by anyone.

All of the amendments and revisions are pending a two-thirds majority vote before being approved as part of the new constitution.

A complete list explaining the proposed amendments and constitutional changes was emailed to the student body last week.

"The most important amendments that are pending approval are the ones that had complex language that interfered with comprehension," said Joseph and Fuesler. "Creating clearer expectations will help us welcome more into the SGA community and not get bogged down in the bureaucracy.

"We want our Constitution to be digestible to the average Brevard College student and we also want to make sure it's relevant and reasonable for life in 2018."

The SGA Constitution is supposed to be revised every three years, but it is unknown by current SGA officers when the last revision took place. Last fall, former SGA President Lauren Fowler announced the need for revision, but nothing happened.

"We are assuming because of her announcement that we were overdue for some revisions," Joseph said. Fuesler concurred.

Both Joseph and Fuesler were elected to their current positions in April 2018.

Big wins for Brevard College Cycling *Team collects 10 first place finishes, 17 total podiums at Mad Dog MTB Race at Kentucky's Union College over weekend*

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BARBOURVILLE, Ky. – The Brevard College Cycling program produced a dominant performance highlighted by a total of ten first-place finishes and 17 total podium finishes this past weekend at the Mad Dog MTB Race hosted by Union College in Barbourville, Kentucky.

Hannah Arensman, Carson Beckett and Lucas Gomez each won two individual races to lead the flurry of first-place finishes for the Tornados. Tyler Clark, Nicole Rusden and Nathan St. Clair also won individual races to go along with a win by Brevard "Team 1" of Tyler Clark, Hannah Dickson, Beckett and Arensman in the team relay event.

St. Clair earned three more podiums in addition to his two wins, while Arensman, Beckett, Clark and Gomez all collected two podium finishes. Sam Munson, Tyler Orschel and Nicole Rusden also registered podiums as did Brevard's "Team 2" (Scott McGill, Rusden, Zack Lowden and Arensman) in the team relay.

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Members of the Brevard College Cycling team at the Mad Dog MTB Race in Barbourville, Ky. this weekend.