

Act 001

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF ACTS TO FULFILL LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS
WITHIN STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

Short Title: Student Government Acts

Primary Sponsors: President Alessandro Lanuto

Secondary Sponsor: Senator Valeria Borghetti

Signatory:

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WHEREAS, Student Government, as the representative body of its student peers, seeks to adopt measures that increase its efficiency and effectiveness in properly executing its duties; and,

WHEREAS, Student Government seeks to focus on building continuity and leaving points of reference for future Student Governments; and,

WHEREAS, Student Government strives to be an agent of professionalism, transparency and openness; now therefore be it,

RESOLVED, That Student Government must abide by the provisions outlined in approved Legislative Acts, otherwise known as "Acts" or "Bills," as they are the primary articulation of Student Government policy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Legislative Acts can be sponsored by any member of Student Government; and be it further,

RESOLVED, That Legislative Acts have a Secondary Sponsor; and be it further,

RESOLVED, That at least one Secondary Sponsor to Legislative Acts be a member of the Assembly; and be it further,

RESOLVED, That Legislative Acts must be submitted to the Executive Board 24 hours prior to the next full Assembly Session, whereby the Executive Board must allow for proposed Legislative Acts to be brought before the Assembly, unless proposed Acts do not abide by the Student Government Constitution, by-laws, the John Cabot University Code of Conduct, or are purposely intended to delay the timely completion of Student Government business; and be it further,

RESOLVED, That it is the duty and responsibility of the Executive Board to inform the Assembly of any and all proposed Legislative Acts within 24 hours of submission; and be it further,

RESOLVED, That Legislative Acts be openly debated by Student Government during Assembly Sessions, and where debate is not to exceed two Assembly Sessions so as to prevent the usage of Legislative Acts as tools of delay; and be it further,

RESOLVED, That Legislative Acts be relevant to the responsibilities of Student Government and seek to advance its mission, serving to properly document the actions of Student Government in the spirit of openness, transparency, and accountability; and be it further,

RESOLVED, That Legislative acts can be raised in matters of Student Government reform, finances, policy, and other legislation geared towards the advancement of the Student Government mission and its representation of the student body; and be it further,

RESOLVED, That Legislative Acts do not take the place of motions or votes, and are not necessary to schedule events; and be it further,

RESOLVED, That Legislative Acts be passed by a simple majority vote, in which quorum is necessary for a vote, and in which quorum is defined under the Student Government Constitution, and in accordance with Student Government voting rules and regulations; and be it further,

RESOLVED, That Legislative Acts be subject to a veto by the President of Student Government, who, if choosing to exercise the right to veto, must do so before the next full Assembly Session; and be it further,

RESOLVED, That should a Legislative Act come under Presidential veto, a simple majority vote is required to overrule said veto, in accordance with Student Government voting rules and regulations; and be it further,

RESOLVED, That Legislative Acts are binding, and must adhere unequivocally to the Student Government Constitution and the body's by-laws; and be it further,

RESOLVED, That Legislative Acts and votes concerning Legislative Acts are public knowledge and should be published under terms of full disclosure on the John Cabot University website and other relevant public forums as Student Government sees fit subject to the scrutiny of any and all inquiries; and be it further,

RESOLVED, That the privacy of Student Government members and the way in which individual members have cast votes concerning Legislative Acts should be protected; and be it further;

RESOLVED, That Legislative Acts be subject to amendments, the period for the addition of which will begin upon the first reading of the proposed act, and will close on the second reading to take place during the next Assembly Session immediately following the first reading and, if amendments are to be proposed following the first reading, they must be submitted to the Executive Board and the Assembly 24 hours prior to the next Assembly Session to be examined

and debated by Student Government prior to adoption or rejection during an Assembly Session;
and be it further,

RESOLVED, That amended Legislative Acts be approved as the Act appears during the second reading in Assembly Session, and cannot be changed or further amended in any way until at least three full Assembly Sessions have passed and with proper justification so as to prevent the use of amendments as tools of delay; and be it further,

RESOLVED, That Legislative Acts shall adhere to the structure as followed in this document; and be it further,

RESOLVED, That this Act be effective immediately upon Student Government approval.

Submitted March 27, 2012;
Alessandro Lanuto
President

Proposed for Amendment April 24, 2012
Alessandro Lanuto
President

Valeria Borghetti
Senator